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Woodies annual 'Be in it' better than ever

An enthusiastic group of family and friends spent an enjoyable afternoon on the last Sunday of August, admiring a wide range of items made by members of the Knox and District Woodworkers Club.

Club members are encouraged to enter their woodworking projects of the last twelve months in the annual 'Be In It' competition, and a large list of categories ensures that everyone has a chance to receive a certificate for a well-made piece.

This was the 27th year that the event has been held and the day continues to get bigger. The entries received were a 25% increase on the previous year.

Entries ranged from furniture items of all sizes to quite small delicate woodturning projects. There was a large range of wooden children's toys, jewellery boxes, clocks, bowls and novelty items; bread and cheese boards, games and ornaments were also on show.

This year's winner of the major 'best in show' prize was Jenny Stevens for her beautifully crafted baby's rocking crib. Jenny told us that she spent over 80 hours on the crib which has been used by her first grandchild. The crib will become an heirloom to be passed through the family for subsequent grandchildren as they arrive. Jenny has organised for a small plaque to be mounted on the crib with the name of each grandchild as they use it for the first time.

Last year a rocking horse crafted by Karen Button took out the 'best in show' prize, highlighting that the women members of the club are taking it right up to the men and obviously more than holding their own.

The Knox and District Woodworkers Club continues to be the focal point in the Ferntree Gully region for men and women who have a common interest in any aspect of woodwork.

Anyone interested in seeing what happens at our club is invited to come down and see us in action. The club is open every morning of the week except Sunday, and on three evenings a week. You will be made very welcome. For more information about what we do, and when we are open, check our website at www.knoxwoodies.org.au



Judges for the 'Be in it' competition (from left) Paddy McCann, Karin Orpen OAM and Cliff Walsh with President Hughie Gaynor. Photo by Bill Ireland



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