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Welcome to the newsletter for May 2023

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Committee Meeting 1st June - 1.00pm in clubroom.

Monthly Meeting 7th June - 1.00pm in clubroom.

**Berwick Woodworkers Expo** - 7th to 9th July 2023.

**Melbourne Timber, Tools & Artisan Show**, Melbourne Show Grounds. August 11th - 13th 2023. -

### WOODWORKING DISPLAY & EXPO:

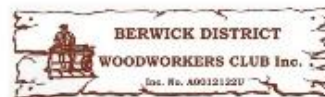
Plans are well underway for the club's coming expo in July on the weekend of 7th to 9th. Club organisers are hoping you have started on your entry. Remember this is not a competition, merely an exhibition of the kind of thing we like to do as woodworkers from light-hearted fun pieces to the more serious wood-art.

Below is the flyer that has been printed this year and is ready to be distributed to local letterboxes closer to the date. The Expo committee would like help from club members to deliver the flyers - around your local area on your morning walk will do the job nicely. Flyers are available at the clubroom.

**Berwick Woodworkers Presents**  
Their Annual Open Weekend  
**Woodworking Display and Expo**

Friday 7 July 2023 5:00pm - 8:00pm  
Saturday 8 July 2023 9:00am - 5:00pm  
Sunday 9 July 2023 9:00am - 5:00pm

**FREE ENTRY**  
At the clubrooms  
The Old Cheese Factory  
34 Homestead Rd., Berwick  
More info:  
John McMahon: 0437096840  
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Visit our Workshop & Clubrooms  
**FREE entry**

(Children under 16 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.

A selection of items for sale.

Kids Activity Corner.

Raffle.

Tea & Coffee available.

Friday 7 July 2023: 5pm-8pm

Saturday & Sunday 8&9 July 2023: 9am-5pm

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## CLUB INFORMATION:

### MEETINGS:

#### COMMITTEE

1st June

#### GENERAL

7th June

#### SPEAKERS ETC

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#### FARMERS' MARKET

27th May (craft market)

10th June. Farmers Market.

### Committee of Management:

#### Contact Details

#### Name

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#### Committee

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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 – 4.00 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.

**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 REPORT** - by Secretary **Don Buchanan** in lieu of **Brian Crowe** who is unavailable at present.

Planning for our Expo is ongoing. **John McMahon** has drawn up a roster for the Expo. It is located near the library area. We are asking members to please consider volunteering for demonstrations or manning the reception desk or sales area over the weekend. Just a few hours will help. Expo raffle tickets are now available from the club to sell at the markets or to anyone. Books are in the club office. The register must be completed before taking the tickets. The ticket stubs need to be returned and the register completed. We are legally bound to keep these records of raffle tickets.

Don’t forget our Working Bee for the Expo. It is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 9.00am to around 1.00pm. A sausage sizzle will also be put on for lunch.

We hope members are well on the way making exhibits for our Expo. Not to mention the President’s Challenge. We already have one member who has completed his challenge.

The club is now opening on Saturdays from 9.00am to 12.30pm, including market days. This decision by the Committee is going to be for a trial period of 2 to 3 months. After that a decision will be made as to whether it will continue.

The Variety Club Bash trophies being made by members are progressing and more information will be discussed at our next General meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

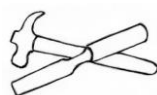
As always - thank you to all our members who attend and help at the Saturday markets. As you know it is a great money earner for our club.

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**WOMEN IN WORKSHOPS.** Three recent additions to the club's membership are seen here. They are, from left, **Julie Emmi**, **Ria Watkin** and **Jayne Worthington** who belong to a group named Women in Workshops. The group's aim is to enable its members to gain proficiency with hand tools and they are attending the club on Saturday morning once a month to learn basic woodworking. **Don Buchanan** sent me these photos of the first session of “Women in Workshops” that was run by **Brian Crowe**. Our new members enjoyed themselves and Brian's verdict was, "It was a great couple of hours." Below left, Jayne checks some measurements while



at right, Ria masters a hand saw.



### **GEOFF'S CHALLENGE.**

Following the photo in our last newsletter, showing **Geoff Wiley** busy at the spindle sander, here is the result of his labour, a model VW Campervan for his Granddaughter.

Here are Geoff's photos and what Geoff had to say about the van.



*" I gave it to my granddaughter last weekend when they were all down. She loved it. The smile was reward enough. The story for the camper started with their trip to Tasmania when she saw a camper, made out of Huon pine, in Strahan and sent me a photo asking me if I could make one for her. It's made out of Huon pine and leatherwood both are endemic to Tassie."*

### **CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP:**

At a request from a local kindergarten, **Dianne Gething, Chris Drysdale** and **Phil Willems** went along to spend some time helping the little woodworkers explore the craft. **Phil** has sent me these photos. At right are **Dianne** (half hidden), and **Chris**. The man seated is the father of one of the children. Far right, one of the children inspects the finished work.



### **VICTORIAN MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION NEWS.**

**Wayne Lucas** has represented Berwick District Woodworkers at the VMSA Cluster Muster held at Korumburra on April 19th. Here is what Wayne had to say.

Below left. *" The Men's Shed meeting was held in a Korumburra railway shed. We had to bring our own chair. I was close to the heater."*



Far right: *"Korumburra's new Men's Shed nearing completion. It felt like the size of a plane hangar."*

Website for VMSA can be found at <https://www.vmsa.org.au> Email address [vmsa@vmsa.org.au](mailto:vmsa@vmsa.org.au)

**NEW CLUB OPENING TIMES:** As there is a growing number of members who work regular hours and are looking for extra opportunities to attend the club on evenings and weekends, our opening times have been extended. **Simon King** has offered his time on Monday afternoons until around 3.00pm or 4pm, depending on numbers.

It may be an opportunity to use your hand tools or do some carving, use the Dremel, or have a go at Pyrography. Any member can attend. If machines are used during this time the extraction system will be on.

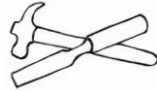
Many thanks to **Simon**.

For the next couple of months, there will be a trial of opening the Club on Saturdays from 9:00am until 12:30pm. This means the Club will now be open every Saturday for members to use the facilities, not just on market days.

**Ron Bolton** has taken on this time slot, as key holder. We will review this in a few months to see if enough members are using the opportunity to justify the effort.

Many thanks to **Ron**.

Wednesdays remain as always, from 9.00am through until 8.00pm with **Don Buchanan** opening in the morning and covering for **Bill Bradshaw** when he has to duck out to do Grandpa duties for the school run, around 3.00pm.



### ON A PERSONAL NOTE.

As many of us are aware, **Alexander Drysdale** plans to put woodworking on hold for a while, in order to take a caravan trip to investigate the rest of Australia. We have recently received an email from him from Ballina, NSW. After a couple of false starts here is what Alexander has to say,

*"First stop Cape Paterson as it was an easy first step and it served a double purpose. We had left stuff at home, which we needed, so the Sunday was a round trip and we were on our way on Monday. Mallacoota first for a couple of days just to see how the poor people live. There were boats everywhere. A few more days travel round the coast with boats everywhere and here we are.*

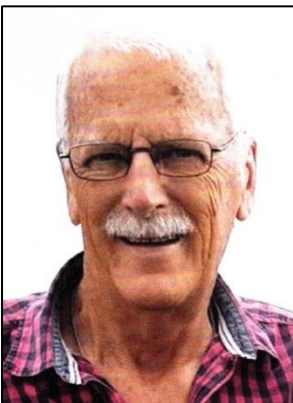
*We spent a few days round a small town called MacLean. Its main claim to fame is that there are in excess of 150 power poles each with a Scottish Clan tartan painted on it. Found a Douglas and a Baird and a Buchanan but until I can work out how to reduce their size (and the sizes of other pictures taken on my camera) in the folder on this laptop you will just have to hold your breath and see what I can come up with.*

*No hurry as we have until the end of September to reach Broome on the coast of Western Australia. Keeps us away from the Wet Season in the far north."*

Best Wishes for a safe and happy trip Alexander, to you and Jillian.



### SAD NEWS:



#### VALE BRUCE SCOTT.

It was with great sadness that we received the news of the passing of popular club member **Bruce Scott** on May 5th.

Although his illness had kept him away from the club in recent months Bruce enjoyed dropping into the clubroom for morning tea, whenever he could.

A kind, gentle man Bruce will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

We send our sincere condolences to Bruce's wife Carol and all his family.



**ANOTHER SAD LOSS:** We have learned also, of the passing of **Joyce Croucher**, wife of **Jack Croucher** and mother of **Jon Croucher**. Our heartfelt sympathy goes to both these club members.



### **NAIL GUN SAFETY ADVICE:**

There are many types of portable hand-held nail guns. They are powered by either:

- electromagnetism
- compressed air-pneumatic
- highly flammable gases—such as butane or propane
- powder actuated—requiring an explosive charge.

Since their introduction, the compressed air/pneumatic type nail gun has become the most commonly used form of nail gun.

Use totally enclosed eye protection when operating a nail gun.

Use a leather apron when operating a nail gun.

Operators are responsible for the safe operation of Nail Guns.  
Keep your finger off the trigger.

### **FROM THE INTERNET:**

#### **7 woodworking tips for beginners (And a reminder for old hands.)**

- 1. Measure twice, cut once. You have heard it before! ...
- 2. Use the right type of wood for your job. Educate yourself on different types of wood before you purchase the material for your project. ...
- 3. Check your wood for imperfections ...
- 4. Clean your workspace regularly ...
- 5. Practice fundamentals with fun projects at home ...
- 6. Take local classes ...
- 7. Be safe ...

#### **KEEP THINGS IN ORDER WITH SLIDING BOOKENDS.** From The Handyman Hints and Tips

Books and binders tend to take up a lot of space in an office and aren't always in an easy-to-reach spot. Solve that by creating a sliding bookend. To corral shelf-dwelling books or other media that like to wander, cut 3/4 inch thick hardwood pieces into 6 inch x 6 inch squares. Use a band saw or jigsaw to cut a slot along one edge (with the grain) that's a smidgen wider than the shelf thickness. Stop the notch 3/4 inch from the other edge. Finish the bookend and slide it on the shelf.



**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** We are delighted to welcome the following new members to our ranks.

**Julie Emmi, Ria Watkin, Jayne Worthington and Tomas Gaut.**

### *Best Wishes*

To those of our members out of action due to ill health we send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.



A beautiful day for the Farmers Market on the 13th May 2023. **Peter Angwin** snapped this photo. The market was well attended by patrons enjoying the perfect conditions.

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**FROM THE MINISTRY OF MYRTH** (Alias Michael Berry)

Hold your wife's hand in the shopping centre because if you let go she'll start shopping. It looks romantic but it's actually economic.

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.

Last night my neighbour came home drunk and banged on his own door for 5 minutes. Problem is, he lives alone so I went outside and told him he wasn't there and he left.

I was driving when I saw the flash of a traffic camera. I figured that my picture had been taken for exceeding the limit even though I knew that I was not speeding. Just to be sure I went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed. Now I began to think that this was quite funny so I drove even slower as I passed the area once more, but the traffic camera again flashed.

I tried a fourth and fifth time with the same results and was now laughing as the camera flashed while I rolled past at a snail's pace.

Two weeks later I got five tickets in the mail for driving without a seat belt.

And finally - A sign outside a second-hand shop:

**..... WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING - BICYCLES, WASHING MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG AND GET A WONDERFUL BARGAIN?**

**Thats all for now. Until next time stay safe and keep well.**

