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The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road Berwick, 3806  
Inc. No A0012122U  
Welcome to the Newsletter for March 2024

**DATES TO REMEMBER Committee Meeting** - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April - 1:00pm. In clubroom. **General Meeting** - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 1:00pm in clubroom. As always it will be preceded by a free BBQ lunch at 12 noon. Hope to see you there.

The **Australian Wood Design Festival** in Orbost from 8<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> April.

**Club Luncheon** - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 12 noon, Cardinia Club, 71 Racecourse Rd., Pakenham. Please add your name to the list in the clubroom if you plan to join us there.

### WOODWORKERS DISPLAY & EXPO by John McMahon.

**BERWICK DISTRICT  
WOODWORKERS CLUB Inc.**  
Inc No. A0012122U

**Presents: Annual 2024 Open Weekend  
Woodworking Display and Expo**

Friday 12 July	5:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday 13 July	9:00am-5:00pm
Sunday 14 July	9:00am-5:00pm

**Location: BDWWC Clubrooms  
The Old Cheese Factory  
34 Homestead Rd. Berwick**

**FREE ENTRY**

This year's exhibition of members' work will be held over the weekend of Friday July 12<sup>th</sup> 5pm – 8pm, Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> 9am – 5pm both days.

Interest in the Expo has grown steadily over each of our previous exhibitions, with approximately 700 visitors attending last year. 39 members displayed 645 items in the exhibition and on the sales stand, and more than \$6,400 in sales resulted. Hopefully this year's will be the best yet and everyone should be getting stuck in to their pieces by now.

Remember that this is an exhibition of members' work at all levels of expertise, so we are not expecting gallery quality work, although our standard is generally pretty good! We have some really talented woodworkers in our club.

Our Expo sub-committee has commenced meetings, and planning is well under way. However, new members are always welcome. If you want to be a part of this, please contact **John McMahon** (0437096840). Flyers have been printed to promote the Expo, and we will be looking for volunteers to distribute these in the coming weeks. Our raffle tickets will be available shortly also, for sale at the markets. Help will also be needed in a number of areas as the Expo approaches, and, like last year, there will be some limitations on workshop availability in the last few days leading up to the Expo.

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## CLUB INFORMATION

### MEETINGS:

#### COMMITTEE

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1:00pm

#### GENERAL

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 1:00pm

### MARKETS – Volunteers needed

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Farmers Market
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Farmers Market
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Craft Market
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Farmers Market

#### Newsletter Contributions

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

### Committee of Management:

Position	Name	Phone
President	Brian Crowe	0438 012 155
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Ken Whitefield	0402 256 134
Michael Berry	0466 812 717
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Simon King	0477 831 318
Peter Shuttleworth	0402 680 605

### Contacts

Equipment authorisation approved members - *Brian Crowe, Don Buchanan, Simon King and Ron Bolton.*

Health and Safety Coordinator – *Peter Shuttleworth*

Machinery Maintenance Coordinators. - *Ron Bolton & Simon King*

Timber Coordinator - *Martin Van Diemen*

Screws - *Martin Van Diemen*

Paint - *George Young*

Toy Coordinators - *Simon King & Ron Bolton*

Functions Coordinator - *Ken D. Barnes*

Gala Day Coordinator - *Brian Crowe*

Annual Expo - *John McMahan*

Farmers Market Coordinators - *Martin Van Diemen & Don Buchanan*

Public Relations - *Don Buchanan*

OCF Contacts - *Brian Crowe & Don Buchanan*

Webmaster - *Ron Bolton*

Newsletter Editor - *Elsie Hoare*

Members' Welfare Coordinator - *Ken Whitefield*

Librarian - *Simon Robbins*

Men's Shed Coordinator - *Wayne Lucas*

#### Membership Fees:

	Joining	Annual
Individual	\$40.00	\$65.00
Family of 2	\$60.00	\$100.00
Family of more than 2 please enquire		

No Attendance Fee.

Tea & Coffee complimentary.

#### Paying your Membership Fees

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.

#### Safety First

For safety reasons, there must always be **three** members present whenever the workshop is being used.

### Clubrooms and Workshops Open Hours

Weekly	Hours	Leader
Monday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Ron Bolton
Tuesday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Michael Berry
Wednesday	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Don Buchanan
Wednesday Evening	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Bill Bradshaw
Thursday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Brian Crowe
Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Ron Bolton
Saturday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Ron Bolton
Sunday Farmers Market	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	TBA

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



**BERWICK DISTRICT  
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**For a Great Woodcraft Exhibition  
Visit our Workshop & Clubrooms  
FREE Entry for All**

Children under 16 to be accompanied by an adult

**Woodworking Demonstrations, including:**  
Wood Turning / Band Sawing / Scroll Sawing / Dremel  
Toy Making / Routing / Pyrography / Wood Carving

Various items produced by our members on display. With a selection of great items for sale.  
Kids Activity Corner.  
Raffle with great prizes.  
Tea & Coffee available.

**Chainsaw Carving**

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Once again exhibition pieces must not have been exhibited before, and members will be able to offer their pieces for sale if they wish. We will also have a sales table for pieces not eligible for the exhibition, but which members wish to sell. All sales will incur a 15% commission to the club to help offset costs.

More information will be circulated via the club's newsletter and in the lunchroom over the coming weeks. In the meantime, any queries can be directed to **John McMahon**, and get stuck into your entries.

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**AUSTRALIAN WOOD DESIGN FESTIVAL**  
**Simon Robbins** is the happy recipient of 1st prize in the Tourist Gift Category which is part of the Australian Wood Design Festival, currently held in Orbost. Below left is Simon, pictured with his certificate and **Colin Mitchell** of the Marlo Caravan Park who is the sponsor of the prize awarded to Simon.  
Below right is Simon's entry, "Antipasto Platter." Simon sends his thanks to **John McMahon** for encouraging members to enter this prestigious, bi-annual competition.

The festival continues until April 15<sup>th</sup>, so there's still time to visit the show to learn more about the piece.



*A Woodies Welcome* to **Andrea Kaltenbach** our new member this month.

*Best Wishes* to those of our members who are out of action due to ill health. We hope you will get well soon.

**A reminder from Wayne Lucas:** For those members interested in following the VMSA Newsletter, you can find it at <https://www.vmsa.org.au/news2/>



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:** Good morning, all, firstly I must thank **Alexander Drysdale** and **Simon King** for their part in making 50 chariots which will be given to the children of an Indian group as part of a ceremony into their heritage. The club was well reimbursed for the efforts of Alexander and Simon.

There has been no movement yet in placing our container as we have been waiting on Scott to return from holidays to set the bearers in place; as he has now returned, it should happen shortly and we can relocate the trailer and construct the gate and fence for security reasons.

It was a great effort from the club to attend the Berwick show, Hare and Forbes for 3 days as well as attending the craft market on Saturday. I understand that its a huge burden on us but the advantages are many and I ask members to share the load as the benefits are enjoyed by all of us.

I would like to ask all members who are making toys if you could supply 1 of each toy you are making to **Simon King** to be displayed in the club rooms as a reference of what is being made; this also includes toys that some members are making at home; it will enable Simon to compile a list for the charities. We should all be aware of loose clothing in the workshop, this also applies to shoe laces being too long. We recently had an incident of one of a member's shoelaces being caught on a machine causing a nasty fall; resulting, luckily in a bit of bruising and a slight cut. It could have been a lot worse, so if your laces are a bit long once done up tuck them into your shoe to eliminate any risk That is all from me, stay safe until next time.

**Brian**

Seen at right are two of the chariots mentioned in Brian's message. Brian tells me that they were decorated by the children of the group.

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**SPOTTED AT THE CRAFT MARKET.** Fortunately, the temperature was kind to us for the Craft Market this month, making the job of directing the car-parking a pleasant task for **Ian Deans** (far left) and **Graeme Weatherley** (left).

I liked this little Batmobile that was among the work displayed for visitors to see. I remember **Nigel Dukes** making them a few months back. It's interesting to see how they look with the painted finish.



**Don Buchanan's BOG (Best on Ground) AWARD** – This month goes to **Leah Bolton** and **Julie Robinson** who both worked tirelessly through the day, parking cars and/or counting gate takings. Thank you, ladies, for your tremendous efforts.



A welcome visitor to the Craft Market is shown at left with **Rick Hoare**. **Peri Biviano**, a past member, dropped in for a cup of coffee and a tour of the clubroom and workshop. Having moved from the area and therefore the club in 2016, Peri has never seen our current premises but has retained an interest in what we get up to and was very much impressed with what she saw when Rick showed her around. It was also Peri's birthday that day – Many Happy Returns, Peri.

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**HARE & FORBES DEMO DAYS.** A note from Club Secretary **Don Buchanan**. *“Many thanks to the guys and girls who volunteered their time to help out at the Hare and Forbes demo days (Thursday, Friday and Saturday). I have to report we had a small mishap, on the Saturday, when Simon King was turning a bowl on the lathe. He was using his chisel against the bowl when it suddenly broke up into pieces and flew everywhere. Simon sustained a small gash to his arm, but fortunately no one else was injured.”*

**Ron Bolton, Don Buchanan & Adrienne Harrell** form the happy looking trio at right.

That's **Simon King** at the lathe below



**Kay Zimmerman** and **Drew Mackay** also look cheerful as they demonstrate the scroll saws while **Don Buchanan**, a retired butcher, proves he hasn't lost his skill at making the sausages for a tasty snack for visitors.



Many thanks to John Damon for the photos.

**COLIN'S PLANE COLLECTION.** Colin Radley has sent me some photos of the cabinet that he has made to house his beloved planes. Here's what Colin has to say.

I've been collecting and using hand planes for many years.

A lot of moulding planes came from Boot Sales in the UK but I've continued buying planes from Trash & Treasure Markets here in Australia. Most are Stanley or Record but in more recent years I've added a few Pope models. When I was making a bow rocker for a rocking horse a few years ago I really wanted a Compass Plane (also known as a Shipwrights or Circular Plane) as this has a flexible sole that can be adjusted to be concave or convex. I managed without one but a year or so later one came up for sale on Gumtree.

It wasn't complete, the adjustment knob was missing but it was cheap. I thought I could make the knob but it needed a left-hand thread inside the shaft and a right-hand thread outside so it remained incomplete.

Another year passed by and I was looking on Gumtree again and someone was selling parts of a Compass Plane and I managed to buy the knob for a few dollars plus postage !

I had boxes of planes in the garage plus those regularly used stored in a tool chest indoors but I decided it was time to make a dedicated plane storage chest so they were all in one location. If I made the chest look 'attractive' I could get away with storing it indoors !

Some cheap pine boards were purchased and I sketched out a design.

Parts were cut at the Club but I found that some of the boards warped ( I should have purchased some decent pine !). I flattened them using a hand plane much to Bill Bradshaw's amusement.

Joints were hand cut dovetails, the cheap pine caused a few more issues as no matter how sharp the chisel, it tended to tear rather than cut.

I found some nice fold flat handles for the drawers (in 304 stainless) These had to be recessed into the drawer fronts so I made a router template to machine the four cutouts. As the drawer pulls were stainless, I selected stainless hinges & lifting handles.

Slots for the drawer bases were cut with a plough plane then, once everything was glued together, I stained then sealed the surface and polished with beeswax.

I have another box with some large old wooden planes but most are now in one location (indoors).

As for the collecting.....

I'd still like a No 7 or No 8 plane plus I have a few planes that are surplus to requirements.

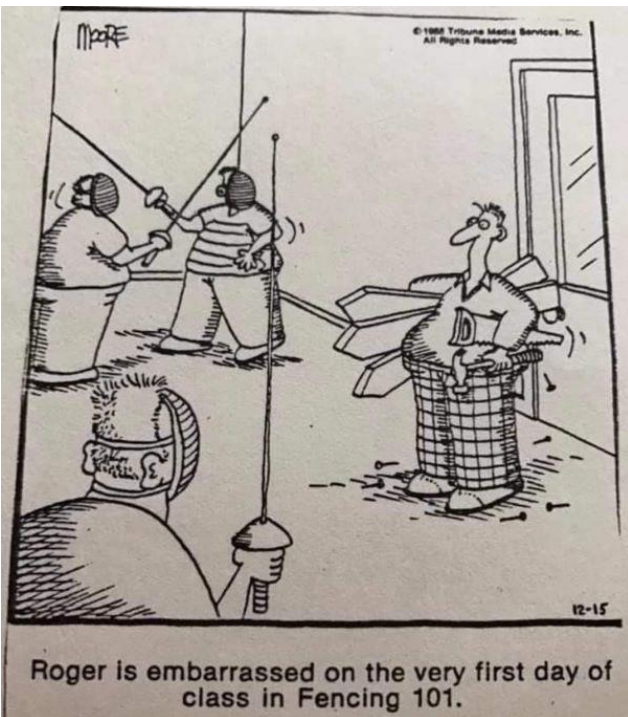


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**Brian Crowe** snapped this photo of **Simon King** sweeping up sawdust at a Hare & Forbes Demonstration Day. Brian assures me there is absolutely no truth in the rumour that it forms the ingredients for Don's sausages.

With **Simon King's** help, **Jayne Worthington** has acquired a new skill and is seen here finishing off a turned bowl.



Some Rules to Remember in Life – from Michael Berry.

1. Money can't buy happiness - but it's far more comfortable to cry in a Porsche than on a bicycle.
2. I think all politicians should wear uniforms. You know, like NASCAR drivers, so we could identify their corporate sponsors.
3. Also, all politicians should serve only two terms -- one in office and one in prison.

Car and Driver says 95% of electric cars are still on the road. The remaining 5% made it all the way home.

Just a Thought:

Having more money doesn't make you happier. I have \$50 million, but I'm just as happy as when I had \$48 million. ~ Arnold Schwarzenegger

That's all for now. Until next time, best wishes to you all, stay safe and stay well.

With many thanks to my trusty proof reader, **Carol Goddard**.



"I know I'm not supposed to interfere, but how's the dog going to climb through that?"