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Welcome to the newsletter for June 2023

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Committee Meeting 6th July - 1.00pm in clubroom.  
Monthly Meeting - AGM - Wednesday 9th August 2023 at 1.00pm in clubroom.  
Berwick Woodworkers Expo - 7th to 9th July 2023.  
Melbourne Timber, Tools & Artisan Show, Melbourne Show Grounds. August 11 - 13 2023.

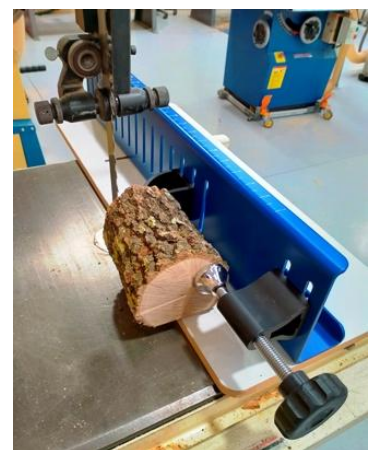
### A LUCKY ESCAPE AND A WAKE-UP CALL FOR ALL MEMBERS.

Following a recent incident involving the broad blade band saw and a log of wood, this is a good time to stress the importance of the safe operation of the club's machines. It's no exaggeration to say this craft that we love is a risky business and can be extremely dangerous if we are not careful. Here is the outline of what happened:

While cutting a large round of wood, (pictured right) a knot on the wood hit the top of the blade guide resulting on the wood twisting and causing the blade to jam and come off. Although the results could have been very nasty, fortunately no injury was sustained. The member using the saw has now realised that the wood should have been securely supported and not just being held by hand as the downward thrust of the saw blade will naturally cause the round wood to spin.

We do have supports for holding wood rounds securely when cutting, which should have been used in this instance.

Pictured are these supports, for your reference. If you need assistance in setting them up properly, please ask a "Go To" member.



## CLUB INFORMATION:

### MEETINGS:

#### COMMITTEE

6th July

#### GENERAL

AGM - 9th August

#### SPEAKERS ETC

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#### FARMERS' MARKET

24th June (craft market)

8th July. Farmers Market.

### Committee of Management:

#### Contact Details

	Name	Phone
President	Brian Crowe,	0438 012 155
Vice President	Ross Blackwood	0490 668 515
Secretary	Don Buchanan	0431 313 998 email: bdwwcsec@outlook.com
Treasurer	Peter Ball	0425 725 875

#### 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*

### 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 <b>Martin Van Diemen and Don Buchanan Supervisors.</b>

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.

**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.





## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hi all, thanks to all the members who showed an interest in our trip from Budapest to Paris, we had a fantastic trip, to visit so many medieval towns and see the unbelievable cathedrals and castles was incredible. Australia is such a big place and so far from the rest of the world. Due to a 4 hour stopover in Singapore, the flight from Paris to Melbourne was 24 hours, it took a couple of days to readjust.

Great to see that our pathway has been completed, it will make access to our clubrooms much easier especially those with mobility issues. The extension of the apron from the roller door to the road in front of Scott's workshop is still being considered; the OCF are looking at all options.

It came as a surprise that we were allowed to purchase a 40ft container for both wood and toy storage and have it located beside the secret garden. After some discussion by the committee we decided to proceed with the purchase, it will be a fantastic asset for our club.

The next club meeting will be our AGM and I urge all members to consider attending as it is your chance to have your say on who will be the office bearers for the

next 12mths. As all committee positions become vacant any member who feels that they have something to contribute by being on the committee then please nominate for a position.

There have been a couple of incidents in the workshop, mainly due to lack of concentration or taking a shortcut, so although many of us have been involved in woodworking for a long time we still need to keep our eye on the ball and to assist anyone that is not sure of how to use a particular machine, we have a safety committee and 'go to' members for this reason.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our AGM

**Brian..**

**FROM ALEXANDER DRYSDALE** - an excerpt from his latest long and newsy letter.

*. "Visited Fraser Island off the Coast which is the largest sand island in the world. They have their own sub-species of Dingo there and we were warned to stay away and to NEVER feed them. Yet there were people on the beach feeding them and putting themselves in some danger. There are some stupid people in the world who will not be told. These dingos are not dogs. They are descended from wolves thousands of years ago and are wild.*

*Back to the mainland and Jillian found on the internet, on one of the pages she subscribes to, a dog handler who was looking for a house sitter for three weeks as she took two of her dogs off to some show and she wanted someone to look after the seven who remained. All Golden Labradors. We put our hands up and she was and is quite happy to have us here. So we had a few days to put in Bundaberg. Just as well because I caught covid from someone on the trip we made to Fraser Island and the following day Jillian succumbed as well. We got over that and we are here in a place called Monto some 200ks inland from Bundaberg. Here for three weeks and we will be able to take day trips around to see places of interest we may well have missed because we didn't know about them. Melbourne temp is 12 and it is cold and raining. Here it is well into the twenties with a light breeze, sometimes, and practically wall to wall blue skies. Somehow feel we have the better part of the bargain.*

*More again later. - Take care, stay safe and God Bless - KR Alexander."*

**FROM SIMON ROBBINS:**

While he and his family were touring WA and NT, following a visit to the wood club in Emerald.

*" Our visit to the Emerald Woodworkers went well. We took supper with us so after wood selection we sat down & had a good chat.*

*I bought 4 types of wood from around here > Sandalwood, Eastern Dead Finish, Queensland Myrtle, hairy nose Banksia & a small sample of concaberry.*

*We are in Longreach now after a long drive from Emerald. (420km)*

*This morning Brolgas & Roosters have been wandering around the caravan park we are staying at."*



### Notice to Members

At the up-coming AGM of the club on 9<sup>th</sup> August, there will be an important vote on a “special resolution” to add to the club’s statement of purpose as written in our rules of incorporation. The resolution will be to expand the existing clause (f) and to add a new clause (g) as follows:

- (f) To **develop cohesive social connections that provide** mentoring and foster ~~any social~~ support for members who require assistance from time to time.
- (g) To **contribute to our community through the craft of woodworking by, for example, making toys for children in need, assisting local charities and not-for-profit organisations, and helping individuals in the community.**

More information will be sent out to all members soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please speak to a committee member or email the treasurer, Peter Ball, at [bdwwctreas@outlook.com](mailto:bdwwctreas@outlook.com). We encourage you to attend this important meeting, but if that is not possible, there will be provision to vote by proxy. Please make every effort to acquaint yourself with this important matter and register your vote.

### *Welcome to New Members*

This month we're delighted to welcome **Liza Jayne Lyons, David Grech, Baden, Grech, Joelan Grech, David Walker, Margaret Clayton**, and welcome back to **David Hunter**, a returned member.

### *To Those on the Sick List.*

Unfortunately some of our members are not in the best of health. We send them our best wishes. Most recently we have learned that our hard working Club Secretary, **Don Buchanan**, has been hospitalised with cellulitis. We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery Don.



### GOODBYE GRAHAM.

It was with great sadness that we learned, this week, of the passing on April 30th, of well liked club member, **Graham Rogers**. Due to the progress of Parkinson's, Graham had been unable to join us for several years but those of us who knew him will remember his ever-ready smile and cheerful disposition.

A comment from one of our members, "*I never heard him say a bad word about anyone.*" A truly nice bloke.

To Graham's wife and soul-mate Amelia (Brandy) and their family we send our deepest condolences and best wishes.

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### MACHINE SAFETY ADVICE. - WOOD LATHES

Before starting the machine, be sure that spindle work has the cup centre properly embedded, tailstock and tool rest securely clamped, and proper clearance for the rotating stock.

Before starting the machine for faceplate work, check to see that the faceplate is tight against the spindle shoulder and the tool support has proper clearance.

Wear goggles or a face shield to protect your eyes, especially when roughing out work. The lathe should have a guard.

Select turning speed carefully. Large diameters must be turned at the lowest speed.

Always use the lowest speed to rough out work. Wood with knots and splits should not be turned. Glued-up stock should cure the proper amount of time — at least 24 hours.

Keep the tool rest close to the work.

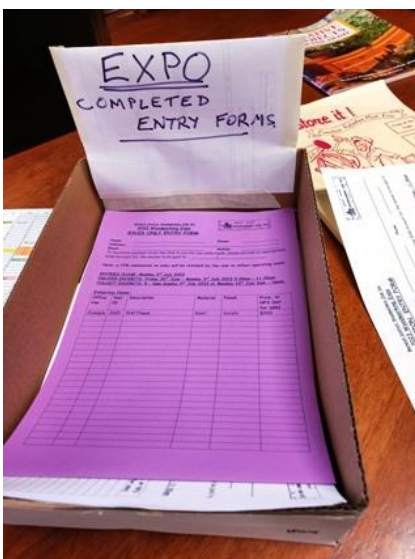
Remove the tool rest for sanding and polishing operations.

Use a scraping cut for all faceplate finishing work.

Remove both the spur and cup centres from the head and tail stock when they are not in use.

When you stop the lathe to check your work, also check and lubricate the cup centre.

Keep the lathe tools sharp; hold them firmly and in the proper position.



### EXPO REMINDER:

As the week-end of the 7th to 9th of July draws nearer there are some important things to remember.

- Now we are asking for member's input to help distribute flyers and volunteering to do demonstrations over the Expo weekend.
- Please put your name down on the notice board to register your times available to do some demonstrating on our machines.
- It is important to understand that the Aim of this Expo is to raise our public profile with the intention of gaining new members. Still need more members to register their items they are going to exhibit or sell and to complete the registration forms. The tray pictured at left is awaiting entries for the exhibition.,
- This Expo is highly regarded amongst our peers.
- Please support this club event.

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**JUNE SHOW & TELL: John McMahon** made the three items to the right.

The small lidded box is from Huon pine and a Eucalypt burl. The kookaburra is Cypress and redgum. and the pedestal lidded box is Messmate.

The three little bowls below are by **John Damon**, made from wood John salvaged when his neighbour cut down a plane tree about 8 months ago. A piece of the wood is shown below. Who would have thought the ubiquitous plane tree was hiding such lovely wood



Below is a caged eagle carving by **Chris Drysdale** which is to be the prize for the President's Challenge at the AGM. Chris made the Rollester pen from stabilised maple.

**Geoff Wylie** made the tow truck from pine, & cedar on a cypress pine base. The truck is the first of twelve that Geoff is making as one of the club's Big Bash Trophies.



Another Big Bash Trophy. The Dick Casey Memorial Award for the crew which, despite total bewilderment, best participated in the spirit of the event. This was made by **Michael Berry**.





'Thumbs Up' Encouragement award at left, by **Phil Willems**, made from silky oak.

**Simon King & Peter Ball** have taken on 30 Variety Bash Logos. That's one by Simon at right.

The Helen Hopper Award, In recognition of Helen being the first to achieve many milestones over her 26 years of participation. Presented to a female bash entrant. The crowns at right were made by **Chris Drysdale**

The Person Who Contributes The Most To The Event Award are the towbars above, made by **Simon King**.



The Lakes Entrance post code was made by **Brian Crowe**.

The Stuffed Compass Award, For the most geographically challenged team was made by **Peter Ball**



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**THE THINGS KIDS SAY** - From Ross Blackwood.

While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. She was unfailingly intrigued by the various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, 'The tooth fairy will never believe this!'

On the first day of school, a first-grader handed his teacher a note from his mother. The note read, 'The opinions expressed by this child are not necessarily those of his parents '

## Berwick District Woodworkers Club General Meeting Minutes – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

### Meeting Commenced

Meeting started at 1.00pm

### Welcome to Members.

### Apologies

Ian Deans, Alexander Drysdale, Simon Robbins, John Membrey, Paul Parer, Peter Angwin, Michael Henderson, Wayne Lucas, John Ostroff, Simon King, Carol Goddard, Keith Towe, Jon and Jack Croucher, Bev Witts, Leah Bolton, Katerina Zorin.

Minutes of last monthly meeting. — Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

**Motion to accept minutes.** Proposed – Phil Willems. Seconded – Chris Drysdale. Accepted – Unanimously

### Business arising from previous meeting.

Nil

### Correspondence.

- Sereena Heubler – (NDIS) Community Capacity Building Co-ordinator. Asking if we can expand our information, on our website, on what facilities we have to cater for disabled people. An email has been returned to say that the Committee feels that we already have enough facilities available for disabled people. And the club welcomes any disabled visitors to see what facilities we have. And if we do have unexpected numbers of disabled new members, then we will make appropriate changes to suit their needs.
- Rob Koch – access to Defib machine. He now has access to one of our Defib machines. Suggested he contacts OCF for increased access to their Defibs as well.
- Len Preece – A list of VIPs to invite to our Expo.
- Gary Cahill advises us that his team has completed the off-road trophies for the Variety Club Bash. Also suggesting that we will more than likely get that job for next year to make these trophies.
- Chris Drysdale – Powerful Owl Plaque for the OCF.
- Kim from Selandra Community Garden asking for assistance from the club with

their garden beds and furniture. For General meeting.

- City of Casey Update.
- Beaconsfield Neighborhood Centre – Thankyou letter for the 2 toy garages donated by the club.
- Mandy Sinclair from Foundation Learning Centre in Narre Warren is asking if we run classes for their students in house – kits for kids type groups. For General Business.
- Susan Edwards from the Institute for Learning Sciences and Teacher Education. A thank you letter for our participation in their internet project.
- Brad Batton's acceptance to attend our Expo opening night.
- Casey CEO – Glen Patterson inability to attend our Expo opening night.
- Mayor of Cardinia- her inability to attend Expo opening night but her Duty Mayor Cr Jack Kowarzik will attend.
- From Peter Ball a proposal to add a statement to the Club's Statement of Purpose. For General Business.
- From Len Preece – Upcoming changes to income tax laws affecting AMSA members. Passed onto Peter Ball.
- Email from a new member, Michael Henderson. He was very grateful for the warm welcome he received as a new member. And was equally grateful for the extended hours the club now has.

Proposed – Len Preece. Seconded – Kay Zimmermen. Accepted – Unanimously

### Presidents Report.

- The concreting of the pathway to the entrance to the club has been approved and will be completed before the Expo.
- After discussion with Kristy (OCF) both parties are seeking approval to purchase 2 X 40ft containers. To assist us with greater storage of toys and timber. To be located along the fence line beside the Secret Garden. Other requirements will need to be addressed once the containers have been purchased and delivered.
- AGM will be held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August. Nomination forms for office bearers will be available shortly. Any member can be nominated for a position on the Committee.



- A Club sign has been approved to be located on the OCF front entrance.
- Band saw – breaking blades. Members are to ensure that the blade guide is lowered enough to support the blade, but you can still see where you are cutting. A clearance of around 20mm above the work being cut is adequate.
- The Safety Committee. New member inductions have started and will continue. An existing member refresher checklist will also be rolled out shortly. We ask all members to be open to this process. These checklists can be completed in small groups.
- Variety Club Bash trophies. Brian will contact Scott Watson to arrange a meeting to show him our progress. He will also ask Scott to talk to our members about the Variety Club and how they support charities.
- A security light to be installed at the end of the veranda. This will hopefully deter vagrants from drinking and throwing their bottles and cans over the handrail into the bushes.

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

Proposed — Geoff Wylie. Seconded — John McMahon.

Accepted — Unanimously

**Treasurer’s report.**

The club’s account balances as at close of business on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023 were provided to the meeting.

The plan to set up a series of new term deposits has been delayed by difficulties with Westpac. They need to authenticate and validate the Club’s identity before any new accounts can be established. We are working through this process as quickly as we can.

Information updates for April and May

- Consumer Affairs Victoria have issued the Club with a new Licence to Fundraise, valid for three years.
- An application for a Casey Community grant to source first grade timber for toy making was made. We will be informed around the end of July if we have been successful.
- Our request to the ATO for an extension of time to register the Club as a charity was granted. Steps are now being taken to prepare our application.

- As part of the registration process, it will be necessary to update the Club’s statement of purpose in our rules of incorporation. At the next general meeting (coincidentally the AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2023), the members will be asked to approve an addition to clause (f) and the inclusion of a new clause (g):

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**Membership figures on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

Life members =	11
Individual members =	94
inc one voluntary suspended membership	
Family members =	<u>27</u>
Total =	132

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

Proposed – Martin Van Diemen. Seconded – John McMahon

Accepted – Unanimously

**Expo**

- All going OK.
- Now we are asking for member’s input to help distribute flyers and volunteering to do demonstrations over the Expo weekend.
- Please put your name down of the notice board to register your times available to do some demonstrating on our machines.
- It is important to understand that the Aim of this Expo is to raise our public profile with the intention of gaining new members.

- Still need more members to register their items they are going to exhibit or sell. To complete the registration forms.
- This Expo is highly regarded amongst our peers.
- Please support this club event.

### Safety Committee

- New member Induction checklist is now in use.
- Existing member refresher will be used shortly.
- It has been suggested from the group that undressed timber should not be used in the workshop. This issue is to be referred to the Committee for discussion.

### Markets.

- Farmers market this Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June.
- Craft Market Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

### Functions and Important dates

- Club working bee on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Last Craft market day. Workshop will be CLOSED on this day.
- Club Luncheon at the Berwick Springs Hotel on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 12.00 noon. As normal, a register will be at the club well before the date for members and their partners to confirm their attendance.
- The cost to members for the Gala dinner this year will not increase. It will still be \$25.00 a head. The club will absorb any increase by the caterer.

### Toys

- All going well.
- Toy register and allocation of members making the toys.
- Members are reminded that if they are making toys that have multiple parts, to contain them in some way, like a plastic bag, so they don't get lost during transit to the Charities. And please ensure that toy doesn't have very small parts that can be swallowed by the children.
- Members wanting to introduce a new toy. It needs to be approved by the Committee/Ken before proceeding.
- The cost for the pens we are going to make for the Charities will be \$5.00 plus another \$5.00 for the case. We need to get a firm number from the charities, well in

advance, so there is sufficient time for members to make them.

### Newsletter.

- Nothing to report from Elsie.

### General Business.

- Peter Ball proposal to add a statement to our Statement of Purpose.
- Selandra Community Garden have several projects – they are asking for assistance. Namely restoration of some outdoor seats and tables as well as other jobs on-site. Pictures available if needed. Any members interested? Rick Hoare, John Damon, Geoff Wylie, Peter Mason, Bill Bradshaw, Andre Fonceca have volunteered to assist in the projects. Email to be sent to Kim to possibly arrange a day/time to visit and plan the projects.
- Variety Club Bash trophies project. Update. Brian will be contacting Scott Watson to arrange a meeting to show Scott the trophies so far.
- Club uniforms – A list is near completed. Any further uniform orders? Do we need to add to the range? ie – T-Shirts, aprons, beanies. An order to be placed shortly. Hopefully we will have them before the Expo.
- A reminder about our Evacuation procedure and location of assembly area. For all members to be aware of. A brief explanation of the procedure was presented to the members present.
- List of toys we are currently making and who is making them. Ken to send the register to the Secretary.
- Mandy Sinclair from Foundation Learning Centre in Narre Warren is asking if we can run classes for their students in house – kits for kids type groups. Besides Elsie and Rick, is there anyone else interested? Sourcing more information. An email has been sent to Mandy suggesting a meeting on Wednesday 21st June. Len Preece, Geoff Wylie and Ken Whitefield will be attending.
- A thankyou to one of our new members – David Walker for his donation of a laser printer. Thank you very much David.
- Ken Whitefield will make contact with Officer Special School to see if they would like us to start again with the “Kits for Kids” program which ended because of Covid.

- John Damon made comment that the smaller table saw blade is missing two teeth. Brian suggested that, more than likely, it will be replaced in the very near future. It still cuts effectively.

- John Damon – 3 small bowls made from Pine.
- Thanks to those members who have contributed.

**Show and Tell items on display.**

- From John McMahon – 3 items. A lidded box made from Huon pine and a eucalypt burl, a pedestal lidded box made from Messmate, and a mounted kookaburra made from Cypress and Redgum.
- Geoff Wylie – A Big Bash trophy (1 of 12) – a tow truck made from Pine, Cedar and Cypress pine.
- Phill Willems – A Big Bash trophy a “Thumbs up” made from Silky Oak.
- Chris Drysdale – 2 items - A pen made from stabilised Maple in a case and A Caged Eagle made from Pine and Walnut.

**Our raffle results.**

- The raffle was won by Ken Whitefield (who actually drew the ticket out.). After a bit of discussion, he was eventually awarded the prize.

**New members**

- David Grech, Joelan Grech, Baden Grech, David Hunter, Tomas Gaut, Margaret Clayton, David Hunter (returned member), David Walker, Ria Watkin, Julie Emmi, Jayne Worthington, Liza-Jayne Lyons.

**Meeting closed** —. 2.40pm

**Next Meeting**

- Our **AGM** on Wednesday 9th August. nomination forms for Committee members will be out shortly.

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**More from Ross Blackwood.**

A little girl was watching her parents dress for a party. When she saw her dad donning his tuxedo, she warned, 'Daddy, you shouldn't wear that suit.'

'And why not, darling?'

'You know that it always gives you a headache the next morning.'

**Beware of a new Amazon scam. My husband ordered me some expensive jewelry, but motorcycle parts came instead. Thankfully they fit his bike...**

**And from Michael Berry:**

The guy at the furniture store told me the sofa would seat 5 people without any problems.

Then it occurred to me, I don't think I know 5 people without any problems.



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