



# INGRAINED

## Monthly Newsletter of the Knox & District Woodworkers Club

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### President's Report – Hughie Gaynor.

Some will say April is here at last. The start of Aussie Footy Season which happens to co-incide with an early Easter this year, which means an un-interrupted run of games till Grand Final. Others will lament the warm sunny days are over, and cricket and swimming are only memories. Whatever your thoughts, woodworking never changes and is always here.

The **Knox Festival** is now a fond memory and **Dick Webb** and his band of helpers are hard at work restocking the number of **Kidz Korner Kits** before the next big event at the **Stringybark Festival** on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Whilst this is still a long way off, there are a number of smaller type events currently in the planning stage, similar to past years, such as **Kindergardens, Girl Guides, Boy Scouts, School Holiday Programs** requiring member's help. Be assured, I will be making appropriate appeals for member's help when dates are confirmed. In the meantime, if any member wants to help on **Tuesday's, crafting these kits**, you can expect a warm welcome.

In recent weeks, several meetings have been held with various **Knox Council** Depts discussing issues experienced, taking to account how best both The Woodies, and Council, can happily share facilities, given the increased use by both Council staff and woodworking members. Items discussed can best be summarised as two separate and distinct issues:

#### Issue 1

- Suggested **improvements** for the entry and exit of all vehicular traffic via the current driveway.
- Provision of parking on site, for Woodworking members who are "bona fide" holders of an approved **Disabled Parking** Permit.
- Parking arrangements on the current **grassed area** between the boundary fence and Glenfern Road

Whilst some progress has been made, finalisation of all issues will take some time. However, in the meantime your co-operation during week daytime hours, by strictly observing current parking restrictions within the fenced area, will be appreciated. IE: Parking for the key holder will still be available next to the rubbish skip and no parking is allowed on all concrete driveway areas. If you require to pick up or drop off material, restrict your car parking to the area adjacent to the **Clubroom entry ramp**, and if at all possible, restrict your time to 5 minutes.

Observation of these current restrictions will ensure that Council vehicles entering the area, will not be inconvenienced, as quite often their vehicles are towing a trailer loaded with equipment.

#### Issue 2.

- External **painting** of the Clubrooms.
- **Beautification** of all of the area between the Clubrooms and the Sub Station.

The Council Facilities Department has inspected the Clubrooms, and are currently in the process of determining if the required funding will be available this financial year, when they receive the appropriate quotations for the necessary repair of some weatherboards and painting costs from their selected Contractor/s. Conceptual agreement has been reached that the aim is to beautify the whole area primarily as an outdoor meeting space for members with appropriate seating/bar-b-que/shade cloth etc. If any member has any ideas, or who can use their skill to draw up a detailed plan, please let me or any Committee member know.

People suggest that good things come to those that wait. Hats off to **Dick Webb** and **Gary Pope** who have diplomatically and patiently pushed/prodded our new IT Provider over the last few weeks to deliver and get their act together, which finally happened on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Last but not least please take note of a number of some very important **April Diary dates**, and that the **Club will be closed** from 9.30pm Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April until 8.30am Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April inclusive **over Easter**.

11<sup>th</sup> April – **Working Bee** – Apart from the usual general clean up, the main task is to remove all stored timber adjacent and under the Clubrooms, to either the Timber Store, if it is still suitable, and if not, it will be donated on the day to those members present, who have a winter fire.

18<sup>th</sup> April: **Trivia Night** at Clubrooms, \$10/head from 7.00pm. BYO your own drinks and supper plate to share. Remember it will be your grey matter only that will be tested. Anyone detected using Mister Google, it will be at your own peril.

.....Hughie

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### VALE: Bruce Allen and Charlie Mann

*Club President, Hughie Gaynor, reflects upon the recent passing of two top members of the Club, Bruce and Charlie.*

From a Club perspective it was pleasing to note a large number of members attended the recent funerals of Bruce Allen and Charles Mann in early March.

In particular, for those members who did not know them, it is hoped that the following tributes will give you a small insight of their contributions to The Club, and their legacies that have helped make the Knox Woodies a friendly place for members to pursue their interests in all things wood, and a place to come and relax and make friends.

#### Bruce Allen.

Bruce joined The Woodies way back in 1990, and he was renowned for the friendly manner in which he readily passed on/shared his extensive carpentry skills and machine knowledge, with all members particularly those new members who felt that these tasks were a little daunting. Over the years and right up to the time he took ill, Bruce was consistent with his unique and friendly approach to all members, and took a genuine approach to help out, no matter how big or small the task was.



Bruce was pro-active in all aspects of Club life, and over the years, he served the Club well in Office Bearer roles both as a Committee member and Vice President. In addition to being an Office Bearer, Bruce also was a long time key holder, and was an integral member of our hard working maintenance group, who keep all our machines in tip-top order.

It should be remembered that when Bruce became a member, all woodworking activities were confined to what is now referred to as the Machine Shop room only. Bruce's carpentry skills came to the fore in 1995 when the first extension to the present Clubrooms was undertaken by members. Of particular interest, that should be specifically noted, is the fact that he has left us all the legacy of some of his woodworking skills, when he undertook the task of cutting and fixing the Clubroom internal walls with his unique angled lining boards.

Bruce was awarded The Gillingham award in 1995 and a President's award in 2013, for his ongoing contributions to the Club.

Even when Bruce retired from full time work, he found it hard to break old habits, and he was consistent in his dress sense as each time he was at the Club, apart from Meetings, he was a "stand out" in traditional Khaki carpenter's overalls.

Tuesday and Friday nights will not be the same, and although Bruce was small in stature, he had a big heart, and all Woodies were indeed fortunate, that we were able to share a huge slice of his time and talents for so many years.

#### Charles (Charlie) Mann.



Charles joined as a member in 2004 and he was generally at the Club on a Wednesday, provided that golf and family commitments were not the priority of the day.

It wasn't too long before he became better known around the Club as 'Charlie' which many members thought, was a title better suited to his happy go lucky attitude to life.

As members gradually got to know Charlie a lot better and he started to feel at home, it wasn't too long before he kept many members entertained at morning tea or lunch with many stories of his adventures in his working life.

Charlie could best be regarded as one of the early pioneers of oil exploration, looking for that elusive black gold in the earlier days of exploration, as an Engineer in Charge predominantly in Bass Strait, New Guinea, China, Canada and in the North Sea.

There is no doubt that apart from his keen interest in woodworking, Charlie just loved coming to the Club. This gave him the opportunity to reminisce and share with members around the lunch table, his many adventures he encountered in his working life.

Space does not permit the re-telling in detail of so many of his fascinating stories, however, the more famous, or more correctly, it might be infamous ones, were:

- How he lost part of his index finger.
- How he saved a fisherman's life in Peterhead in North East Scotland, when he had apparently choked on a fishbone, and his colleagues had already given up on more resuscitation attempts, as the victim had already lapsed into a comatose state.
- His adventures in New Guinea, working with the local natives where he was the first white man that they had seen.
- His ability to outlast his colleagues and Chinese hosts, in a number of formal "welcoming ceremonies/banquets"
- The injuries he suffered to his "manhood".

Charlie took great interest in what members were making, and with his wit and charm, he, with the help of the particular member/s, was able to expertly master many items, particularly those involving clocks and different or unusual wooden toys, many of which he made for our annual Christmas appeal, plus for his family/grandchildren in Sydney.

He will be fondly remembered as one of the great characters and storytellers of the Club.

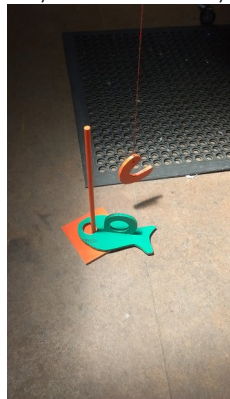
**Around Our Club - Kidz Korner and Toy Group**

Want to learn woodworking? Now here's a place to do it! Roll up to the club on any Tuesday or Thursday, and we've got a place ready for you. Colin Stewart who liaises with Dick Webb and John "Jacko" Jackson, to share the load around, can be contacted on either of these days to get involved.



**TOY COUNT for XMAS Presentations: so far: 282**

So, Festivals over, time to build some for 2015!



For newcomers to the Club, or in fact, anybody who wants to get to meet like-minded members and wishing to learn some new woodworking skills, **Kidz Korner and Toy Making** is the place to be! Both these groups provide an opportunity to refine your skills at making wooden components. You can work alone or in a group, even do some practice at home! It all helps the Club to make Toys for XMAS, and the Kidz Korner kits that we sell at Festivals and special events. ....Ed.

**Member's Birthdays – APRIL**



Member	day:
Ken Rivett	2
Paul Lucas	3
Colin Stewart	4
Les Gallagher	7
Noel Rippon	7
Marinus Hoogenboom	8
Barry Harvey	10
Peter Hayes	10
Harry Robertson	14
Neil Harris	17
Sergio Meilak	17
John Freshney	23
Bill Ireland	25
Diana Pereira	25
Brian Douds	26
Louis Smith	26

The very best of Birthday wishes to these members:

Hope you have a top day, and enjoy the year ahead!

..... Ed!

**Member's Welfare**

Best wishes of a full & speedy recovery to those in ill health. We understand Laurie Ham has recovered from his Eye Cataract operation well. That's the results we want to hear! ....Our thoughts are with you.

**Equipment for sale by TENDER**

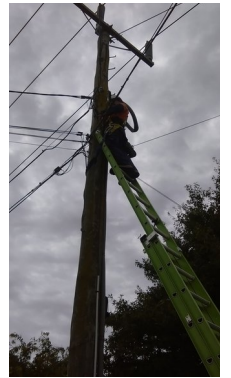
No items available for tender this month.

Normal process is to lodge a SUBMISSION to the committee, putting your name and best offered price in an envelope in MAIL SHUTE by the club doorway.

**We thank Nick Wakeling MP - Member for Ferntree Gully for printing our newsletter as a Community Service**

**KDWC information for Members on Club's website**

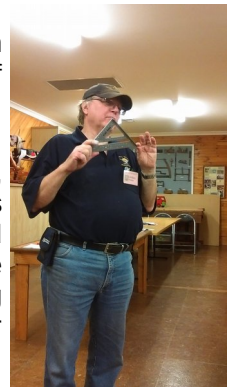
Talk about climbing the pole to reach the Cloud! Here's our terrific Optus technician, "Jack" ensuring we get the full signal needed. The Club is now live on the new super fast **Optus CABLE+PHONE** connection. (Same phone number). The website will be discussed in the months to come, and both old and new remain fully ready. But please note the new email address for reaching the **Committee**: EMAIL: [secretary@knoxwoodies.org.au](mailto:secretary@knoxwoodies.org.au) WEBSITE: [www.knoxwoodies.org.au](http://www.knoxwoodies.org.au)



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 ...Any suggestions for additions, always ask/offer!

**Speed Square - Show'n'Tell**

At the last Member's meeting in March, Lindsay Horsely gave us a great run through of the use and availability of these handy-sized **Speed Squares**.

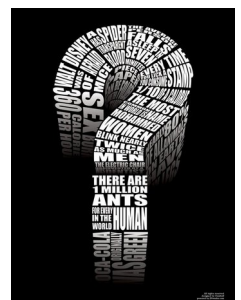


The history of the Stanley Speed Square, and various copies thereof since, was elaborated upon. An interesting and indeed very handy tool for those mathematically minded, and doing projects that are bending the brain. For some help on their use check this site: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPL6jOa6AH8>

**Social Committee News / Events**

**Trivia Night : Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 7PM**  
 cost \$10.00  
 BYO drink, and please bring Super plate

For all social event suggestions Contact: **Karen Button** 0407 556 666  
**A big thanks for recent prize donations.**  
 Be sure to support our locals:  
 Mattash Meats and Mountain Gate Newsagency!



**Big THANKYOU to Masters of Knoxfield**

Local Home Improvement store: **Masters** at **KNOXFIELD** generously donated a large quantity of timber materials, ideal for the Club's activities making **Xmas Toys** for the local community. The material was excess to their needs, but with the Club's equipment, could be cut to suit the projects being undertaken.



KDWC acknowledges **Masters** for their gracious donation, and extends a big thanks to Managers: **Danny and Roger**.

They are located at **1464 Ferntree Gully Rd, Knoxfield**. With almost 180 members here at the Ferntree Gully Club, we would hope they can reciprocate by considering **Masters** for any home improvement or hardware needs.

**Workshop Notes - "members helping members"**

**Phil Spencer** who, as you know by now, is always sharing a lot of terrific articles, recently took time to check out what goes on with the **CARVER'S GROUP** and the **FURNITURE MAKING** group of Thursday Nights. **Albert Bak** has been promoting the Carver's group, and **George Knight** shares his years of professional furniture making skills. *But remember, these chaps have projects to do as well!* We thought other Members may like a little insight to what goes on with this growing team of clever carvers and builders. So Phil went loaded with his camera to shed some light to us all. *Thanks for great photos Phil! .....[Ed]*

**Meantime, fellow members, what's your WIP presently? Drop a line with pictures to the Club's email, to include in the Newsletter to share with the others. ...[Phil]**



**Bill's websites of the month!**

**Bill Ireland** is back in control of sharing the good oil this month, and has a top tip on a topic he saw in the *Woodworker's Journal*.

**Setting up Narrow Rip Cuts with Drill Bits**

<http://ezine.woodworking.com/WoodworkingTechniques/RipCutTrick.html>

*.....thanks for all contributions to Bill's column!*

**Workshop Activities – Thursday Nights**

Looks like dualing bandsaws to me! .....

*[...Ed]*



The Club thanks



### Nice Segmented Bowl Work – Marinus Hoogenboom

Marinus ('Mac') shares photos of the bowl he's finished.



*"I had it at the club last Monday (2/3/15) and people were interested."*

The bowl measures 290 mm round and stands 170 high. It was made from a slab of laminated Jarrah, four

separate layers high. Built up piece by piece, I started with the bottom piece, turned that, then turned the second piece.

I drilled a shallow hole in the first piece while on the lathe, and a hole through the second piece while it was on the lathe. I then used these holes with a rod to line up the pieces when I glued them.



The third piece was done in a similar fashion, partly turned then glued on, no hole through this bit. The last piece was a large ring which I glued on. I put the whole assembly in the lathe via the bottom cut out, and brought up the tail stock to help secure it. I then finished off turning the outside, and I was able to turn most of the inside, apart from a small pillar where the tail stock was.



I then finished off the pillar, to finish the piece, then sanded and coated it with tung oil. I was a bit worried about holding the weight in the chuck to finish off the pillar, but as the bottom is a solid block, there was no problem.

...Marinus Hoogenboom



### HUMOR

#### TOOLS and How To Use Them

##### SKILL SAW:

A portable cutting tool used to make boards too short.

##### BELT SANDER:

An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

##### WIRE WHEEL:

Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh strewth'.

##### DRILL PRESS:

A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

##### Channel Locks:

Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

##### HACKSAW:

One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

##### WISE-GRIPS:

Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

##### OXYACETYLENE TORCH:

Used almost entirely for igniting various flammable objects in your shop and creating a fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

##### TABLE SAW:

A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

Very effective for digit removal!

##### HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK:

Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

##### BAND SAW:

A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut large pieces into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

##### TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST:

A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of all the crap you forgot to disconnect.

##### PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER:

Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

##### STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER:

A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

##### PRY BAR:

A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

##### PVC PIPE CUTTER:

A tool used to make plastic pipe too short.

##### HAMMER:

Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

##### UTILITY KNIFE:

Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door. Works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

##### SON OF A BITCH TOOL:

Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'Son of a bitch' (or similar expression of rage) at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.

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*Thanks, Hughie for the slaps'n'giggles contributions ....[Ed]*

**Weekly Workshop Hours and Keyholders**

*Note: All Members are welcome to access the Clubrooms at any of these times.*

<b>Monday</b>	09:00AM	- 12:30PM	Wood Turning	Henk Eyssens	5968 5119
<b>Tuesday</b>	08:30AM	- 02:30PM	Kidz Korner General Access	Dick Webb Andre Cook	97645321 0488 585 970
	06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Wood Turning	Larry Bearman	0413 082 858
<b>Wednesday</b>	08:30AM	- 02:30PM	General Access	Dick Webb	97645321
<b>Thursday</b>	09:30AM	- 02:30PM	Toymakers	Tony Deabe	9774 7917
	06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Furniture Making	George Knight	0427 417823
	06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Carving (for all!)	Albert Bak	0419 384099
<b>Friday</b>	10:00AM	- 01:30PM	General Access	Barry McDermott	9753 6157
	06:30PM	- 09:30PM	Rocking Horses	Louis Smith	9754 2342
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>see roster below and WORKING BEES</i>				
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>(closed)</i>				

**Saturday Morning Roster**

Opening 09:30 am to 12:30 pm

Apr 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>EASTER SATURDAY</b>	<b>closed</b>
Apr 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>**WORKING BEE**</b>	<b>8AM</b>
Apr 18 <sup>th</sup>	Rodney Williams	0448 686 537
Apr 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ANZAC DAY</b>	<b>closed</b>
May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Louis Smith / Larry	9754 2342 / 0413 082858
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Dick Webb	9764 5321
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rodney Williams	0448 686 537
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Ladislav Toman	0410 405 227

NOTE: If no member arrives by 10:30am, the Key Holder has the option of closing Clubrooms.

**Current Projects in progress**

Project (ref: Eric)	Recipient	Status
Toys	Disadvantaged	Continuous
	Kids for Xmas	In Progress
Angel Boxes	Angliss Hospital	Continuous
Chairs & Stools	Cerebral Palsey	As required
Various Turnings	Festival stock &c	In Progress
Kidz Korner kits	KK Activities	<b>Continuous</b>
Rocking Horse	For next Festival.	Mar and Oct
Clock	For next Festival.	Mar and Oct
Turned Bowl	For next Festival.	Mar and Oct
Jewellery Box	For next Festival.	Mar and Oct

**Member's Discounts**

The Following Suppliers offer discounts to Members.  
**\*\*Show some suitable KDWC / personal ID\*\***

- Australian Lighting - Bayswater,
- Bristol Paints - Ferntree Gully.
- Budget Car and Truck Rental (FTG)
- Caroll's Woodcraft Supplies.
- Carba-Tec.
- Ferntree Gully Bolts.
- Hobby Tools Australia.
- Jalor Tools
- Mitre-10 - Bayswater.
- Pop's Shed.
- Screwit – Supplier of Sachy Screws
- Total Tools, Ferntree Gully.
- Woodworking Machinery Specialists.
- The Woodworking Warehouse

**Important Diary Dates and coming events**

Wed	1 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Member's Meeting	7.30PM
Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	GOOD FRIDAY (CLOSED) thru	
Mon	6 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter MONDAY (CLOSED)	
Sat	11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Working Bee</b>	8.00AM
Sat	18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>TRIVIA NIGHT at Club</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>
Wed	22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Committee Meeting	
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>ANZAC DAY (CLOSED)</b>	
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<i>Louis' Birthday!</i>	<i>(all day)</i>
Wed	6 <sup>th</sup> May	Member's Meeting	7.30PM
Wed	20 <sup>th</sup> May	Committee Meeting	
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	Member's Meeting	7.30PM

**\*\* STOP PRESS \*\***

**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS for the Club:**

[secretary@knoxwoodies.org.au](mailto:secretary@knoxwoodies.org.au)

**Website will be developed in the coming months, and both the new and old remain active in the meantime.**

[www.knoxwoodies.org.au](http://www.knoxwoodies.org.au)

**TRIVIA NIGHT: 7PM Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April only \$10**

Contact: Karen Button 0407 556 666

**Merchandise and Materials on sale at Club**

Club Caps	\$12.00
Club Polo Shirts	\$25.00
Club Fleecy Tops - Half Zip	\$40.00
Club Fleecy Tops - Full-length Zip	\$50.00
Screws (packet)	\$2.00
Nails - 500 gm (2' x 12 G)	\$2.00