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Welcome to the newsletter for April 2023

- DATES TO REMEMBER:** Committee Meeting 4th May - 1.00pm in clubroom.
- General Meeting 7th June - 1.00pm in clubroom.
- Wood Dust 23 Festival** - May 18th - 21st- Meat Market North Melbourne.
- Berwick Woodworkers Expo** - 7th to 9th July 2023.
- Melbourne Timber, Tools & Artisan Show**, Melbourne Show Grounds. August 11 - 13 2023. -

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.**



Hi All, the year is moving along at a great rate of knots, they say time flies when you are having fun, we must all be having a ball. It has come to my attention that there are several members who are not well, I wish them all a speedy recovery, members health and wellbeing are of the utmost importance to the club and families. One in particular is Don, who contracted covid, this is a timely reminder that covid is still around and we should all be vigilant to reduce catching the virus. A great afternoon was had by members who attended our club lunch at the Pink Hill hotel, the venue, food and service was excellent, one to watch for the future. The club is involved in many community type activities at the moment, it is great to see as it enhances our reputation for service to the Berwick district community. That's about all from me, take care and stay healthy.  
**Brian.**

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**PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE.**

It's been a while since members have been given the chance to take on the President's Challenge. Here is this year's puzzle - two blocks of wood and a handful of dowelling. The challenge, as usual, is to turn these oddments into something recognisable. In the past we have had some clever creations and I'm told some of our members have already completed their entry. Additional wood may be added but the challenge is to use all the pieces supplied. Entries must be finished in time to display them in the club's Woodworking Expo in July.



**CLUB INFORMATION:**

**MEETINGS:**

**COMMITTEE**

4th May

**GENERAL**

7th June

**SPEAKERS ETC**

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**FARMERS' MARKET**

13th May Farmers market

27th May Craft Market.

**Committee of Management:**

<i>Contact Details</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
President	Brian Crowe,	0438 012 155
Vice President	Ross Blackwood	0490 668 515
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**Committee**

John McMahon 9796 1097  
 Ken Whitefield 0402 256 134  
 Ken D. Barnes 0419 114 738  
 Peter Angwin 0400 221 581  
 Simon King – 0477 831 318  
 Ron Bolton – 0413 152 391

Monthly demonstrations - *Vacant looking for help*  
 Functions Coordinator - *Ken D. Barnes*  
 Newsletter Editor – *Elsie Hoare*  
 Public relations – *Don Buchanan*  
 OCF Contact group – *Brian Crowe & Don Buchanan*  
 Toy Coordinator – *Ken D. Barnes.*  
 Machinery maintenance Coordinator. - *Ross Blackwood*  
 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, Brian Crowe & Don Buchanan*  
 Screws – *Martin Van Diemen*  
 Paint – *George Young*  
 Timber coordinator – *Martin Van Diemen*  
 Equipment authorisation approved members. - *Brian Crowe, Bill Bradshaw, Ross Blackwood, Simon King & Don Buchanan.*  
 Mens' Shed coordinator - *Wayne Lucas.*  
 Web/WebMaster - *Ron Bolton*

**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 **three** 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>Leader/Key Holder.</b>
Monday Morning	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	- yet to be filled.
Tuesday Morning	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	- Michael Berry
Wednesday	9.00 am - All day	- Bill Bradshaw
Wednesday Evening	4.30 pm - 8.00 pm	- Bill Bradshaw
Thursday Morning	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	- Brian Crowe
Friday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	- Ron Bolton
Saturday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	Farmers & Craft Market supervisors - <b>Martin Van Diemen and Don Buchanan</b> 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.



**SOCIALLY SPEAKING:**

As Brian has already mentioned, the club's luncheon at the Pink Hill hotel was a pleasant event.

**Peter Angwin** sent these photos to me. From left around the table are **Ken Whitefield, Wayne Lucas** (standing), **Anne Whitefield, Marilyn Crowe** with **Brian Crowe** standing, **Lynne & Peter Angwin & Ron Bolton**. Across the table are **Christine & Simon King, Geoff Wyle** and **Janet Wylie** (hidden), **Elise & Ken Barnes**.

Below from front left around the table are **Michael & Angie Berry, Andre & Rebecca Fonceca, Pat & John Ostroff. George Young** at the far end then **Bill Bradshaw**, Next to Bill are **Dianne & Richard Gething, John Damon, John & Rosie McMahon** and **Sue & Pat Mahoney**.

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**WOODIES MORNING COFFEE GET TOGETHER:**


On their way to visit **Joyce Croucher** who is now living at Melville Grange, **Jack & Jon**

**Croucher** stopped in to say hello to **Pat & Sue Mahoney** who live nearby. It happens that **Eric Guthrie** is their close neighbour and when **Michael Berry** stopped in on his way back from the club it was a perfect time for a cup of coffee. For Eric & Jack, both long serving members, it was a good time for a catch-up as neither have been able to get to the club for some considerable time due to health issues. That's Eric, far left, then Jack, Pat, Michael & Jon.



*Best Wishes.*

To those of our members who are unwell at present we wish you a speedy recovery. You are missed and we hope to see you again soon.





**WEATHER CHALLENGE.** No prizes for guessing who is the club member cocooned in this cold weather gear - it's **George Young**, sensibly clad on what was one of the coldest Farmers Market days we've had since we began. **Pat Mahoney** snapped the photo as George manned one of the entry gates at our April Farmers Market.

**A DIFFERENT CHALLENGE:** I snapped this photo of **Geoff Wiley** at the spindle sander where he is sanding an intricate piece for a model he is making. As it is a secret gift for someone special I must keep the secret but I look forward to showing the finished article to you in a later issue.



**BILL'S CHALLENGE.** No secret here, **Bill Bradshaw** has finished restoring the vintage horse on which he has been working for the past month. As a special request, Bill has not applied either a main or stirrups as the horse's owner wanted the horse to look just as her Grandad had made it. Nice job, Bill.



**FACEBOOK FIND:** Checking the club's Facebook page recently I found the following photos posted by club member **Paul Ryan**. Paul has been keeping a low profile, since Covid 19 reared its nasty head, not wishing to risk taking the virus home to his wife Ann who has health

issues. Paul showed us the lidded container at right, the toy cars, bowl, pens and bird house below and says, "*Finally getting back to play in my wood shed, some ordinary things and some not too bad.*"



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Paul tells the hair raising story of his near accident when turning the bowl at right, an example of why safety gear is such a good idea. " *Was working on this until it decided to come apart and hit me on the head, fortunately I was wearing a Trend safety helmet so no damage apart from the noise as it rattled around the shed!*"



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### ROUTER TABLE

Whenever possible, install the cutter so the bottom of the stock is shaped. In this way the stock will cover most of the cutter and act as a guard. Make sure the cutter is locked securely to the spindle. Always position the left fence so that it will support the work that has passed the cutters. Adjust the spindle for correct height and then lock in position. Rotate the spindle by hand to make sure it clears all guards, fences, etc. Check the direction of rotation by snapping the switch on and off; watch as the cutters come to rest. **ALWAYS FEED AGAINST THE CUTTING EDGE; THAT IS, FEED THE WORK IN TO THE CUTTERS IN THE DIRECTION OPPOSITE TO CUTTER ROTATION.** Some shapers have a reversing switch so that the spindle can be rotated either clockwise or counter clockwise. Examine the stock carefully before cutting to make sure it is free of defects. Never cut through a loose knot or stock that is cracked or split. Hold the stock down and against the fence with the hands on top of the material, yet out of range of the cutters. Use all guards, jigs, and clamping devices whenever possible. Always use a depth collar when shaping irregular work. Put a guide pin in the table to start the cutting. Do not set spring hold-down clips too tightly against the work. Use just enough tension to hold the work against the fence.



### APRIL SHOW & TELL:

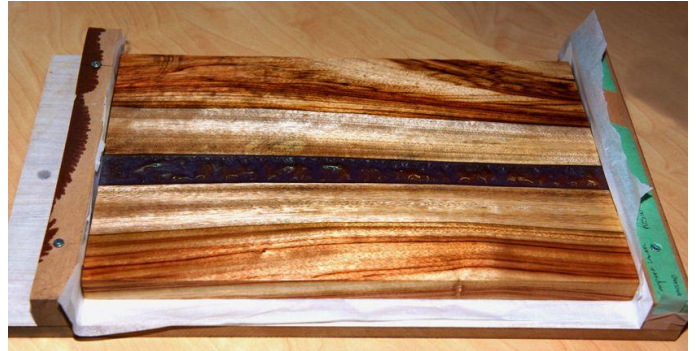
**Phil Willems** has donated his carved sculpture, titled *Lovers*, as a raffle prize for the club's coming Expo. The wood is pine. Phil also showed us the 'wave' jewellery box below, which he made from kauri. The Dutch clog, also by Phil, is a wishing well which Phil made for his daughter's wedding. Guests can make a cash gift to the couple, inserting it in the slot provided.





**Ron Bolton** showed us the cot he has made for his granddaughter. The wood is pine which Ron has dyed with food dye.

Ron also showed us the cheese board that **Leah Bolton** has made from a kit. The wood is camphor laurel, finished with epoxy.



**Simon Robbins** made the small bowl at left from an unknown burl. That's a five cent piece beside the bowl to give you an idea of the bowl's size.

**John McMahon** made the bowl below from Clyde Road elm. John has used pyrography as a feature on the outer edge of the bowl.



**Chris Drysdale's** pens have a football theme: Melbourne, Collingwood, Hawthorn and Essendon. Chris also showed us another pen in a presentation box which is to be a raffle prize for our Expo.



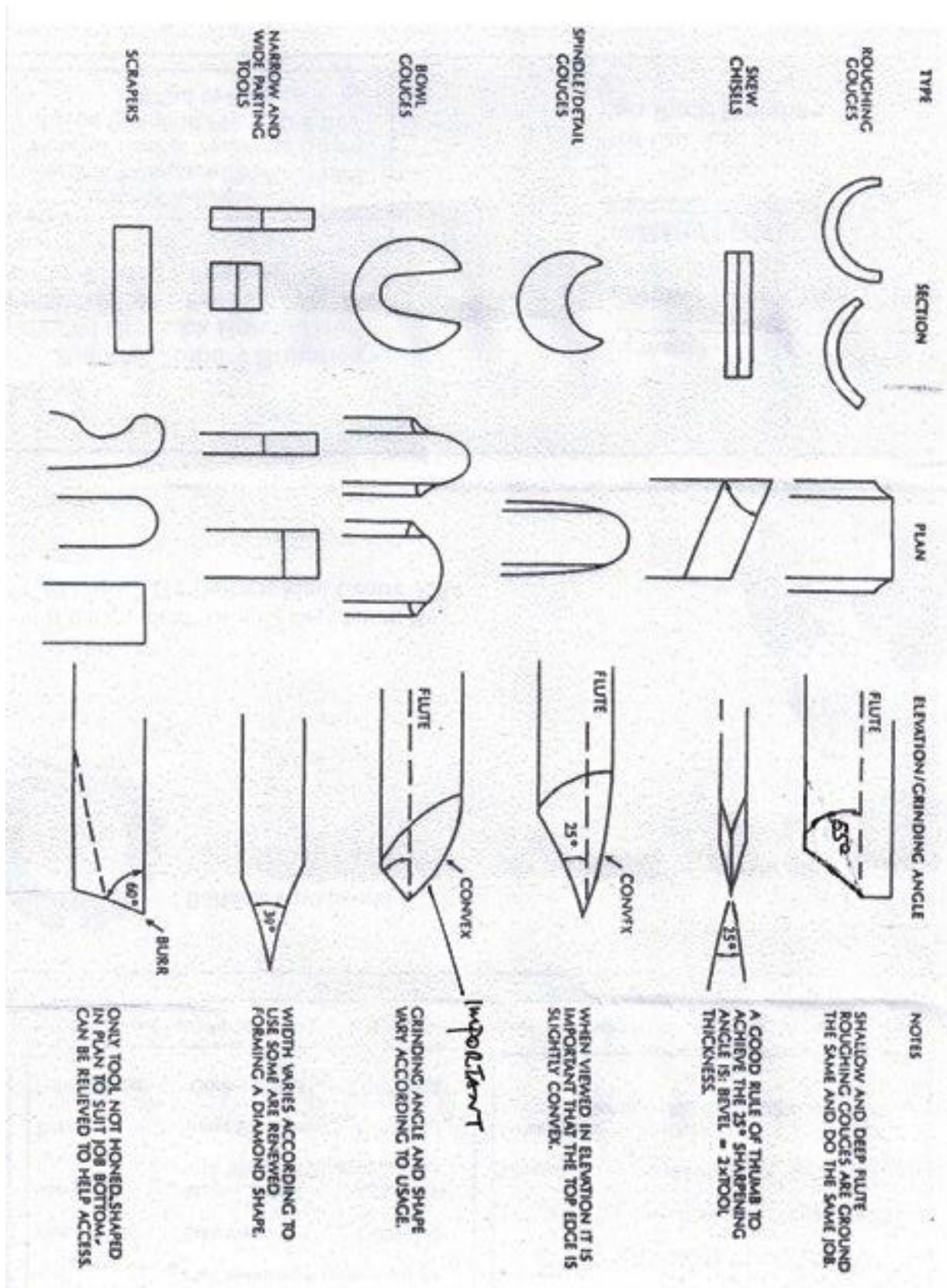
**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:**  
 This month we happily welcome **Beverly Witts** and **Michael Henderson** to the club.  
 We hope you will enjoy your time with us.

**Keith Towe** has kindly passed on a sharpening guide for wood turning tools.

If the tools you are using at the club are not cutting well, please consider using this guide to ensure you are sharpening the tool at the correct angle.

If you are unsure on how to sharpen the tool, please seek assistance from a "Go to Person" or an experienced member. This guide will also be posted on the wall above the grinding area for your reference.

Thanks Keith.



## Berwick District Woodworkers Club General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

### Meeting Commenced

Meeting started at 1.07pm

### Welcome to Members.

**Apologies** — Ken Barnes, Michael Berry, Ian Deans, Pat Mahoney, Ross blackwood, Jack and Jon Croucher.

**Minutes of last monthly meeting.** — Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February

### **Motion to accept minutes.**

Proposed – Wayne Lucas, Seconded – Phil Willems, - Accepted – Unanimously

### Business arising from previous meeting.

- A register to be implemented and kept in the Special Tools cupboard for members, who take tools away for their use, to register their name and what they have taken. The register to be sighted by the key holder. On return of the tools the register is completed.
- Future First Aid courses will focus on refresher training and the use of the defibrillator.

### Correspondence.

- Committee resignation letter from Martin Van Diemen. Passed on to Brian Crowe.
- Committee resignation letter from Len Preece. Passed on to Brian Crowe. More information on these resignations will be covered in General Business.
- Australian Redcross – Organizing First aid training for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – since cancelled.
- Kristy OCF – paving and driveway get together and inspection. **On going.**
- Kim from Edrington Park Kinder – asking if we do woodwork classes with the children.
- Brenniston (First Aid Supplies) Newsletter.
- Simon Robbins – Link to proposed carving set and DVD s- for suggested purchase.
- David Mudge – Cluster Muster at Kurumburra Community Hall on Wed 19<sup>th</sup> April. Wayne advised. Are there any volunteers willing to join Wayne Lucas in going to this event?
- City of Casey – Aging Positively newsletter.
- Brendan Fegan from NDIS has a client interested in visiting us. Possible new member.

- Deb Tidey – further information on Women in Workshops. How they run in other sheds.
  - Christina Macintosh from Services Rehabilitation Consultant – a client wishes to visit. Possible new member.
  - Beth OCF – Notice of power outage on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. 9am to 12.30pm.
  - Email from David Grech of Oakleigh wants to donate some timber on behalf of his father. To be picked up. Bill Bradshaw and I picked up the wood on Saturday.
  - An email from Frances Riggs (NDIS) introducing Sereena Huebler her newly appointed coordinator.
  - A member, Rob Koch, is registered with “Good Sam” (An emergency app). He is asking, in the case of a nearby emergency, to have access to one of our Defibrillators to assist with the emergency. It will only be available during club opening hours. The Defib unit has to be registered with Ambulance Victoria. And will be replenished by them if it is used.
- Proposed – Geoff Wylie, Seconded – Simon Robbins. - Accepted -Unanimously

### Presidents Report.

- The club will be open on Good Friday and Easter Monday. With a minimum of 3 members present.
- Club luncheon on Thursday next week at Pink Hill Hotel. Register in club tearoom.
- Dust Extraction system to be serviced on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30am. No machines to be operated during the service.
- Concrete pathway and driveway. Beth taken photos. Capital works under way.
- Expo – get behind John McMahan to make it a success.
- Wanting exhibitors to show their works.
- Have purchased a carving set complete with DVD. For use by members. Needs sharpening before use. Workshop use only. Register to be completed. Not to be hit with a hammer, only a wooden mallet.
- Safety Committee. Please support their efforts. They have the member’s best interests at heart. To make the club a safer place to work.
- A sincere thankyou to both Len Preece and Martin Van Diemen for their long service to the club, in various roles, over the years. A Vote of Thanks from both the Committee and all members present.



- President's Challenge. 20 kits have been put together to take home and work on. Other woods can be added. All the wood in the pack must be used. To be completed before the Expo. Finished entries will be displayed at the Expo.

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

Proposed — Chris Drysdale, Seconded — John McMahon, - Accepted — Unanimously

**Treasurer's report.**

- The club's account balances as at close of business on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 were provided to the meeting.
- The club's term deposit with Westpac matured on 25<sup>th</sup> March with interest of \$330.41 received. The funds are currently being held in the savings account until a series of new term deposits can be set up after Easter to spread maturity dates across the calendar.

March transactional highlights included:

- The website domain name and hosting were renewed.
- The trailer registration and insurance were renewed.
- A new Laguna bandsaw was purchased and commissioned to replace the out-of-service machine (damaged bearings).
- Payments received from members for the cancelled first aid course were refunded.
- Casey Council billed us for six months of power consumption to 30-Sep-2022.

Other updates:

- Our application to Consumer Affairs Victoria for a new Licence to Fundraise is still in progress.
- Our request to the ATO for an extension of time to register the club as a charity is still under consideration.

**Membership figures:**

Life members =	12
Individual members =	86
Family members =	24
Total =	122

**Motion to accept the treasurer's report.**

Proposed – Martin Van Diemen, Seconded – Phil Willems, - Accepted - Unanimously

**Expo**

- Expo dates being Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

- Sub Committee has been formed. We can still have more on the committee.
- Similar to last year but with improvements.
- No sales marquee but sales area will be in the workshop.
- Chainsaw sculptor will be coming. Topic being Echidna with babies.
- Club commission being increased from 10% to 15%.
- Dates to be finalised.
- Entry forms will be available on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May and to be completed and submitted by 3 July.
- There is a working bee planned for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June.
- The workshop will be closed from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July to Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. No work to be carried out during this time.
- We will have a trailer load of good quality timber for sale as well.

**Safety Committee**

- For members information. A Safety Committee has been formed to improve our club's induction process of new members and improve general safety awareness of our existing members in the workshop.
- Committee members are Peter Mason, Peter Shuttleworth, Graeme Weatherly, Simon King, and Don Buchanan.
- Until further notice it is anticipated that the Committee will meet on Market days.
- Draft docs have been written. 1. Workshop machinery audit and rating. 2. Safety Induction Checklist covering safety information that the new member is required to know before working in the workshop.
- It is hoped that all club members will embrace the introduction of this Committee. And follow any new or revised safety practices that the Committee feels is necessary to further reduce the risk of injuries to members while working in the club.
- We now have a proper accident/injury register that is kept on top of the First Aid Kit outside the office. And is to be completed if an accident or injury occurs.

**Markets.**

- Farmers market this Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Saturday)
- Craft Market Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

### **Functions and Important dates**

- Club luncheon is on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April at the Pink Hill Hotel Pink Hill Blvd Beaconsfield. Starting at 12 noon. An attendance register will be left in the tearoom for members to complete.

### **Toys**

- Completed toys need to be moved out of the finishing room to the shed to make room for more.

### **Newsletter.**

- Don't forget to send Elsie any items of interest for our newsletter. And it doesn't have to be club related.

### **General Business.**

- Len Preece and Martin Van Diemen tendered their resignations from the Committee last Thursday. As an interim step, under the Club rules, we appointed Ron Bolton and Simon King to fill these vacant Committee positions. At our AGM later in the year. All office positions will be made vacant which allows all members to vote nominated members into these positions.
- A sincere Vote of Thanks was expressed by the members of the Committee, for the years of service by both Len and Martin. They will continue to contribute to the club wherever possible. Martin will continue to co-ordinate the markets.
- Is there a need to open the club for another full day of the week? (9am to 4pm). To allow greater access to the club workshop for members, both retired and working members. If so – What day best suits? A responsible member/Key holder will be required to close. Monday has been suggested by the members. Simon King is willing to close at the end of the day.
- Edrington Park Kinder has asked the club if we would be interested in running a woodwork session at the kinder. We have already got a small group of interested members but could do with more members to join. Once a month for approximately 1 ½ hours. Working with Children check is required. More volunteers being Geoff Wylie, Phil Willems, Chris Drysdale, Peter Angwin. The first session has been arranged for Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May from 10.30am to 12 noon.
- The Proposed First Aid training session booked for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March was cancelled due to poor attendance and cost. Still considering other options – possibly a CPR/Defib refresher. Any members interested in his option? A suggestion was put that the

training to be once a week for approx. 2 hours. More investigation required and will notify members.

- Timber storage in the breezeway. A suggestion to investigate replacing existing shelving with steel racking/cantilever system. To make space in the breezeway all used timber will be available for members to take with no donation required – for free. Members to please exercise restraint and not take too much but leave some for other members.
- Chris Drysdale is investigating a supplier/contact that can supply glues for the club and member.
- Peter Shuttleworth is asking members who are creating offcuts of waste wood to please place them in the plastic bags provided. And once full to take around to the breezeway and then replace it with an empty bag. Any sharp points to be cut off as they can penetrate the bag. Your assistance is appreciated.
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April is the OCF Teddy Bear's picnic. On the day - please enter through the lower gate and park behind the workshop.
- From Ron Bolton – a suggestion for another topic/information session “working with Resins” may be of interest to members.

### **Show and Tell items on display.**

- Thank you to those members who have brought in their projects to our Show and Tell.
- Chris Drysdale – assorted pens and a pen set, Phil Willems – a wedding wishing well, a jewellery box, and a 2 lovers sculpture. Simon Robbins – a burl bowl. John McMahon – a rimmed bowl. Ron Bolton – gran daughter's cot. Leah Bolton – a cheese board.

### **Our raffle results.**

- Congratulations to Martin Van Diemen for the \$20.00 prize.

### **New members**

- Bev Witts, Michael Henderson.

### **Meeting closed** —. At 2.40pm.

### **Next Meeting**

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – To be confirmed.

**STOP PRESS:** We have just been notified that the Craft market will be closed over July and August. Dates being 22nd July and 26<sup>th</sup> August.

At this stage they will be open again on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.



**REMINDERS:** If you borrow tools from the club, please sign the **Register of Borrowed Tools** and have them checked in by a key holder when you return them.

We have acquired a set of carving tools which are not available for loan but are to be kept in the club. **These tools are wood carvers not chisels** and must be treated with respect, using a wooden mallet not a hammer.

There is an **Accident Record Book** in the clubroom, it is important to fill it in if you are unfortunate enough to hurt yourself while at the club.

Please take care to check **second-hand wood** for nails before using it on the club's machines. Two club members must check it with you.

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**TIME FOR A SMILE:**

**WOODWORKERS TAKE NOTE.** The man who built the town stocks in Boston charged so much he became the first man to be punished in them.

Growing your own tomatoes is the best way to devote 3 months of your life to saving \$3.99..

A little parenting tip: If you don't know where your children are in the house...turn off the internet and watch them magically appear.

**STRANGE THINGS TO GET YOUR MIND OFF POLITICS:**

Because metal was scarce, the Oscars given out during World War 11 were made of wood.

Charlie Chaplin once won third prize in a Charlie Chaplin look-alike contest.

Chewing gum while peeling onions will keep you from crying.

If you attempt to rob a bank you won't have any trouble with rent/food bills for the next 10 years, whether or not you are successful.

Many animals probably need glasses, but nobody knows it.

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember amateurs built the ark; professionals built the Titanic.

**AND FINALLY:** Glasgow Hospital Medical Secretaries' Notes! These are some sentences exactly as typed by medical secretaries in NHS (National Health Service) Greater Glasgow.

1. The patient has no previous history of suicide.
  2. Patient has left her white blood cells at another hospital.
  3. Patient's medical history has been remarkably insignificant with only a 40 pound weight gain in the past three days.
  4. Patient has chest pain if she lies on her left side for over a year.
  6. On the second day the knee was better and on the third day it disappeared.
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That's all for now. Until next time stay safe and keep well.