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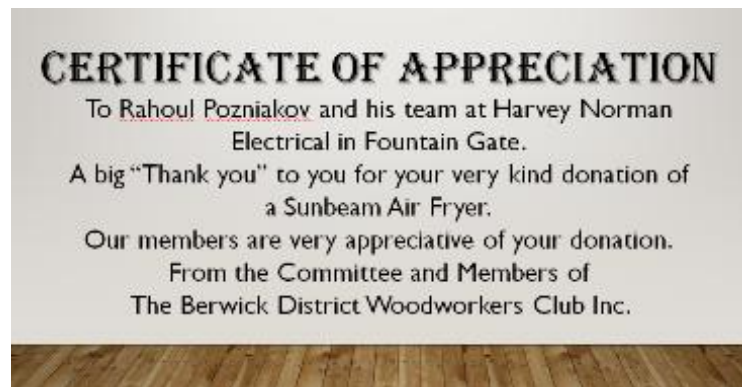
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Welcome to the newsletter for July 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER: **Committee Meeting** 3rd August - 1.00pm in clubroom.
Monthly Meeting - AGM - Wednesday 9th August 2023 - 1.00pm in clubroom followed by a **Special General Meeting** at 2,00pm approx. in clubroom.
Melbourne Timber, Tools & Artisan Show, Melbourne Show Grounds. August 11 - 13 2023. -

CHRISTMAS IN JULY?

Club Secretary **Don Buchanan** thought Christmas had come early to Berwick Woodworkers recently, when the club received the very generous gift of an air-fryer oven from **Rahoul Pozniakov** who is the owner of **Harvey Norman Electrical in Fountain Gate**. Below is a sample of the certificate of appreciation that has been presented to Mr. Pozniakov.



CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE **GENERAL** **SPEAKERS ETC**
3rd August AGM 9th August & --
Special General Meeting

FARMERS' MARKET
12th August - Farmers Market
No craft market until September.

Committee of Management:

<i>Contact Details</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
President	Brian Crowe,	0438 012 155
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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 by hand, or by phone to the editor by the 15th 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:

Weekly	Hours	Leader/Key Holder.
Monday Morning	9.00 am – 3,00 pm	- yet to be filled. Simon King for Monday Afternoon.
Tuesday Morning	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	- Michael Berry
Wednesday	9.00 am - All day	- Don Buchanan
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 - 12.30 pm	- Ron Bolton
Farmers Market	8.00 am - 12.30.	- Craft Market 9.00 am - 2.00pm Martin Van Diemen and Don Buchanan Supervisors.

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.





A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT.

Hi All, I hope this message finds you all well on these cold wintery days. Congratulations must go to **John McMahon** and his sub-committee for the fantastic result of the expo which was recently held, each year the expo seems to get better and better both in attendance and sales, fantastic result. I am amazed at the variation and quality of workmanship that exists in our club, which was obvious at the

expo, add to that the President's Challenge and the design and quality of the variety club trophies, the results are incredible. Speaking of the Presidents challenge, I have called it a draw between **Ian Dean's** tree house and **Ron Bolton's** helicopter, with a special mention to **Lisa Brouwer's** chariot, once again the different designs and concepts were amazing.

There has been mention of increasing the number of safety committee members, and I would like to stress that every member of our club is on the safety committee; it is our duty to assist anyone, who is using a machine incorrectly, to be helped and instructed on the correct usage to avoid personal injury, injuring somebody else or damaging a machine. So if a club member taps you on the shoulder, please don't be offended but take it as a kind gesture.

Our Container has finally arrived (you could hardly miss it), but won't be put in its position until the ground's dry out enough to move it with a crane. This will be a fantastic asset for timber and toy storage over the years, the plan is to redesign the racking in the breezeway by using the container to store timber and free up some space for new machinery.

That's all from me, **Brian**

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE WINNERS. Pictured are equal winners, the tree house by **Ian Deans**, **Ron Bolton's** helicopter and the specially mentioned chariot by **Lisa Brouwer**.

I'm glad I didn't have the job of choosing a winner as all the entries were exceptional.



President's Challenge entries as displayed at the Expo.

On the last page, see a photo of the pieces of wood from which these marvels were made.

DON BUCHANAN'S MARKET REPORT: for July 8th.

Fellow members.

Last Saturday was our Farmers market and our Expo.

I will let **John McMahon** report to you later on the Expo results. – Thanks John.

I will state the obvious - It was rather a windy day on Saturday. For those members who showed up, they found it challenging to get the gazebos up and then trying to tie them down so they didn't blow away.

On the Friday before, we put up a gazebo for the chainsaw carver. By the Saturday morning the top had blown off and bent the centre post. It was basically a write-off.

We just tied it down the best we could, to provide some protection to the carver. It managed to keep him dry.

Just to let you know - **Martin Van Diemen** has pneumonia and has to stay home for a spell. We hope you have a speedy recovery Martin.

Peter Mason had kindly used his Mitsubishi ute to transport all the market gear from the back shed to the sites and then collected them again and returned them back to the shed. Peter was ably assisted by other robust members as well. Thanks to those members and, of course, Peter.

This market **BOG** award goes to **all of the group** of our fierce fighting members who faced these extreme elements - head on! Without fear or favour, they did their collective jobs without complaint. Well done guys!

I did identify two other members who I am going to nominate for the Expo **BOG** awards.

Firstly to **John Damon** for his meticulous attention to the cleanliness of the workshop and its surrounds. With his battery powered vacuum cleaner and feather duster in hand, he went all over the place. Uphill and down dale. In every nook and cranny. After he had finished, you could nearly eat your dinner off the floor! Thanks to you John. It is much appreciated.

Secondly, the next recipient of the Expo **BOG** Award is none other than **Carol Goddard**. For her expertise in operating our new Air Fryer. On the Saturday and the Sunday, Carol took over the role of heating our pies and sausage rolls with gusto and then proceeded to offer the superbly heated morsels around to the members. I should also mention that Carol provided me with a foot rest to raise my leg to the optimal level to expedite my speedy recovery. Thankyou Carol. Keep on Heating!!

And that completes this Market Report. - Thanks for listening!

Cheers - **Don**

PRIZE WINNERS OF OUR EXPO RAFFLE

- 1st Prize – Rocking horse – Malcom T
- 2nd Prize – Lovers sculpture – Chris Peel
- 3rd Prize – Clock – Jodie Hollis
- 4th Prize – Serving platter – Lauren Ferguson
- 5th Prize – Knife block - Klaus (no surname)

AND WHAT A WEEKEND IT WAS! Well attended, raffle tickets sold out, and some satisfying work sales too. Busy club members kept visitors interested with their demonstrations. Lots of photos were taken, following are a few of them.

At right is **Bev Witts** who, along with **Lisa Brouwer**, demonstrated the pyrography tool. Viewers were also given the chance to try the craft for themselves.



Turning is always a popular demonstration. Here, at right, is **Simon Robbins** and far right, **Keith Towe**.

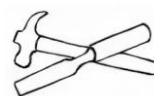
Below, far right, Club Secretary **Don Buchanan** took time out from his many duties, to demonstrate the band saw.

Below, **Peter Ball** and **Peter Angwin** spent their time managing the sales table,



It was all go for **Carol Goddard** who also took a turn at the sales table when she wasn't managing the air-fryer.

I was amused by this little turned ant which was exhibited by **Simon Robbins** in his turning demonstration.





The sales tables pictured here, attracted a lot of attention, as did the chain saw carver. That's the result of the carving seen below - a pair of echidnas. The rides for the children were also very popular. (below left.)



Club members were kept busy in the clubroom, selling raffle tickets until they sold out, and manning the entry table. There's **Chris Drysdale** at left, taking his turn. Of course there's no show without the exhibits. That's **Martin Van Diemen's** truck and trailer below.



Brian Crowe entered the truck and trailer at right, and below is **George Ritchie's** model of the Jupiter. The framed note with it reads:



"The Jupiter was a 4-4-0 steam

locomotive owned by the Central Pacific Railroad. It was built by the Schenectady Locomotive Works of New York in 1868. The Jupiter was assigned to the railroad's Salt Lake Division and travelled between Sacramento in California to Promontory in Utah, operating in passenger and goods services."



Above is a selection of exhibits on just one of the display tables.

Best Wishes to those members who are unwell at this time. And to those who are caring for sick family members.

WAYNE'S CASTLE. We've watched this taking shape in the workshop over the past few weeks and here it is. **Wayne Lucas** finished his castle in nice time to display it for the Expo.



A NOTE FROM IAN FERRIS: Long serving club members will remember past member **Ian Ferris**. That's Ian's photo at right in case you don't recall him. Apart from being a woodworker Ian is also a talented musician. Ian's group '**Folkus**' entertained us at a couple of the club's Annual Dinners. Such is the nature of Berwick Woodworkers that we often keep in touch with past members, as has been the case since Ian & Susan moved house and went to Druin to live. I received the email below from him following his visit to the Expo, and as its addressed to all of us, here it is for you to read.



*"Hello to you all,
 We had the pleasure of a visit to your open day yesterday, and commend you on the presentation.....and the facilities!
 We brought a couple of friends, and I met him through the Drouin men's shed which I attended for the last 5 or 6 years. Neville has spent some time on the committee there, and was blown away by the comparison with what you have.
 As a former member, it is amazing to view the changes, and the feel of the place was one of welcome, which is commendable too. Well done. I was very proud to see you still have the display of old tools on the wall, which I made all those years ago - the contrast with what you have now is even more apparent these days.
 Warm regards to all of you, - Ian."*

ANEES'S DRUM Another club member with a musical background is **Anees Koya** who belongs to a group that entertains at private functions. **Brian Crowe** snapped this picture of Anees working on the lathe to make one of his drums. Brian was taken with the length of the tool with which Anees is working. In case you're wondering what the finished drum will look like, that's a commercially made one on the left in the picture below.



A NOTE FROM RON BOLTON: Last week Harvey Norman supported the club with the Air Fryer for the Expo, and we are returning the favour to them by planning a group buy. Anyone interested in an air fryer, please contact me or **Peter Shuttleworth**. We are Looking to purchase in 2 weeks.

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STOP PRESS: Just in is this photo from **Ross Blackwood** with the accompanying email:

"Tunnel on the Mullumbimby to Crabbes Creek rail trail. 52klm return ride. The tunnel is 524 meters long & has no lights which is why the bats like it. If you look closely you can see the end."



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From The Ministry of Mirth. (Alias Michael Berry)

FLAWLESS MALE LOGIC ...

Woman: Do you drink beer?

Man: Yes.

Woman: How many beers a day?

Man: Usually about 3.

Woman: How much do you pay per beer?

Man: \$5.00 which includes a tip. (This is where it gets scary!)

Woman: And how long have you been drinking?

Man: About 20 years, I suppose.

Woman: So a beer costs \$5 and you have 3 beers a day which puts your spending each month at \$450. In one year, it would be approximately \$5,400 correct?

Man: Correct.

Woman: If in 1 year you spend \$5,400, not accounting for inflation, the past 20 years puts your spending at \$108,000, correct?

Man: Correct.

Woman: Do you know that if you didn't drink so much beer, that money could have been put in a step-up interest savings account and after accounting for compound interest for the past 20 years, you could have now bought a Ferrari?

Man: Do you drink beer?

Woman: No.

Man: Where's your Ferrari?

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A guy sits down at the bar and orders drink after drink.

"Is everything okay, pal?" the bartender asks.

"My wife and I got into a fight and she said she isn't talking to me for a month!"

Trying to put a positive spin on things the bartender says, "Well, maybe that's kind of a good thing. You Know,...a little peace and quiet?"

"Yeah. But today is the last day."

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That's all for now. Until next time, stay well and stay safe.

Before I go, here's a photo of one of the bundles of wood that was the President's Challenge so you can see just how well our winners did.

