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Welcome to the newsletter for February 2023

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** **Committee Meeting** - Thursday 2nd March - 1.00pm in clubroom.  
**General Meeting** - 5th April, 1.00pm in clubroom.  
**Berwick Show**, Akoonah Park, 25th & 26th February  
**Wood Dust 23 Festival** - May 18th - 21st- Meatmarket North Melbourne.  
**Berwick Woodworkers Expo** - 7th to 9th July 2023.  
**Melbourne Timber, Tools & Artisan Show**, Melbourne Show Grounds. August 11 - 13 2023. -

**FUNCTIONS: Club Luncheon at Pink Hill.**

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.



Hi all, I trust you all had a great Christmas and didn't celebrate the new year too hard, the season to be jolly is over so it is back to the grindstone for you lot. Our Back-to-the-Club BBQ was a great success, it was great to involve our partners in a club activity, everybody seemed to enjoy the night. As president it was my very pleasant duty to award **Eric Guthrie** a life membership of the club. Eric is almost a founding member of our club having joined in 1988 and taking part in all club activities since then, at this stage Eric is not in the best of health so on behalf of the club I wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to his presence at the club again.

Another pleasant duty that I had to perform was to award **Don Buchanan** our member of the year award (MOTY), Don has worked tirelessly for the club

over the past year, with attendance at all club functions, assisting in the set up of the markets and then writing a report on each of them as well as his normal secretarial duties which are many, to pinch his phrase definitely **BOG**.

Work on the toys is progressing at a great rate as is members' own projects, good to see, when working on your own projects keep our expo in your thoughts, a display of fresh ideas would be fantastic.

That's about all from me so stay safe and healthy.

**Brian.**



**CLUB INFORMATION:**

**MEETINGS:**

**COMMITTEE**

2nd March

**GENERAL**

5th April

**SPEAKERS ETC**

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**FARMERS' MARKET**

25th February (craft market)

11th March. Farmers Market.

**Committee of Management:**

<b>Contact Details</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>
President	Brian Crowe,	0438 012 155
Vice President	Ross Blackwood	0490 668 515
Secretary	Don Buchanan	0431 313 998 email: bdwwsec@outlook.com
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<b>Committee</b>
Martin Van Diemen 0418 316 867
John McMahon 9796 1097
Ken Whitefield 0402 256 134
Ken D. Barnes 0419 114 738
Len Preece 0408 365 970
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Monthly demonstrations - *Vacant looking for help*  
 Functions Coordinator - *Ken D. Barnes*  
 Newsletter Editor - *Elsie Hoare*  
 Public relations - *Len Preece*  
 OCF Contact group - *Len Preece*  
 Toy Coordinator - *Ken D. Barnes.*  
 Machinery maintenance supervisor. - *Brian Crowe*  
 Health and Safety Coordinator - *All committee members.*  
 Member's welfare coordinator - *Ken Whitefield*  
 Kits for kids coordinator - *Ken Whitefield*  
 Farmers Market Coordinator - *Martin Van Diemen & Don Buchanan*  
 Special interest group coordinators - *To suit group*  
 Librarian - *Simon Robbins*  
 Exhibition and Show - *John McMahon*  
 Gala Day coordinator - *Ken D. Barnes and Len Preece*  
 Screws - *Martin Van Diemen*  
 Paint - *George Young*  
 Timber coordinator - *Martin Van Diemen*  
 Equipment authorisation approved members. - *Len Preece, Brian Crowe, Bill Bradshaw, Ross Blackwood & Don Buchanan.*  
 Mens' Shed coordinator - *Wayne Lucas.*  
 Web/WebMaster - *Jack Croucher.*

**All material for the Club's monthly publication is to be submitted by e-mail [ricels@bigpond.com](mailto:ricels@bigpond.com) by hand, or by phone to the editor by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month: Letters to the editor must be sent to the committee.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Those members wishing to use the workshop on Saturdays other than Farmers' Market Saturdays must make private arrangements with a key-holder. For safety reasons, there must always be two members present in the workshop whenever it is being used.

**Membership Fees:**  
 Individual Joining Fee - \$40.00  
 Single Membership - \$65.00  
 Family Membership - \$100.00  
 No Attendance Fee.  
 Tea & Coffee complimentary.  
 Members can pay either direct at club or by EFT bank transfer to WBC Berwick BSB 033 609, Acct # 41 6074. Please remember to put your surname as a reference.

**Workshops & Meetings:**

<b>Weekly</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Leader</b>
Monday Morning	9.00 am – 2.30 pm	Toys -	Eric Guthrie
Tuesday Morning	9.00 am – 2.30 pm	Toys -	Ross Blackwood
Wednesday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	General -	Bill Bradshaw
Wednesday Evening	4.30 pm - 8.00 pm	General -	Bill Bradshaw
Thursday Morning	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	Fine W/work -	Brian Crowe
Friday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	General -	Len Preece
Saturday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	Farmers' Market supervisors -	Martin Van Diemen and Ken Whitefield or by prior arrangement on other Saturdays.

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Berwick Woodworkers wish to thanks **Gary Maas MP** State Member for Narre Warren South, and his staff for their support in printing this newsletter for us. **8783 6959.**

Berwick Woodworkers also acknowledge with gratitude the generosity of **Ephraim Finch** who has supported the club for many years with donations of top quality timber. Without Ephraim's gifts, the work we do for local underprivileged children would be considerably curtailed.





**GOODBYE BOB.**

Club members were saddened recently to learn of the passing, on December 24th, 2022, of past club member, **Bob McArthur**. A group of those of us who knew Bob, gathered at Bunurong Memorial Park in Dandenong South, to say goodbye to our friend. A fitter and turner by trade, Bob was a fountain of knowledge of the way things work and, having been one of the club's **Go To** members, was always ready with help and advice. Never short of a song and a cheerful smile Bob was much missed when his failing eyesight required him to move from Berwick to a Bayside retirement village to live near friends.

Our condolences and best wishes go to Bob's family and his friends who will miss him.

**FROM THE LIBRARY - By Keith Towe.**

Greeting Members.

We have a wonderful collection of books and DVD/VIDEOS that maybe our new members are unaware of. I have been looking after this collection since well before we moved from our old workshop, and early on, our members used these reference and ideas books quite extensively.

Since before COVID there has been just the occasional sign out of books and DVD's.

There is a great collection from which members can research for ideas, so why not use them.

The suggestion that members may like to try their hand at Intarsia, Boxmaking, etc, by the committee provides a great opportunity to examine the books the club has on these subjects.

**Simon Robbins** is taking over the task of Librarian, and he has initiated the idea of the reading table in front of the Book Collection to allow members to sit and read, sketch and research ideas for their next project. Maybe it is a special Toy for a grandchild, how to make a small Keepsake Box, Scroll- Saw designs, or Building Construction methods. Do use these facilities for your next Projects.

If borrowing books, there are two binders to inspect.

1. Is a complete listing of the Library inventory listing in group order?
2. Is the binder to record your Borrowings and Returns? **PLEASE USE THEM.**

The following is a list of subject matter within the collection.

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Toys and Games                  | Tools and Equipment   |
| Cabinet Making/Small Box Making | Model Making          |
| Woodturning                     | Building Construction |
| Trees and Timber                | Miscellaneous         |
| Carving                         | DVD /VIDEO's          |
| Scroll Saw and Bandsaws         |                       |

**BERWICK WOODWORKERS EXPO - 2023**

The time has come to think about what you would like to do for this year's Exhibition. We are reminded that this is not a competition but a showcase of the type of thing that we like to do as members of the club - from the simple to the intricate - all entries are welcome.

An opportunity exists for those who would like to have some input in running the exhibition. Some of the sub-committee members are stepping back this year, so new members are sought. If you would like to lend a hand with organising the show would you please get in touch with John McMahon - 9796 1097, who will be pleased to hear from you. The first sub-committee meeting is due to take place on 8th March. As the meetings are held monthly, that means there will be only 4 meetings before the big event.

**AMMENDMENT TO MINNIMUM OCCUPATION REGULATION:**

In the past we have had a regulation stating that there must be no fewer than **two members** working at the club but after due consideration that number has been changed to **three**. This has been decided to allow, in the case of an accident, for one member to help the injured person while the other member phones for help.

**A First-Aid course** is to be arranged to enable interested members to refresh their knowledge of emergency procedure.

Further to **Lauraine McDonald's** collection of 'snapshots' of well known club members, here is the result of her latest interview with **Brian Crowe**, Club President.



***Brian Crowe: Master tradie, tank driver and dishwasher - By Lauraine McDonald***

Brian Crowe is quick to point out that his surname is spelt the same way as the famous actor Russel Crowe, but we all know that's perhaps where the similarities end, not that we should tell him that.

As the president of the Berwick Woodworker's club and with licenses to drive a car, truck, boat, and even a Leopard Tank, there is nothing that can stand in Brian's way. The son of a metal polisher, born in Moorabbin as the second child of six children, Brian (now 74) first left home after getting married to his first wife at age 20.

After 12 years, two children and a divorce, he met and married his second wife, the beautiful **Marilyn**, to whom he is still married to today after nearly 40 years, despite the many other marriage proposals she receives from club members after they devour the cakes she sends in with Brian every Tuesday.

Brian was an electrical fitter by trade, but his career had a few twists and turns before he eventually set up his own company, Advanced Hot Water, which he successfully ran for 15 years before selling it to a long-term employee and retiring.

One of those twists saw Brian working for the Department of Defence, where as a public servant he was "unsackable."

This level of job security harboured an "enjoyable" work environment, according to Brian. As a natural sportsman and obviously competent at his job, having won Apprentice of the Year in the last year of his apprenticeship, Brian was invited to umpire the Department's cricket team.

This additional responsibility required him to report for duty on the cricket field every Wednesday.

Cricket obviously held a high priority in the Department of Defence major repair workshop, where he worked, because during important test matches, usually on a Friday, Brian and his cricket team would stand in a circle, under the TV in the kitchen, while they washed and dried every dish in the cupboard. And if the dishes ran out before the match, they would wash and dry them all over again. Even the Colonel joined them one day.

Another one of Brian's tasks was to improve the accuracy of the Leopard Tank's weapons. When he joined the Department, a tank could hit a door from 2 km away. When he left, thanks to his input, it had the ability to hit the doorknob from 2km away. As a result, he is one of the few civilians in Australia to have a license to drive a Leopard tank.

Brian and Marilyn now have 9 grandchildren and one great-grandchild between them. They claim that between their regular international travel and annual trips to Port Douglas and Palm Cove, neither of them have time to work these days. But we all know that Brian will always find a way to keep busy, whether it's umpiring cricket matches, driving tanks, or doing the dishes.

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**BIRTHDAY WISHES TO GEORGE YOUNG.**

Club members recently took the opportunity to celebrate the 94th birthday of popular, long serving club member **George Young** and to share his birthday cake.

George has been out of action for the past couple of weeks following a medical procedure which has prohibited him from driving his car but he is recovering nicely. We are looking forward to seeing you back at the club, George.

*Best Wishes* to those other members who are on the out-of-action list at the moment. We hope it won't be long before you are in top form again.  
And to those who are caring for a sick family member we send our best wishes also.



**NEW MEMBERS:** There are no new members to report this month but it's great to see those who have joined us in recent months settling in so well.

**PLANER-JOINERS** Be sure you have the Mentor or Session Leader's approval to operate the machine. Before turning on the machine, make adjustments for depth of cut and position of fence.

Do not adjust out-feed tables or remove guard without the Mentor or Session Leader's approval.

The maximum cut for jointing an edge is 3 mm (1/8 in.); OR, for a flat surface 1.5 mm (1/16in.).

Stock must be at least 9 mm (3/8 in.) thick, unless a special feather board is used.

Feed the work so the cutters (knives) will cut "with the grain." Use only new seasoned stock that is free of knots, splits, and checks.

Keep your hands away from the cutter-head even though the guard is in.

Position. Maintain at least a 100 mm (4 in) margin of safety.

Use a push block when planing a flat surface. Do not plane end grain unless the board is at least 300 mm (12 in.) wide.

The planer/jointer cutters/knives must be sharp. Dull cutters/knives will vibrate the stock and may cause a kickback.



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### **CLUB WORKING BEE 14TH DECEMBER.**

A marvellous roll-up of members made short work of the jobs needed to smarten up the club premises. With everything ship-shape, members were able to enjoy a sausage sizzle for lunch.

**Thanks Peter Angwin** for the photo.

For those of us who like to keep our WIP's (works in progress) at the club, we have been asked to put our name on our storage crates to enable us to know who belongs to what.



### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION:**

Due to his ill health, **Eric Guthrie** was unable to attend the clubs Welcome Back BBQ and was presented with the certificate at left, when Club President **Brian Crowe** & Secretary **Don Buchanan** visited him at his home. While they were there they had a

chance to admire some of the furniture that Eric has made over the years. An example of Eric's talent is the turned rocking chair pictured here.





**WELCOME BACK BBQ.** This is always a pleasant event. A chance for members to relax and catch up with the partners of club members. It was also a chance for Club President **Brian Crowe** to present a very surprised **Don Buchanan** - Club Secretary, with the **MOTY (Member of The Year)** award in recognition of the time and effort he has put into the club over the past year. Congratulations, Don - a well deserved award. Picture on the front page of this newsletter.

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**ON A PERSONAL NOTE.**

**A new career for Richard?**

As this craft that we love can sometimes be a little messy, club members are usually decked out in a variety of hardy garments, ranging from old shirts to pyjama jackets. **Richard Gething** has found this old dust coat most useful. The logo on the pocket made **Chris Drysdale** wonder if Richard might make a candidate for a new career, if the return of the **SEC** becomes a reality.



**A family Talent:**

**Brian Crowe** was more than a little bit proud as he showed me

this photo of his 3 granddaughters decorating some gingerbread-men they had baked. Brian was also delighted to point out to me that the girls are not glued to their telephones and have obviously inherited **Marilyn Crowe's** love of baking. I can imagine that the kitchen must have smelled pretty good that day.

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**Wood Dust 23- May 18th - 21st- Meatmarket North Melbourne.** As mentioned in the Dates to Remember.

Wood Dust 23 is a multi-faceted four-day woodworking festival that will stimulate all your woodworking senses. Check out the Masterclasses presented by leading International and Australian craftspeople. A Timber and Tool Marketplace with all your favourite woodworking brands. An Insiders Dinner, an Evening Yarn, and other unique opportunities to meet fellow woodworkers. You don't have to go to everything - just go to what you want. Come to Wood Dust 23 and embrace the experience.

**SHOW & TELL:**

February General Meeting.

**Chris Drysdale** showed us this ornate steam punk pen. An interesting feature is the clip, which when raised, propels the ball point into working position.



**John McMahon** resurrected a piece of old and battered elm to make the bowl below.

The wood was in very poor condition, being spongy and cracked. Stabilised with super glue, coffee grounds and black epoxy filling John was able to work on it but he tells me that it took way longer to finish the bowl than it did to make it. The natural edge bowl next to it is made from spalted maple. The vase is also by John, made from a red-gum fence post.



Apart from his talent with wood art, **Keith Towe** is also known for his blacksmithing. The sign at left shows an ordinary commercially manufactured 4 inch (10cm) nail. The nail below was made by Keith, from scratch.



**Simon King** has taken the modern trend for 'recycling' and 'downsizing' to a practical level with his side table. With the King family's move to smaller premises, the table that Simon made some time ago was too big so rather than consign it to hard rubbish, Simon cut it down to a more acceptable size. Simon found the table top too attractive to throw away but is not really sure what the wood is though he thinks it may be walnut.

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**Berwick District Woodworkers Club General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

**Meeting Commenced**

Meeting started at 1.05pm

**Welcome to Members.**

**Apologies** — Ken Barnes, Brian Crowe, Kay Zimmerman, Martin Van Diemen, Keith Towe, Andre Fonceca, George Young, Simon Robbins, Peter Angwin, Jack and Jon Croucher.

**Minutes of last monthly meeting.** — 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

**Motion to accept minutes.**

Proposed – Alexander Drysdale, Seconded – Ron Bolton, Accepted -Unanimously.

**Business arising from previous meeting.**

- Nil

**Correspondence.**

- VMSA newsletter
- Thankyou from Windermere for the Gala Day function and their toy donations received.
- Email received from Brenda Spargo re a piece of Blackwood she was selling. Email sent out to members.
- Email from Paul Perrone selling some furniture. Email sent out to members.
- Deb Tidey enquiry email re: Women in Workshops. More details required. **Item for General Business.**
- City of Casey newsletter “Catch Up”.
- From Kellie Bertrand (DFFH Vic) an assistance package to be referenced when applying for Government grants.
- Email from Simon Robbins proposing a Hand Tools Day. **Item for General Business.**
- Wonthaggi Wood Crafters wanting to visit our club. Has been arranged for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at around 2.00pm.
- Susan Edwards – Australian Catholic Uni wants the club to assist in making wooden computer toys. Peter Ball to seek further information **Item for General Business.**
- VMSA “Heads of Sheds” Cluster Muster at Leongatha Mens Shed on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 10.00am. **Passed on to Wayne Lucas.**
- Altona Wood Workers newsletter.
- City of Casey Multicultural Festival at Casey Fields on Sunday 23 April 2023. **Item for General Business**

- Provenance Artists – Great Art Show at the Edrington homestead on 24 to 26 March 2023. **Item for General Business.**

Proposed - Chris Drysdale, Seconded – Ian Deans, Accepted -Unanimously.

**Presidents Report.**

- From Ross Blackwood as Brian Crowe is away.
- Expo coming up. Hopefully corresponding with the Casey Winter Festival.
- Berwick Show coming up on Saturday and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February.
- The safe use of the docking saw. If you are cutting multiple items of the same length, a stop should be used. The stop should be positioned on the left of the cutting blade. This allow for the work to be secured by the left hand. This prevents the work being cut from potentially flying off or getting caught up by the returning blade. It also makes the cut square.
- A working bee will be organised for the near future. To open the aircraft hangar store, we have at Federation Uni and inspect the timber being stored there. To sort through it and possibly bring some back to the club. Further details coming.
- Categories – Wood crafts are being finalised. Sessions to be organised shortly. Dovetailing sessions are going well.
- Eric Guthrie is still recovering from his operation. An appropriate time to visit him and present him with his Life Member Certificate is yet to be confirmed. Now he has a lot of appointments.
- George Young has had his pacemaker batteries replaced. This procedure involves a delicate operation. George will be back to the club soon.

**Motion to accept the President’s report.**

Proposed — Ken Whitefield, Seconded — Simon King, Accepted —Unanimously

**Treasurer’s report.**

The club’s account balances as at close of business on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023 were provided to the meeting. Our overall financial position is strong with adequate liquid funds available to meet our needs.

The club’s term deposit with Westpac will mature in March. A decision will be made on how to reinvest these funds in light of the higher savings rates now being offered.



The package of information provided by Kellie Bertrand of DFFH Vic (see “Correspondence”) has provided guidance on what we need to do to improve our “grant readiness”. This will include developing a 5-year strategic plan for the club and implementing a formal budgeting process.

An application is being made to Consumer Affairs Victoria for a new Licence to Fundraise. We had a licence in the past, but it expired during the covid lockdowns. Now that the Saturday markets are back into full swing, we need to obtain a new licence to be compliant.

Our club was granted Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status back in 2011. This means that donations can be treated as tax deductible by donors. However, changes to the law mean that, in order to retain our DGR status, we now need to become a registered charity. We already meet the requirements under the Charities Act 2013, so we can accomplish this without having to change the way we operate, apart from improving our records keeping and annual reporting. However, these improvements are in line with good practice and the club will benefit from meeting these higher standards regardless of whether we register as a charity. An application for an extension of time to lodge our registration has been requested. Once we know where we stand in relation to that, we will be able to proceed.

#### **Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report.**

Proposed - Ron Bolton, Seconded – John Mc Mahon, Accepted - Unanimously

#### **Expo**

- John Mc Mahon addressed the meeting. Telling members that the Expo dates have been set. That being Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> July. Members wishing to exhibit their items at the Expo should be considering to start working on them now. A stall for sales will also be arranged. More information will be sent out closer to the dates.
- John is seeking members interested in being on the sub-committee to assist in the organisation of the Expo. Those interested please let John know. The first meeting of the sub- committee will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30 at the club.
- The format of the Expo will be basically the same as last year but with some improvements.
- **Markets.**
- Farmers market next Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February.
- Craft Market Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Functions and Important dates**

- Berwick Show – Saturday and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Toys**

- The toy storage issue is yet to be solved. OCF Management and staff are having a meeting and will discuss this issue and will let us know of their proposal in due course.

#### **Newsletter.**










- February issue out soon. At the moment, Elsie has enough material for her newsletters.

#### **General Business.**

- A Code of Conduct has been tabled and read to the members. This has been written as part of our club’s portfolio. Some amendments to be made as raised by some members.
- Berwick show for 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February. Clipboards in club tearoom. Please register your interest in helping – Day and Times. Clashes with Craft market day on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The trailer needs to be packed for the show the week before. Help required to do this please. Ross Blackwood and Don Buchanan visited the site last Friday and spoke to 2 of the organisers (Ann & Margaret). We saw the site. It was a previous site for us. We are going to see on the Saturday if the trailer can be left with us at the site. This will make the job of unpacking and packing up a whole lot easier. More details coming.
- Feedback from our charities. An afternoon meeting to be arranged by Ken Barnes. Date being Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Time to be announced.
- Proposal from Simon Robbins to hold Hand Tools Day perhaps on Sundays. No dust extraction system needs to be working. Might suit other wood working categories also. After discussion a weekday would more likely suit interested members. More planning to be done.
- An enquiry from Susan Edwards from the Australian Catholic Uni wanting the club to design and make computer/internet toys for kids to learn on. Peter Ball to follow up. After discussion Rick Hoare, Chris Drysdale and Ron Bolton expressed interest in participating in this project. A meeting has been arranged for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am. Members have been notified.
- Dates for our calendar to be finalised – thanks to Ross Blackwood.
- First Aid Training dates are coming. Dates to be advised soon. A tentative date has been set for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm.

- Wheel production for assorted toys. We need to set up a coordinated way of producing wheels. To reduce time in producing and making less waste. There is a stack of already produced wheels in crates in the workshop. Can some members use these wheels? The wheels have been placed in crates and are currently being stored under the workbench in the workshop if required.
  - Wood working categories for discussion. Dovetailing/box making sessions have already started.
  - The club is in discussion with OCF (Kristy) to offer woodworking sessions with school children during school holiday events at the OCF. Volunteers need to have Working with Children checks. Any interest from members? A few members expressed interest. More details coming of future events that we may be able to get involved.
  - City of Casey Multicultural Festival at Casey Fields on Sunday 23 April 2023. No real interest in attending?
  - Provenance Artists – Great Art Show at the Edrington homestead on 24 to 26 March 2023. Any interest? Some members may wish to exhibit independently.
  - We are looking for a supplier of 6mm plywood for some toys. We now have an adequate supply of ply thanks to Lance Baker for approaching the supplier. And to both Lance and Martin for picking it up. And a thank you to all the members who unloaded it that morning.
  - Jillian Drysdale (Alexander’s wife) wants 2 cupboards in their caravan to be converted into drawers. Can anyone assist with this project please. It needs to be completed by 18<sup>th</sup> February. The drawers can’t be installed as there are gas and water lines at the back where the draws would go.
  - If members have any old wood working tools, they wish to get rid of. You can bring them to the club. Elsie and Rick will collect them and pass them on to a couple (Adrian and Barbara) who pack them up and send them on to needy countries.
  - From now on the Committee is requiring that a minimum of 3 members must be at the club. Not necessarily all working in the workshop. This is to improve the safety of our members while at the club. In the case of an accident - one to provide first aid to the injured member, while the other can get help/phone 000 and provide further assistance if necessary.
  - From time to time items are not brought back to the “Special Tools’ cupboard once they are used. If members use any tools or drills or foresener bits from this cupboard, could you please return them, so other members can use them.
  - The photocopier that has been sitting in the club room gathering dust has now been used to print our newly revised club promotional brochure. Thanks to Ross and to Wayne and Cindy for their work on the brochure itself.
  - Chris Drysdale is encouraging members bring along items they have made for the “Show and Tell” segment at the General meetings.
  - We encourage as many members as we can to come to the General meetings. These are an opportunity for members to hear about - what is happening at the club, future planned events, how we are going financially and much more. It is also an opportunity to voice your own ideas and make comment if needs be. So please make the effort to come along and see what your club is doing for you.
  - Deb Tidey enquiry email re: Women in Workshops. Don spoke at length with Deb Tidey. This enquiry was discussed at the Committee meeting. It was decided that only members can work in the club workshop. The insurance cover being the main issue. Deb is open to more discussion on how the “Women in Workshop” idea can be introduced into our club. A meeting has been arranged for the morning of Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March to discuss it further.
- Show and Tell items on display.**
- Thank you to those members who brought in items for the Show and Tell.
  - Details of the exhibited items will be published in the newsletter.
- Our raffle**
- The \$20 door prize was won by- Ian Deans. Congrats Ian!
- New members**
- Spencer Keylock and his son Quade, Drew McKay.
- Meeting closed**—2.55pm
- Next Meeting**
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Confirmed

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Sun 1					
Mon 2				Mon 1	
Tue 3				Tue 2	
Wed 4	Wed 1	Wed 1		Wed 3	
Thu 5	Thu 2 1:00pm	Thu 2 1:00pm		Thu 4 1:00pm	Thu 1 1:00pm
Fri 6	Fri 3	Fri 3		Fri 5	Fri 2
Sat 7	Sat 4	Sat 4	Sat 1	Sat 6	Sat 3
Sun 8	Sun 5	Sun 5	Sun 2	Sun 7	Sun 4
Mon 9	Mon 6	Mon 6	Mon 3	Mon 8	Mon 5
Tue 10	Tue 7	Tue 7	Tue 4	Tue 9	Tue 6
Wed 11 Kids Day	Wed 8 1:00pm	Wed 8	Wed 5 1:00pm	Wed 10	Wed 7 1:00pm
Thu 12	Thu 9	Thu 9	Thu 6	Thu 11	Thu 8
Fri 13	Fri 10	Fri 10	Fri 7	Fri 12	Fri 9
Sat 14	Sat 11	Sat 11	Sat 8	Sat 13	Sat 10
Sun 15	Sun 12	Sun 12	Sun 9	Sun 14	Sun 11
Mon 16	Mon 13	Mon 13	Mon 10	Mon 15	Mon 12
Tue 17 Welcome back BBQ	Tue 14	Tue 14	Tue 11	Tue 16	Tue 13
Wed 18	Wed 15	Wed 15	Wed 12	Wed 17	Wed 14
Thu 19	Thu 16	Thu 16	Thu 13 Lunch @ Pink Hill	Thu 18	Thu 15
Fri 20	Fri 17	Fri 17	Fri 14	Fri 19	Fri 16
Sat 21	Sat 18	Sat 18 Casey Kids Carnival Pakenham Show	Sat 15	Sat 20	Sat 17
Sun 22	Sun 19	Sun 19	Sun 16	Sun 21	Sun 18
Mon 23	Mon 20	Mon 20	Mon 17	Mon 22	Mon 19
Tue 24	Tue 21	Tue 21	Tue 18	Tue 23	Tue 20
Wed 25	Wed 22	Wed 22	Wed 19 Teddy Bears Picnic	Wed 24	Wed 21
Thu 26	Thu 23	Thu 23	Thu 20	Thu 25	Thu 22
Fri 27	Fri 24	Fri 24	Fri 21	Fri 26	Fri 23
Sat 28	Sat 25 Berwick Show	Sat 25	Sat 22	Sat 27	Sat 24
Sun 29	Sun 26	Sun 26	Sun 23	Sun 28	Sun 25
Mon 30	Mon 27	Mon 27	Mon 24	Mon 29	Mon 26
Tue 31	Tue 28	Tue 28	Tue 25	Tue 30	Tue 27
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			Sat 29		
			Sun 30		

Com Meeting		General Meeting		Farmers market	
Expo		BBQ Lunch		Craft Market	
Veolia Waste Bin		Functions		End of Year dinner & Gala day setup	

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
			Sun 1		
			Mon 2		
	Tue 1		Tue 3		
	Wed 2		Wed 4	Wed 1	
	Thu 3 1:00pm		Thu 5 1:00pm	Thu 2 1:00pm	
	Fri 4	Fri 1	Fri 6	Fri 3	Fri 1
Sat 1	Sat 5	Sat 2	Sat 7	Sat 4	Sat 2
Sun 2	Sun 6	Sun 3	Sun 8	Sun 5	Sun 3
Mon 3	Mon 7	Mon 4	Mon 9	Mon 6	Mon 4
Tue 4	Tue 8	Tue 5	Tue 10	Tue 7	Tue 5
Wed 5	Wed 9 AGM 1:00pm	Wed 6	Wed 11 1:00pm	Wed 8	Wed 6 1:00pm
Thu 6 1:00pm	Thu 10	Thu 7 1:00pm	Thu 12	Thu 9	Thu 7
Fri 7 EXPO	Fri 11	Fri 8	Fri 13	Fri 10	Fri 8
Sat 8 EXPO	Sat 12	Sat 9	Sat 14	Sat 11	Sat 9
Sun 9 EXPO	Sun 13	Sun 10	Sun 15	Sun 12	Sun 10
Mon 10	Mon 14	Mon 11	Mon 16	Mon 13	Mon 11
Tue 11	Tue 15	Tue 12	Tue 17	Tue 14	Tue 12
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Fri 21	Fri 25	Fri 22	Fri 27	Fri 24	Fri 22
Sat 22	Sat 26	Sat 23	Sat 28	Sat 25 GD Setup & Dinner	Sat 23
Sun 23	Sun 27	Sun 24	Sun 29	Sun 26 Gala Day	Sun 24
Mon 24	Mon 28	Mon 25	Mon 30	Mon 27 Toy Pick Up	Mon 25
Tue 25	Tue 29	Tue 26	Tue 31	Tue 28	Tue 26
Wed 26	Wed 30	Wed 27		Wed 29	Wed 27
Thu 27	Thu 31	Thu 28		Thu 30 1:00pm	Thu 28
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Mon 31					

**Next time you find yourself standing in front of the open door of your refrigerator and wondering why you are there, take heart, Ross Blackwood has submitted this encouraging article.**

**IF YOU THINK YOU ARE SUFFERING MEMORY LOSS.** .....Anosognosia, very interesting...  
In the following analysis the French Professor Bruno Dubois, Director of the Institute of Memory and Alzheimer's Disease (IMMA) at La Pitié-Salpêtrière - Paris Hospitals, addresses the subject in a rather reassuring way:

"If anyone is aware of their memory problems, they do not have Alzheimer's."

1. forget the names of families.
2. do not remember where I put some things .

It often happens in people 60 years and older that they complain that they lack memory.  
"The information is always in the brain, it is the "processor" that is lacking."  
This is "Anosognosia" or temporary forgetfulness.

Half of people 60 and older have some symptoms that are due to age rather than disease.  
The most common cases are:

- forgetting the name of a person,
- going to a room in the house and not remembering why we were going there,
- a blank memory for a movie title or actor, an actress,
- a waste of time searching where we left our glasses or keys ..

After 60 years most people have such a difficulty, which indicates that it is not a disease but rather a characteristic due to the passage of years.

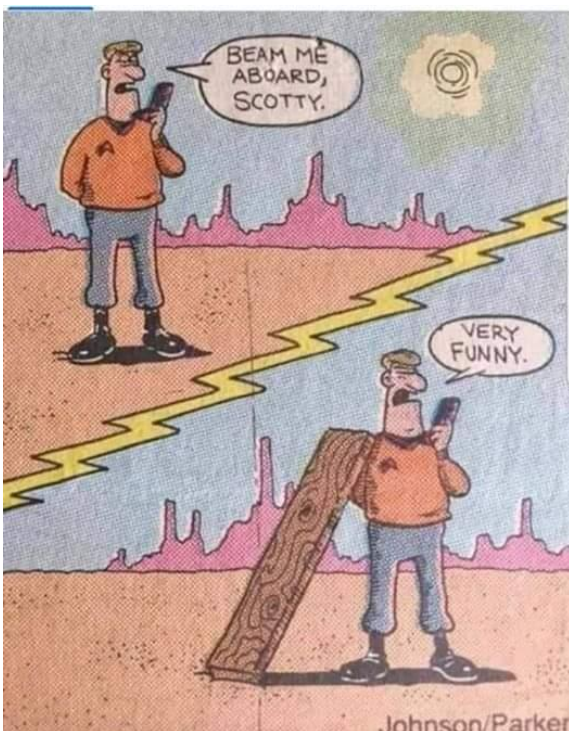
Many people are concerned about these oversights hence the importance of the following statements:

1. "Those who are conscious of being forgetful have no serious problem of memory."
2. "Those who suffer from a memory illness or Alzheimer's, are not aware of what is happening."

Professor Bruno Dubois, Director of IMMA, reassures the majority of people concerned about their oversights:

"The more we complain about memory loss, the less likely we are to suffer from memory sickness."

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**FROM THE MINISTRY OF MIRTH** (Michael Berry to you and me.)

Just failed by driving test. When the examiner asked me "What sign would you expect to see down a narrow country road?" Apparently 'Fresh eggs for sale' wasn't the answer.

The longest drum solo was 10 hours and 26 minutes and was performed by the child sitting behind me on Delta flight 963 from LA to Tokyo.

A guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge (still working), he put it in his front yard and hung a Sign on it saying: 'Free. You want it, you take it.' For three days the fridge sat there without anyone looking twice. He eventually decided that people were too mistrustful of this deal. So he changed the sign to read: 'Fridge for sale \$50.' The next day someone stole it!

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That's about it for now. Until next time keep well and safe..