

# Knoxbrooke Talk

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## From the CEO

*Rad Kilian  
Chief Executive Officer*

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I advise that Mr. Allan Firth has been elected as a new member of the Board.

Allan is presently the Executive Director of the Carpet Institute of Australia and has had more than ten years experience in very senior positions with both the Federal and State public service. Allan therefore brings a further skill to the Board and we wish him a long and rewarding involvement.

I have also been elected back onto the Board.

The first thing on the Board of Management's agenda this year is a reform in their structure and method of operation.

The changes that were put through to our Constitutional Rules at the Annual General Meeting facilitated this.

Certain individual board members will now be allocated to various specific working committees along with the managers of the appropriate division. These working committees will also be able to co-opt other relevant persons with specific expertise as required.

These working committees will be responsible for authorising their budgets, planning strategies, finance, marketing initiatives etc. This should give better governance from the Board and connect the Board better with the real issues of that department. It will also give each division a better and more direct entrée to the Board and allow management to access the various talents available at the Board level.

All of this will result in better, more informed and relevant decision-making and therefore better management. As this evolves I will keep you informed.

## Knoxbrooke Industries

*Lynda Hopkinson  
Manager*



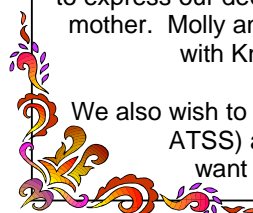
Welcome back. Hope everyone had a good holiday.

Well this year has started just like last year finished... very busy. So everyone is working very hard.

Last year we introduced you to our employees, so this year we would like to introduce you to the staff at Knoxbrooke Industries.

## Condolences

To the family of Molly Bliss and particularly to Adrienne (ATSS) we wish to express our deepest sympathy at the recent passing of your beloved mother. Molly and her deceased husband Gil had a long association with Knoxbrooke working in voluntary capacities.



We also wish to express our deepest sympathy to Dianne (instructor ATSS) at the passing of her beloved father and we want her to know that we are all thinking of her

*Lynda Hopkinson - Manager  
Married to Michael for a very long time – two children, Jayne, the eldest has three children, all boys...Tristan 15, Erich 12 and Hayden 7. Melissa is 22 (mum's baby) and has just finished her training to become a nurse.*

*We have a dog. His name is Bandit. He is a Jack Russell.*

*I have worked at Knoxbrooke Incorporated for 17 years in different areas.*

*My hobbies include watching my grandchildren play sport, playing computer games and reading.*

*I hope you enjoy meeting all our staff at Knoxbrooke Industries over this coming year.*

## Residentials

*Kerryn Ballantyne  
Supervisor*

Hi everyone from all of us at the resi's.....

It has been a rather busy start to the New Year for all of us, with lots of coming and going within the community residential units.

Elaine will be enjoying semi-retirement this year and will be attending the ATSS four days per week, along with Dixon, who enjoys various hobbies and activities on offer.

Residents of The Haven were lucky enough to have a recent visit from the T-Model Ford Club, of which Dixon is an active member. It was a wonderful, sunny day and everyone enjoyed the many cars on display and the friendly personalities of the members. Dixon and I were very fortunate to have a ride to Ferntree Gully National Park in one, which was wonderful...but they don't stop too quickly...so, if you see them on the road, they

like to keep a decent braking distance.

Many of the residents continue to visit family and friends on a regular basis and there always seems to be a few weddings this time of year. Both Linda and Louise attended one of these special occasions recently. Best wishes to both Vicki and Samantha, who have just tied the knot with their respective partners.

We were very shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mrs Mary (Molly) Bliss on February 14<sup>th</sup>. Our deepest sympathy goes to Adrienne, her sisters and their family.....our thoughts are with you.

Also, to James...we wish you well with your future surgery and for a speedy recovery. He is looking forward to the nice hospital food and to being spoilt by all the nurses! Enjoy the rest (can we come too!)

Anyway that is all from the residentials....wishing you all lots of laughter and good health. Cheers!



Dixon admires one of the many cars belonging to the T-Model Ford Club.



Dixon in his element.

## ATSS

*Belinda King  
Manager*

*Jenny Quelch*



We have begun 2005 with a number of changes. Firstly we have a new manager, Belinda King (previously known as Belinda Gorringer), who is currently fulfilling both her new and old position of Assistant Manager, while staffing structures are considered.

Then we are fortunate to have two new fulltime instructors, Anne Langley (previously one of our bus drivers and casual instructor) and Teresa Coyle (also previously a casual instructor) who has assumed the responsibility of Room 7 co-ordinator.



Teresa & Anne

Room 3 is now being used as a permanent program and this has allowed some of our clients to have a change of scenery, moving from rooms 6 and 7 into the room 3 program.

We have also purchased materials to be used by our clients to explore concepts of science in some of their programs.

### New Clients

At the beginning of this year we had eleven new clients start at the ATSS. They are Greg, Erik, Gary, Catherine, James A, Louise, Colin, Agnieszka, Sarah, Bill B and Rohan. We would extend a warm welcome to them

and also their families into our Knoxbrooke Community.

**Client Free Days 2005**

We have scheduled two more 'client free days' that will be held for staff training days.

Our first 'client free day' for 2005 was Monday January 24<sup>th</sup>; the second will be held on Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup> with our staff receiving training in 'Dementia'. The third will be held on Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> for training in the area of 'Duty of Care'.

**Holidays**

Monday March 14<sup>th</sup> is Labour Day public holiday and the ATSS will be closed on this day.

Our first term break (Easter) commences on Thursday March 24<sup>th</sup> until we return on Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Easter Raffle**

Cadbury Schweppes have again been kind enough to donate Easter eggs for our raffle.

Tickets will be 3 for \$2.00 or \$1.00 each and will be sent home shortly. Extra tickets will be available by phoning 9758 3666. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005.

**Mark's Corner**



A man visits his aunt in the nursing home. It turns out that she is taking a nap, so he just sits down in a chair in her room, flips through a few magazines, and munches on some peanuts sitting in a bowl on the table.

Eventually, the aunt wakes up, and her nephew realizes he's absentmindedly finished the entire bowl. "I'm so sorry, auntie, I've eaten all of your peanuts!"

"That's okay, dearie," the aunt replied. "After I've sucked the chocolate off, I don't care for them anyway."

**'Thought for the Month'**

Judge me by my deeds, though they are few, rather than my words, though they are many.  
*Arthur C. Clarke 1917*  
*(English Author – Science Fiction)*

***Congratulations!***

To Paul (ATSS) and his wife Eleanor, children Matthew and Charlotte on the safe arrival of *Angus McGregor Fergus*.

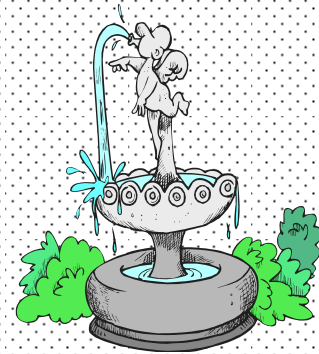
Born Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005. 9lb 12oz.

Mother & son are doing well.



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