



Knox & District Woodworkers Club INC AGM

1st October, 2025

AGENDA (amended at AGM)

PLEASE NOTE

Copy of the report will be made available to Members on request.
Amended version includes decisions made on night of AGM



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1. Welcome

Present: Names listed at the door on the night. Qty: 32

2. Apologies

Apologies: Accepted and minuted on the night.
Jenny Stevens, Gary Pope, Lindsay Horsley

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Knox and District Woodworkers Club **Annual General Meeting** **Held at the Club on 2nd October 2024**

Meeting commenced: 8.30pm

Attendance Invitation:

The OFFICIAL NOTICE of AGM on the 2nd October 2024 at 7.30pm, was sent out by email on the 12th September to all financial members. Members were reminded, via the October newsletter issued on 25th September 2024. 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: 30 financial members and guests attended the AGM at the Club rooms at 45 Glenfern Rd Ferntree Gully.

Apologies: Latislav Toman, Lindsay Horsley, John Thomson

Minutes of the previous AGM:

Minutes of previous AGM on the 4th October 2023. Were made available for financial members and guests to read on of the night of Knox and District Woodworkers Club.

Minutes were **MOVED** Peter Collins **SECONDED** Dick Webb
ACCEPTED CARRIED.

Reports

President

Bill thanked Lynette Hartley as Secretary for her patience and support and Phil Dunstan doing a great job as Treasurer. Bill also thanked Dick Webb as Vice President and Committee members Andre Cook, John Wood, Lindsay Horsley, Bill Ireland, Tony Deabe and Jenny Stevens for their support through the year.



Treasurers Report

Statements of Receipts and Payments

Account Balances as at 31st August 2024

Memberships have been coming in, but still have lots more to come in, badges made up soon

Opening balance 1st September 2023

Statement Account	\$	1,340.15
Savings Account	\$	15,799.56
Cash in hand	\$	000.00
Amenities Account	\$	334.43
Asset Insurance fund	\$	39,514.53
Total	\$	56,988.67

Closing balance 31st August 2024 **

Statement Account	\$	814.17
Savings Account	\$	11,233.57
Cash in hand	\$	00.00
Amenities Account	\$	237.92
Asset Insurance fund	\$	40,999.52
Total	\$	53,285.18

*** The Closing figures above were amended, after Chairperson, Karin Orpen spotted a wrong set of figures in the printed Agenda for the AGM on the night of the AGM. The figures align and reconcile with the opening balances needed for this AGM (2025)*

Accounts for the end of year being finalised 31st August

Revenue	\$	51,709.88
Expenses	\$	55,413.37
Deficit for the year	\$	3,703.49

Some Income Highlights

Membership Subs	\$	13,750.00	With 180 members
New members	\$	1,250.00	28 new
Annual Auction	\$	1,195.50	
Mini tools sale	\$	486.15	
Monthly Raffles	\$	928.70	
Kidz Korner Festivals	\$	4,437.00	
KK Schools/Scouts/Lib	\$	1,361.00	
FTG Village Market	\$	1,055.50	
Sustainability Ringwood	\$	75.01	KK Total \$ 6,928.51
Sales Timber products	\$	1,532.80	
Karen Button Estate	\$	10,000.00	
Bendigo Bank FTG	\$	3,000.00	
Barry Plant Boronia	\$	500.00	
Redundant Tools Sale	\$	692.00	
Asset Replacement AccInt\$		1,826.57	



Some Expenses

New 25" Drum Sander	\$	12,922.80	
Trim Routers	\$	1,022.86	
3m x 3m Events Gazebo	\$	1,081.80	
Building repairs Floor +	\$	7,695.95	
Equipment/Maintenance	\$	4,213.37	
Timber/Xmas Toys/KK	\$	3,777.99	Bendigo Bank part funded
Festival Overheads	\$	256.73	
Postage & Stationary	\$	67.33	
Phone/IT/Optus/website	\$	2,016.97	
Rubbish Removal	\$	1,327.05	
Club Cleaning	\$	173.94	
Insurance	\$	5,395.79	
Club Amenities/Xmas BBQ	\$	2,338.97	
KCC 5 yr Lease Payment	\$	273.90	
Electricity costs	\$	3,623.40	
Bank Fees Tyro Included	\$	178.77	

Officiating Officer 2024-2025 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

The Committee tabled the independent financial report from Gary Pope, for the financial year ending in 2024, Gary made it available for members to view online

Moved Bill Orpen **Seconded** John Wood **ACCEPTED** **CARRIED**



Award Presentations

Life Membership Award

No Life memberships were awarded this year.

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 was not awarded in 2024

Presidents Award 2024

Presidents Awards, weren't awarded this year, Bill Orpen told us everyone has done a great job and everyone deserves a badge.

Election of Office Bearers for 2024 - 2025

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 4th October.

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 Dick Webb as Vice President and Bill Ireland for their time over the last few years as they leave the Committee. Karin Orpen thanked the rest of the out going 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
Lindsay Horsley	Purchasing Officer/Maintenance
John Wood	Maintenance
Tony Deabe	General/Amenities
Jenny Stevens	General
Harry Deschepper	General

There being no challenges or other nominations received for Committee by the cut off date of 4th October. A complete set of uncontested nominations were received with no voting required and the new Committee appointed. One new member Harry Deschepper joined the Committee making up an overall team of 9.

Well done to the outgoing Committee for a superb effort in keeping the Club both financially and safely in place during 2023-2024!

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

Meeting closed: 8.52pm

4. President's Report

Report for the year ending 31st August 2025

After taking over the position of President in 2023, my second term has been easier to adjust to the running of the Club thanks to the great support from the Committee.

We started our new year with toy presentations to various community groups which was a great success.

We followed this in December with the Christmas BBQ. The Rock-A-Billy band providing great entertainment.

The Annual Auction was also a success where "Hughie and I" managed to rid the Club of most of the junk in the shed, thanks to our dodgy bidders.

The Club achieved its goal by removing and replacing the Toy Shed roof and the phone box area roof before the Winter rains.

Our local council also came to the party and replaced our leaky roof over the machine shop, sanding room and renewed our rear entrance door.

We have been participating in the Boronia Heights Primary School Skill Shed program which is a great initiative to help our younger generation of future Woodies.

With my term coming to a close, I would like to thank all groups for their contribution during the past 12 months including Toy Group, Kids Korner, Maintenance and Projects.

Lastly a sincere thank-you to all of the Committee who help making sure the wheels don't fall off.

You are all greatly appreciated.

Bill Orpen
President
Knox & District Woodworkers Club INC





5. Treasurer's Report

INDEPENDENT OPINION

Knox and District Woodworkers Club Inc.
A0017617S
FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED 31st August 2025

Reg'd Assoc:
ABN: 23 621 787 437

Cash / Funds position: A nett DECREASE of \$ 8,129.49 in cashflow

Cash Position (start of year): **Opening Balance 1st Sept 2024** comprising:

\$ 814.17 In daily cheque **STATEMENT** account 633000 -
120082748
(no unrepresented cheques as at end of year, and none
used)
\$ 11,233.57 interest bearing **SAVINGS** Account 633000 -
157679382
\$ 0.00 **Cash on hand** for banking
\$ 237.92 **AMENITIES ACCOUNT** 633000 – 160635587
Note: Petty Cash is no longer in operation.
\$ 40,999.52 **ASSET INSURANCE FUND**
ACCOUNT 633000 – 144999729

TOTAL: \$53,285.18

(per OPINION 2023-24)

Closing Cash Position: **Closing Balance 31st Aug 2025** comprising:

\$ 2,060.76 In daily cheque **STATEMENT**
account 633000 - 120082748
(no unrepresented cheques as at end of year, and none used)
\$ 39.66 interest bearing **SAVINGS** Account 633000 -
157679382
\$ 0.00 **Cash on hand** for banking
\$ 112.47 **AMENITIES ACCOUNT** 633000 – 160635587
Note: Petty Cash is no longer in operation.
\$ 42,942.80 **ASSET INSURANCE FUND**
ACCOUNT 633000 – 144999729

TOTAL: \$45,155.69

No GST reporting is needed for KDWC

The Club remains unregistered for GST purposes, being an **incorporated association**, earning less than the threshold amount of \$150,000. As such, **no GST returns are being processed**.

Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st August 2025:

<u>KNOX WOODWORKERS CLUB</u>		
<u>FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR YEAR ENDED</u>		<u>31st August 2025</u>
<u>Balance Forward</u>	Opening STATEMENT 633000-120082748	\$814.17
	Cash on hand, and floats	\$0.00
	Funds invested in ASSET REPLACEMENT Acct	\$40,999.52
	Funds invested in SAVINGS Acct	\$11,233.57
	Funds invested in AMENITIES Acct	<u>\$237.92</u>
	<u>OPENING FUNDS</u>	\$53,285.18
<u>Add Income</u>	(adjusted)	
	membership subscriptions	\$0.00 \$15,010.00
	joining fees	\$0.00 \$1,400.00
	Clothing Sales	\$0.00 \$350.00
	Timber sales	\$0.00 \$1,327.08
	kidz korner	\$0.00 \$4,342.50
	raffles/sweeps auctions	\$0.00 \$2,134.95
	donations	\$0.00 \$1,744.70
	Community projects	\$0.00 \$9,740.00
	redundant tools	\$0.00 \$195.54
	Social Functions	\$0.00 \$0.00
	festival raffles	\$0.00 \$0.00
	Bunnings sausage	\$0.00 \$3,177.50
	KK Mkt Festival	\$0.00 \$30.00
	festival kidz korner	\$0.00 \$2,240.00
	hardware sales	\$0.00 \$0.00
	next year joining fee	\$0.00 \$100.00
	next year annual	\$0.00 \$200.00
	grants	\$0.00 \$3,000.00
	Safety CPR 1st Aid	\$0.00 \$640.00
	Interest	\$0.00 \$2,093.94
	<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>\$47,726.21</u>

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FACEBOOK Page: Community Bank Ferntree Gully
facebook: Example of work at KDWC funded by Bendigo Bank

**Less Expenses**

Appl,tools materials	\$0.00	\$5,170.58
Repairs & Maint.	\$0.00	\$14,164.61
postage stationery	\$0.00	\$56.20
Building repairs	\$0.00	\$0.00
IT, phone internet	\$0.00	\$2,454.91
Rubbish Removal	\$0.00	\$1,835.42
social functions	\$0.00	\$781.72
Electricity	\$0.00	\$3,691.96
insure & safety	\$0.00	\$5,728.84
donations & Rentals	\$0.00	\$215.44
Rent	\$0.00	\$284.90
community projects	\$0.00	\$3,872.30
capital projects	\$0.00	\$9,503.43
bank/tyro fees	\$0.00	\$146.03
K/Korner mats.	\$0.00	\$266.18
TOYS mats	\$0.00	\$380.94
clothes purch.	\$0.00	\$0.00
c'room cleaning	\$0.00	\$82.80
c'room KITCHEN	\$0.00	\$2,398.75
Raffle Soc Events	\$0.00	\$84.55
h'ware purch	\$0.00	\$200.00
Bunnings Sausage.	\$0.00	\$706.40
Admin legal	\$0.00	\$3,349.00
festival raffle	\$0.00	\$0.00
first aid	\$0.00	\$243.84
Trailer	\$0.00	\$66.70
festival overheads	\$0.00	\$170.20
	adjust	\$0.00

NETT adjustments made:

\$0.00

TOTAL EXPENSES**\$55,855.70****SURPLUS INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE THIS YEAR****-\$8,129.49****TOTAL FUNDS FROM CLUB ACTIVITIES****\$45,155.69**

Funds Statement as at 31st August 2024

TOTAL FUNDS AS AT	31st August 2024							\$53,285.18
Represented by								
Bendigo STATEMENT A/C 633000 – 120082748					\$814.17			
less UNPRESENTED cheques (**)					<u>\$0.00</u>	\$814.17		
cash on hand to be banked						\$0.00		
Bendigo ASSET INSURANCE FUND Acct 633000 - 144999729						\$40,999.52		
Bendigo SAVINGS Acct 633000 – 157679382						\$11,233.57		
Bendigo Amenities Acct 633000 – 160635587						\$237.92		
TOTAL Bank/Petty Cash accounts								\$53,285.18

ASSET Valuation:

Assets/equipment re-valued for insurance purposes during 2023-2024

- Building and fixed chattels become ownership of Knox Council \$986,550.00
and now EXCLUDED from Balance Sheet.
- TOOLS/Equipment at New4Old valuation "CONTENTS" \$180,118.78
refer Asset Register: **KDWC_2025_02_10_Asset Register.xlsx**



Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2025.

Note: As a Not-For-Profit, Registered Association, all Club assets, upon cessation, must be turned over to a similarly structured Organisation. No member is entitled to any funds, resources or assets of the Club. Buildings, being on Council Property are the ownership and Insurance responsibility of the City Of Knox. Contents have been valued at Insured Replacement Value (New for Old basis) in the Balance Sheet for consistency in record keeping and Commercial Insurance purposes.

KNOX WOODWORKERS CLUB Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2025

Current Assets

Bendigo STATEMENT A/C 633000 – 120082748	\$2,060.76
Bendigo SAVINGS Acct 633000 – 157679382	\$39.66
Bendigo Amenities Acct 633000 – 160635587	\$112.47
cash on hand to be banked	\$0.00

total current assets \$2,212.89

Investment Funds

Bendigo ASSET INSURANCE FUND Acct 633000 - 144999729	\$42,942.80
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Fixed Assets

- TOOLS/Equipment at New4Old valuation "CONTENTS"	\$180,118.78
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total assets \$225,274.47

represented by:

Capital Fund

Club Capital Fund	\$225,274.47
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Liabilities

Creditors	\$0.00
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total Capital Fund and Liabilities \$225,274.47

NOTE: (1) - Building and fixed chattels become ownership of Knox Council \$986,550.00

Regards

Phil Dunstan
Treasurer

Officiating Officer 2025-2026 roles:

Financial Opinion, Newsletter, IT: Gary Pope

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6. Club Activity Reports

Kidz Korner

Kidz Korner Events September 2024 to end of August 2025

Ferntree Gully Markets

Several sessions completed over 6 months on the first Saturday with many members involved and several Kits sold and assembled.

Rotary Skill Share at Boronia Heights Primary school

There have been 4 sessions so far October 2024, February, May and August 2025. With hopefully 4 events to be run every year.

What an amazing program to be involved in.

Up to 8 lucky kids are invited to participate for 7-8 sessions of different trades in each school term. The KDWC sessions are the first for the kids and they each produce a Toolbox and a Pencil Case to learn some carpentry skills. It's amazing to see the difference in the way they can use a hammer to fit the nails from the start to the finish. There's always big smiles from the kids and the KDWC and Rotary helpers.

It's truly such a privilege for myself and our club to be involved in this wonderful Rotary initiative.

Bunnings Fathers Day night 29th August 2024 (Todd)

Scoresby Bunnings held an event for Fathers Day that included a number of community groups such as the SES, Scouts, Arts & Craft and us. Like many of the events at the markets recently we set up with a view to display the KidzKorner kits but this time we included some other elements of the club such as exemplars from the woodturners and rocking horse groups. We had good support for the event which made the set-up and manning the stand easy on all concerned. Bunnings put on their sausage sizzle plus some fairy floss which were quite the hit with all the kids - young and old. There were around three hundred people visiting the sites. Sales for the event were secondary to displaying the club's various groups in the hope that we might attract some new members. I understand that there were 6 or so very keen to find out more about the club.

1st Knox Cub Scouts 18th September 2024

This was a first Cub Scouts event for Todd and myself with the help of several members. It was a very busy night with many Cubs, their leaders and some parents. Todd took half the cubs into the workshop for some demonstrations of our equipment while the other half built their models in the club rooms. It ended up being a very slow building exercise so we really ran out of time and the first group missed out on the machine demonstrations. It seemed that everyone still had a great time and we will streamline it better next time

Knox Library 24th September 2024

This was our first event at this location and it went extremely well, with the added bonus for the kids that they could paint their creations on the day. Around 50 kits sold.

KES Event (Todd)

The KES is our neighbour, and we thought it appropriate to participate in the activity. While it was not high-pressure sales, we did manage to sell a few kits from KidzKorner. Thanks to Rufus and Lynette for helping out!! A low key affair with only a modest level of interest in woodworking.

FTG Library 1st October 2024

Another good event at this location as they also provide big, solid wooden benches and it's just around the corner. Over 40 kits sold.

Central Ringwood Community Centre October 2024 (Todd)

Another fair that was well supported. Being a Saturday morning it can be hard to get numbers - so well done to all who attended and helped out. Mostly all of the usual culprits. The foot traffic through the stalls was pretty steady and we managed to sell 10 or so kits from KK.

Ambleside Christmas Fair of 14 December 2024 (Todd)

This event kicked off a pretty busy day. The set up was per usual with some great support from many of the regular helpers. Thanks to all!! Managed to sell 40 kits in total and promote the club to potential new members.

Knox Festival 1st March 2025

The weather Gods smiled on us this year with no rain. It was another very successful event with a great turn out of helpers from our membership that helped in assembling over 200 kits.



Knox Environment Society 10th May 2025

It was a beautiful day but as it was the day before Mothers day it was extremely quiet with little visitors. We still managed about 4-6 kits but certainly not a worthwhile event for Kidz Korner.

Knox Library 8th July 2025

Another successful event with 58 kits sold and many colourful creations made by the kids. Good support from our KDWC members and the added bonus of Jaxon (Dianne's grandson) that handed out the kits as required.



Bayswater West Primary School 12th August 2025

A very busy event with 3 classes of approximately 20+ kids assembling kits involving motion.

A really nice event with many helpers from our club and we sold 60 kits.

Thanks to our members that supported me on the day, Todd, Frances, Dianne, Dick, Jeff and Jenny.

Heany Park Joey Scouts 28th August 2025

A very hectic start to the night with 17 Joey Cubs attending our club rooms for a Kidz Korner event. It was a special Father's Day event with 17 very excited Joey's. Luckily for us, most of the mum's and Dad's took to helping the Joey's and without much mishap we were completed in a good time.

This gave us an opportunity to show everyone through our workshop which was most enjoyable for all. Several of the Joey's and parents then bought some kits to take home.

Thanks to our members that assisted me, Todd, Dianne and Bill.

A total of 23 kits were sold.

Miscellaneous

Several people that have come in to pick up Kits for different occasions including a retirement care facility with our own past member Charles Bruchner.

In summary, it has been a fairly busy year for our group and I would like to thank all our Kidz Korner helpers, some very regular and others occasional, with a special mention to Dick Webb for all the advice and especially the large amount of stock he still builds for us at home.

Thanks to our regular participants:

John Wood Helen	Frank	Jenny	Lynette
Keith	Harry May	Andre	Bill
Rodney	Francis	Dianne	Tony
John K	Todd	Phil	Hughie

To the credit of these very helpers we have managed to sell approximately \$4200 worth of kits in this period.

John Kors and Todd MacDougall
Kidz Korner Coordinators

Community Projects Group

Club Projects

We have had a good year for projects completing approx. 20 projects.

These items generally involve the supply of materials paid for by the client with a donation to the club for services rendered. These donations have been very generous and added to the club's revenue. These projects have netted the club in the order of \$10,000.00 in the past 12 months

To name just a few:-

1) Food Pantry and outdoor seating for Infolink Boronia

- a) This pantry is designed provide food, out of normal business hours, to cater for the less fortunate people in our community.
- b) Outdoor seating for the people to sit, eat and talk.
- c) Funds Raised \$3,250.00

2) The Basin Bee Man.

- a) Repairs to a large wooden bee.
- b) Display shelf for the large wooden bee
- c) Funds Raised \$180.00

3) Boot removers & Spinning wheel

- a) Make 2 off boot removers
- b) Repairs to a spinning Wheel
- c) Funds raised \$300.00

4) Timber dressing

- a) Dressing of timber
- b) Funds raised \$300.00

5) Guitar Stand

- a) Construct an electric Bass Guitar stand
- b) Funds raised \$1,000.00

6) Swords

- a) Construct 6 off wooden swords
- b) Funds raised \$100.00

7) Infolink Food Shelves

- a) Construct large wooden shelf for food distribution to cater for the less fortunate people in our community

b) Funds raised \$1,300 .00

8) Cutting Board

- a) Construct large 3D cutting board

b) Funds raised \$200.00

9) Deeca Bird Boxes (Helmeted Honey eaters)

- a) Construct 3 off bird traps.

- b) Construct 3 off twin compartment carry boxes

c) Funds raised \$2,700.00

10) Infolink Seat Modifications.

- a) Modification to Outdoor Seating

b) Funds raised \$250.00

11) Billy Cart for 4th Knox cubs

- a) Construct Billy Cart

b) Funds raised \$250.00

12) Rotating Xmas Tree

- a) Construct Rotating Xmas Tree

b) Funds raised \$450.00

13) And other various projects.



I would particularly like to thank:-

John Thompson, Hughie Gaynor, Bill Orpen and many others who have helped to make this happen.

Andre Cook
Projects Officer
Knox & District Woodworkers Club Inc.



Xmas Toys and Gifts Group

Thanks to the combined steady effort of the men and women of the club's Toy Group, 2025 is heading towards another successful year following the 2024 achievement of 534 toys

This year's current toy total is 361.
This compares favourably with previous years at this stage, 2023-360 and 2024-399.

We are maintaining a healthy number of recipient charities but are always on the lookout for others who may be interested. As a result of the recent Federal election, we appear to have lost one of our main recipients, the previous Federal member for Deakin, Michael Sukkar.



For the program to work, we not only need to maintain a respectable output of toys but we also need people who appreciate and accept our toys. Feedback from the present group of charities is very supportive and appreciative. This feedback ensures that our toy constructors continue to be motivated to perform.

We would appreciate any suggestions for charities who would like to jump on board and join our program.

We would also like to acknowledge Bendigo Bank's contribution in the form of a grant that allows us to buy the timber we use for the toys.

John Wolff
Xmas Toys and
Gifts Group Coordinator



Rocking Horse Group

The "Joe Semenow" Rocking Horse Room is geared for action for any Member keen to build a horse. Templates have been sorted out, manuals are available, as well as Len Elliott videos to see the process of making a horse.

Whether it be a simpler Garrett Horse, or the traditional No. 4 size, help is available to assist Members get going. It can be a 6 month project, or longer if you tinker about.

But there are many Members who have made one, who would be only too keen to inspire you to have a crack at building the ultimate heirloom for the family home.

Come down Friday nights to join in!

Carl Lutz
Rocking Horse Group Coordinator



Woodturning anytime

The club boasts over a dozen lathes ready for use, 9 times a week!

There are many good turners in the club - you need go no further than to look at each year's BE-IN-IT competition to find examples of fine work done, and who does it.

Members interested in woodturning can always approach members with skills, to get a head start on trying their hand at the craft. Almost every session if you wander down to the Woodturning room, you'll find somebody turning about.

So grab a rough blank from the woodstore for a gold coin donation and try copying what they are doing.

Fellow members can demonstrate how to sharpen your chisels to ensure a better quality job. The club has some fine grinding wheels for turning chisels. All that is required is for members to ask for instructions about getting the right angles on their chisels.

Furniture Group

Thursday nights have been quiet since Covid, with a reduction in regular attendees and numbers falling to an average of around 4-5 attending each week.

Members have still been active, with the construction of boxes for storage and transport of some fairly random items being a popular item lately. These have included nesting boxes for ring-tailed possums and budgies, transport cases for fibreglass tanks, and storage boxes for washing powder and other substances.

A common task for woodworkers attending on Thursday evenings has been machining and preparing timber before making larger furniture items at home. This has been due to the items being too large to transport to and from the club.

We have also some regular members turning up to take advantage of the lathes being available on a Thursday, it's always good to see them.

Glenn Manning
Furniture Group Coordinator

Show'n'Tell

Members are always welcome to present some of their handiwork, by way of 'Show'n'Tell' whenever there is a group meeting, like the General Monthly Meetings. It's great to get feedback from fellow Woodies about the technique and style used in a project. Everybody gains from the presentation.

This year the Club has enjoyed some terrific sessions from:

- **Tom Coghlan**, with his segmented bowls, experimenting with 45 degrees, and 30 degrees angled segmentations with cutting boards.

Tom was very generous with sharing his skills, tips and secrets to achieve the best results and finishes using 'chopping board oil' from Bunnings, plus Bee's wax. He also used his own final coating to finish the boards, just ask him for the recipe.



- **Kevin Gilders** gave us a talk on his life activities, how he travels around Australia doing his chain saw statues. Kevin displayed photos on the TV of his many chainsaw sculpture projects, and commissioned jobs done at shows and other events. His statues include famous people, horses, eagles, bunyip, frogs, Indians, Ned Kelly's armour, dragons and musical instruments, plus many more, starting from just a stump or a log.

- **Bill Ireland** had the Members listening intently as he described his trip to UK and France to look into family history, and the many people he ran into, some close to home!
- Some Meetings the discussions turn to non-woodworking matters of interest, and yet woodworking still seems to trickle nicely into the talk. Like, **Phil Dunstan's** trip to WA driving across the Nullarbor. His trip took him to places seeing Gimlet trees, along with Kauri forests in the Margaret River area, Jarrah Forests, and enormous Tingle Trees of many colours. He took tree-top walks, so tall and cantilevered that you can't see the poles holding the platform up! Naturally the trip took in sightseeing of caves and wineries!

Carving Group

Thursday night is carving night a small group rescued from the past. It's an art/craft for the people with patience. It's something that does not appeal to some as it can take quite some time to come up with the goods so to speak. However, there are several ways to enjoy yourself as the craft is divided in several divisions.



We start off with just a knife and some people find it so satisfying they never go any further. This is called witling very often producing gnome like people called caricatures.

Next step up is relief carving and this needs some more tools, called gouges. Now these little blithers can set you back, hurting the hip pocket. But often especially in the beginning you don't need many. Perhaps starting with a set sold by some manufacturers. Make sure you get a set supplied by a quality producer. A cheap set will not satisfy you as the gouge will be blunt in no time hindering your process of development.

Relief carving has several categories like low and deep relief. Also, open relief, is where you carve through to the back giving a very deep impression. Another carving category is three-dimensional carving also called "in the round" carving.

There are several options relating to wood to use. Generally, you want a hard wood (which usually comes from deciduous trees) giving a close grain. Soft woods like pine are not preferred because the grain is too open. Some fruit trees are very good for carving.

Often it is the camaraderie that makes a club successful, so come and find out what our club is like.

Albert Bak
Carving Group Coordinator



Maintenance Team

The members of the maintenance crew are Lindsay Horsley, Dick Web, Rodney Williams, Carl Lutz, Ladislav and our newest member, Jason Price

To all members who have helped during this year,

Bandsaw Rebuild: Rob Chapman, *not a member at the time*, Brian Bracegirdle, Peter Hassett, and Bruce James.

The relocation of the maintenance area behind the Joe Seminow Rocking Horse room, fitting it out with Compactus and benches, relocation of drop-saws and sanders for better access around the room, nice work was done on the grinders and getting them cleaned / straight with grinding sticks all around. Repairs to locking keyways on the new lathe. and general maintenance, reroofing of the toy room, lathe room and phonebook: President Bill Orpen, Vice President Andre *Fingers* Cook, John *Thomo* Thompson, Rodney Williams, Bhupinder Rayat and Hugh Gaynor, I thank you all.

The construction of jigs, Andre *Fingers* Cook Oliver saw sled, nice new zero clearance pad and new backing boards to the Spyda saw, with the help of *Thomo* and a temporary router sled.

The Annual servicing of the Dust extractor and compressor.

The Knox City Council Facilities team, notably Mellissa Grindlay, Mathew Everson and the contractor David Stephenson (DBS) for the new roofs on the workshop

Purchased Equipment

Oscillating sander \$4,000
Jet Lathe \$1,000

Purchased Maintenance items

Circular saw blades
Circular saw blades sharpening
Router Bit Sharpening
Broken bandsaw blades *replacement*
First aid station



Donations of Equipment

Room Dust Filter
Band saw
Portable Carbatec dust collector
Pedestal Drill
2 drop saws

3 Lathes
Compactus
Drag Crosscut saw
2 Metal band saws
large linisher

Repairs of equipment

Carbatec Panel Saw Shaft and pulley re build	\$787
Large Bandsaw <i>Major Rebuild</i>	\$5,000
Dust Extractor <i>Inspection Plates</i>	\$ 130
Air compressor <i>Service & Certification, pressure gauge, and regulator</i>	
Dust Extractor <i>Annual service</i>	
Oliver saw <i>re-direct dust extraction</i>	
Boiling water unit <i>service</i>	
<i>Digital readouts added to the drum sander and thicknesser</i>	
<i>Scroll saw purchased new chuck holders</i>	

Project volunteers

Members who supplied labour	
Brian Bracegirdle	Paint Preparation
Peter Hassett	Painting
Bruce James	Painting
Rod Williams	Electrical
Andre Cook	General Hand Assembly
Lindsay Horsley	Research
John Wood	Supervisor

Large Bandsaw Contractors

Supplier	Details	
Vesper Tools	Wheel Re-rubbering, bearing assembly, complete guide kits	\$3,475.00
Wagma Engineering	Table machining	\$957.00
George White	Brass Billet	\$161.70
Profile plastics	Tuffnol Phenolic plate	\$20.00
Hales Tool and Die	Compression Spring	\$83.88
Being Wholesalers	Thrust Bearing	\$18.41
Wastes Steel	m32 square bar	\$14.81
UMS Transmissions	Drive Belts	\$78.36
AA Engineering Supplies	Tapered pins and tapered reamer	\$118.91
FTG Bolts	various bolts, assembly lubrication	\$20.00
Bunnings	Paint	\$77.00
Mick Frawley	Pin Striping	\$181.00
TOTAL		\$5,106.07

Major expenses

Saw and router sharpening and bandsaw replacement	2429.00
Abrasives	\$1049
Screws fasteners etc	\$76.26



Maintenance Expenses

10/9/24	Wagma table saw shaft	\$385.00
10/9/24	H&f Bandsaw switch	\$92.00
4/10/24	various	\$118.75
16/10/24	compressor regulator	\$181.15
16/10/24	scroll saw blades	\$59.20
23/10/24	Bandsaw Blades & Thicknesses V belts	\$409.66
30/10/24	Saw Blades	\$778.14
2/11/24	scroll saw heads	\$314.40
12/11/24	sandpaper	\$547.32
12/11/24	router bit sharpening	\$692.00
29/11/24	sandpaper	\$166.34
12/12/24	saw sharpening	\$230.05
30/1/25	bandsaw switch	\$82.00
30/1/25	table saw pully	\$385.00
4/2/25	bandsaw blades	\$144.10
8/4/25	saw sharpening	\$70.00
29/5/25	saw v belts	\$78.36
19/6/25	bandsaw blades	\$45.00
30/7/25	saw sharpening	\$63.60
6/8/25	abrasives	\$331.76
		\$5,173.83

John "Bolsa" Wood
Maintenance Team Leader



7. Adoption of Reports

Call for the Reports to be adopted

Moved
Seconded

8. Presentation of Awards at THIS AGM

Bill Gillingham Award recipient: JOHN KORS
was announced on the night of the AGM.
Citation in the MINUTES.

Life Membership Award recipient: LYNETTE HARTLEY
Was announced on the night of the AGM
Citation in the MINUTES.

9. Thankyou to outgoing Committee for their work.

Response to the reports.
Chairperson, Karin Orpen provided comment and congratulations to the Club,
reported in the MINUTES.

10. Appointment of New Committee

Members resigning from Committee

Lindsay Horsley
Jenny Stevens
Harry Deschepper.

Appointment of the new Committee

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|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| - President | Bill Orpen |
| - Vice President / Project Officer | Andre Cook |
| - Treasurer | Phil Dunstan |
| - Secretary | Lynette Hartley |
| - Publicity Officer | tba |
| - Purchasing Officer / Maintenance | John Wood |
| - Maintenance Team | Jason Price |
| - General / Amenities | Tony Deabe |
| - General Committee Members: | John Thomson |
| | Frankie Miller |

11. Closing Comments

12. Invitation to Supper

We welcome all attendees to join us for supper provided.

During Supper, the Members were invited to inspect the newly refurbished Wolfenden Band Saw. Present, was founding Member and former President, Serge Meilak and his wife Sandra. They donated the machine to the Club back in 1993.



We thank the Office of Hon. Kim Wells MP



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