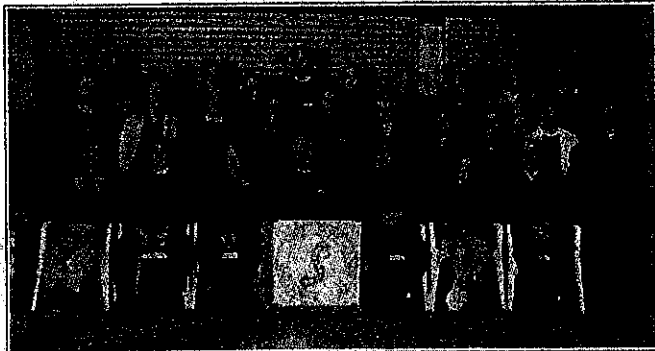


VALE - Noel Dawson - 7/12/32 - 22/6/2020



Noel was a fine Treasurer for the Club in 1992-1994, as well as holding the position of Public Officer for the Club from 1992 thru 2000. The foundation members of the Club since 1988, some still here today, [Serge, John, Sue] will duly remember him and recognise the great Committee work he helped with in those formative years of the KDWC.

Whilst the Club boasts 170 members today and reached a height of 209 a few years back, Noel's time at the Club was at that difficult stage of growing, gaining members, looking for its own premises and all the paperwork that goes along with that effort as a Treasurer, along with external compliance formalities needed.



And so it was, in 1992 when the Club found its permanent home at Glenfern Rd Ferntree Gully, VIC. (pic above in 1992, Noel bottom right). At that time, Noel was living not too far away, in Wantima, and split his time between his passions of woodwork and music, as well as his practical construction projects around the house(s). Noel's prowess at shed construction and caravan re-leveling is another story to have over a beer, and not for recording here! Let's just say, he rehearsed: 'Practice makes Perfect.'

Noel was a very fastidious and accurate man when it came to accounting, something not unexpected from a busy person involved in so many pursuits. If you want a job done - give it to a busy man - that's Noel. And he performed his tasks well. As both a Club and committee member, he always arrived with that well known beaming smile on his face, ready to share a laugh and be a good listener to others with a story to tell. He got on with everyone at every level. I would attribute that to his challenge of satisfying everyone on a crowded dance floor as a band musician! Noel's move to the country was Maryborough's gain at our loss.

My funniest moment and revelation with Noel. A Small world. The Club promoted the idea of members bringing visitors/family along to see what woodworking is all about. 'One meeting, years after I'd got to know Noel, I invited my Dad, Bill. We were sitting up front when the President asks visitors to stand and announce themselves. When Dad stood up, Noel who was up the back yelled out: "Bill - What on earth are you doing here?"'

For years Noel had been playing music with my Dad in their "Knoggers" music Club, and as TOSA members, and meantime Noel was doing woodwork with me, all us unaware of the father-son connection! Dad turned around quite surprised to see his top music mate standing up the back, whilst I scratched my head with the revelation. The outcome was trickier - from then on, I started talking music with Noel, and Dad started talking wood with Noel!

Whilst a very social and outgoing type, with his music, Noel was a humble and responsible, caring person, fondly remembered in his time at the KDWC. The Club extends its condolences to Noel's wife, Carolyn and the extended loving family. Funeral held Monday 1:30PM 29th June at Maryborough, their home town.

R.I.P. From your Woodie Mates at KDWC, Noel.[Gaz]

Gary
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