

Knox and District Woodworkers Club
Annual General Meeting
Held at the Club on 1st October 2025

Meeting commenced: 7.30pm

Attendance Invitation:

The OFFICIAL NOTICE of AGM on the 1st October 2025 at 7.30pm, was sent out by email on the 2nd September to all financial members. Members were reminded, via the October newsletter issued on 20th September 2025. Financial members were invited to attend the AGM and nominate for positions on Committee, via the nomination forms available online and at the Club.

Present: 32 financial members and guests attended the AGM at the Club rooms at 45 Glenfern Rd Ferntree Gully.

Apologies: Gary Pope, Jenny Stevens, Lindsay Horsley

Minutes of the previous AGM:

Minutes of our previous AGM on the 2nd October 2024. Were made available for all financial members via email by Gary Pope before this meeting, to be read at their leisure with the newsletter. The Minutes were available to be read by members and guests to read on of the night of Knox and District Woodworkers Club.

Minutes Moved with an amendment to the balances shown on Page 4 that.
Amenities Account be changed to \$10,084.99 to achieve the correct balance of \$53,285.18 representing funds held as per Page 12

Minutes **MOVED** Karin Orpen **SECONDED** Phil Dunstan
ACCEPTED **CARRIED.**

President

Bill welcomed everyone, to Sandra Gillingham and her daughter. Bill thanked and acknowledged our activity groups within the Club for their reports for the AGM handout and their efforts through the year. Also to the Committee for their support through the year, and to Gary and Lynette for putting the AGM reports together.

Bill welcomed Serge and Sandra Meilak, Serge is a special founding member starting in 1988 at the old Ferntree Gully Tech, moving to our present site here in 1990 into an old tin dwelling.

In 1993 Serge and Sandra donated our Big Band Saw to the club. The Big Band Saw was restored this year, Bill invited Serge and Sandra to unveil it but later in the evening.

Due to Bills recent health, he handed the meeting over to our Vice President Andre Cook to continue.

Reports

Treasurers Report

Statements of Receipts and Payments

Account Balances as at 31st August 2025

Phil Dunstan presented a report in full in the printed document, and highlighted some items. We had a year of deficit just over \$8,000, due to significant works undertaken this year. On the new roofs on the toy shed, on the turning area, the phone box, and restored the Big Band Saw. We have had good income with membership of 186, income of \$10,000 for project work. We are in the process of applying for another Grant due soon.

Officiating Officer 2025-2026 roles: (Financial Opinion, Newsletter, IT): Gary Pope

Gary Pope submitted his offer again, to continue to provide an independent financial opinion for the affairs of the club in the coming year, if requested.

Gary would also be delighted to continue as Newsletter Editor and supporter of all manner of I.T. related matters.

Gary also requested it be MINUTED for clarity/transparency. That the many communications and instructions submitted virtually to Members, via the automated email/Member Ties systems, and supplier renewals via email. Be recognised as 'Designated Representative Activities' by the 'Virtual Committee' as documented in below

<https://www.knoxwoodies.org.au/virtual-team>

The Committee tabled the independent financial report from Gary Pope, for the financial year ending in 2025, Gary made it available for members to view online

Moved

Seconded

ACCEPTED CARRIED

An Inaugural booklet of reports was presented to those present at the 2025 AGM. The booklet of reports contained Reports from Sections of the Club, highlighting the year's activities. Some of the authors of the reports were given the opportunity to present their report and speak to the attending members, highlighting special events in their Sections. This booklet of Reports was graciously printed by local MP Kim Wells office in Scoresby. For this we offer a very big Thank you to Kim Wells MP and his office staff for their continuing support in the past and in the future.

My thanks as Secretary to Gary Pope for helping me put these Reports together this year.

Kidz Korner

John Kors presented the Kidz Korner report highlighting told us about KK

There are 5 ladies attending regularly, there are up to 9-10 helpers on a Tuesday. Helpers at the events is encouraging. The Rotary Skill Share is very popular at Boronia Heights Primary School with Grade 5 and 6 learning trades and the Libraries are popular with plenty of helpers and a lot of fun at Knox festival.

Projects

Andre Cook has had a very good year building projects for Infolink a food pantry, indoor shelving and an out door seating. The boot remover and repair to spinning wheels, bass guitar bass stand for the Christmas Band. Bird boxes for DEECA.

Christmas Toys

Tom Noonan told us the Toy Group meet Mondays and there can be up to 30 on a Thursdays. Some members work in groups, others work on their own, and other members make toys at home and bring their toys in, which is a great help. To the recipients it's the joy coming along receiving the toys. The toys reach people who would otherwise miss out on a gift for Christmas There are 386 toys at the moment.

Rocking Horse

Carl Lutz told us Todd McDougall is the only member making a horse. Carl is keen to have more members to come along and make a horse.

Wood Turning

Phil Dunstan told us the number of Wood Turners have fallen away lately. We look to future and encourage more members to have a go with different wood. Or even running a turning coarse or two through next year.

Show and Tell

Tom Coghlin told us how he enjoys making and showing others to make different items in wood. Tom offers tip and tricks in his talks to help and encourage others to try new things.

Carving

Albert has less attending than there has been in the past, he would like to see more get involved. Albert told us all you need is a little bit of patients, take your time and it is very relaxing.

Maintenance

John thanked all the Maintenance team and helpers, from the Senior members and the newest, recently Jason joined the team. The biggest job was the refurb of the Big Band Saw, the most problems are still coming from the Drum Sander. We now have a maintenance room with cupboards to keep the tools. Thank you to everyone for their help.

Adoption of Reports

Karin Orpen Congratulated us on the reports documented this year. The reports are showing the reach that our Club has, to see how far this Club has gone and how many people we have impacted. The Christmas toys have touched so many, along with Kidz Korner, the projects that have been made, the Schools and Scouts. It is a great representation of our Club.

Moved

Karin Orpen

Seconded

Peter Collins

All agreed

Award Presentations

The Bill Gillingham Award

The late Bill Gillingham, was an extremely keen woodworker. At the start of this Club in 1989, there would be meetings at his home. He would share his skills and his work shop with members. Bill would seek out new members and give them guidance to build up their skills. Sadly Bill passed away 17th November 1990. This Memorial Award was designed in 1991 using some of Bills tools.

This ongoing Award is decided by the President, Secretary and the last recipient.

The Bill Gillingham Award for 2025 was awarded to John Kors

Life Membership Award

Lynette has been an active member of Woodies for 10 years, participated making toys for Christmas Charities for 3 years, attends Kidz Korner activities with Scouts at the Club, a Bunnings BBQ, is Key Holder on Friday nights for 6 years. Lynette's achievement is being Club Secretary, attending meetings and the minutes while helping others answering questions and problem solving for the last seven years and now into her eighth year as Secretary into 2026. Lynette's biggest achievement at Woodworks was making a number 4 rocking horse, taking two and a half years and now sharing her horse knowledge whenever needed. Lynette also enjoyed learning to make a few pens, but not very often.

Life Membership Award for 2025 was awarded to Lynette Hartley.

The BIG Band Saw

The Big Band Saw was unveiled and demonstrated it and how wonderful it works now. Taking the thinnest shaving off a piece of wood. With its refurbishment it will work for many many years to come.

Election of Office Bearers for 2025 - 2026

Nomination notices were made available to all financial members at the Club rooms and online, plus via follow up emails. Calling for members to nominate for Committee positions by the 1st October.

Andre Cook thanked the outgoing Committee for their time and efforts over the last 12 months.

Presiding over the formalities of the night, the Club was fortunate again, to have Karin Orpen chair the meeting as the former Committee stood down and nominations were called, for the next 12 months. Karen thanked Lindsay Horsley, Jenny Stevens and Harry Deschepper for their time over the last few years as they leave the Committee. Karin thanked the rest of the outgoing Committee for their time and efforts over the last 12 months.

Committee Nominations

Karin called for all nominations, for the new Committee.

The new Committee are

Bill Orpen	President
Andre Cook	Vice President / Project Officer
Lynette Hartley	Secretary / Public Officer
Phillip Dunstan	Treasurer
John Wood	Maintenance
Tony Deabe	General/Amenities
Jason Price	Maintenance team
John Thompson	General
Frank Miller	General

There being no challenges or other nominations received for Committee by the cut off date of 1st October. A complete set of uncontested nominations were received with no voting required and the new Committee appointed.

Karin congratulated the out going Committee for their time, thanked the three leaving members the Committee, for their time and commitment. We warmly welcome three new members to Committee making up an overall team of nine.

Karin Congratulated our Committee and Club as a whole for having a very productive year of activities and she loved our report document this year. .

Well done to the outgoing Committee for a superb effort in keeping the Club both financially and safely in place during 2024-2025!

Committee nominations were agreed by a majority **ACCEPTED ALL AGREED**
CARRIED

Meeting closed: 8.30pm