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Welcome to the newsletter for October 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting 2nd November - 1.00pm in clubroom.
General Meeting 6th December - 1.00pm in clubroom.
Hare and Forbes Day Sat 18th November.

Gala Day Weekend Friday 24th, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th November. We will have access to the Function Room in the afternoon of the Friday before, so we can start moving toys in and setting up. **Gala Day Sunday** will start at 2.00pm. There will be a register in the clubroom asking for members to supply a plate for the Gala Day Afternoon Tea. If you can help us out by bringing a plate of food – that would be appreciated. **End of Year Dinner** 25th November in the Function Room at the Old Cheese Factory. Between 5.30pm to 6.00pm. Meal service will start at 6.30pm. Cost \$25.00 per head. BYO drinks and glasses.



AN EARLY CHRISTMAS GIFT.

With the recent retirement of the club's tired old workshop vacuum-cleaner it has become necessary to purchase a new one. Once again, Bunnings has come to the aid of Berwick Woodworkers, with the Clyde North Branch making a gift to us of this DeWalt 45 Lt Wet/Dry Vacuum cleaner. The new cleaner has gone straight into service, helping to keep the workshop spick-and-span

Pictured are Club Secretary **Don Buchanan** with **Tony Walter** from **Bunnings, Clyde North.**

New Members to Welcome this month:
**Michael Coad, CJ Cooke, Justin Semmel,
Tamar Somasundaram, Remy Burney**

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

2nd November

GENERAL

6th December

SPEAKERS ETC

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FARMERS' MARKET

28th October (craft market)

11th November. Farmers Market.

Committee of Management:

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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 Coordinators. - Ron Bolton & Simon King

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	- Ron Bolton, morning. 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.

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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.
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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 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.





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Good afternoon fellow members

It saddens me a bit to have to start my president's report with a couple of grumbles. The first one is, you all should be aware the club had a general meeting last week. Because insufficient members attended the day to form a quorum (20% of paid members) we were unable to have a GM. It is disappointing to think that members are

not interested in the operation of our club. A general meeting is a means for members to have their say, by means of suggestions or observations, in how the club operates. The committee values the input of our members and at the end of the day the club belongs to all of us, so attending a GM is a way of letting the committee know your thoughts in the operation of our club.



The second grumble is about unreported damage to club machinery. The dovetailing jig and a drill press rack were damaged and no one either reported the damage or owned up to it. (see pictures at right and below) There are no penalties or stigma applied to making a mistake resulting in equipment damage, I am quite sure we have all been there. We should learn from those mistakes and letting a 'go to' member be aware of the damage allows us to try and eliminate a similar error. So please if you damage any of the club's equipment tell someone.



Grumbles over, moving on, I would like to thank **Wayne Lucas** for putting his hand up to keep our lunch room well looked after and nice and clean, Wayne has decided to take a well-earned break and we have decided to use the contract cleaners that look after the OCF. Many thanks Wayne - job well done. Over the past weekend we took part in Casey's *Open Studios* event, and although the numbers, 15 in total, were down on what we expected (cold and wet Sunday) it was a success in a couple of areas, the first is that 2 membership forms were taken and we have 2 telephone numbers to follow up, and the second is the members that used the time to work on their own projects. It may be something to consider in the future. Thanks to all that did turn up for the event.

Recently we have had two members report in sick, **Ken Humphries** and **Ron Bolton**, I wish these members a speedy recovery and hope to see them at the club again soon. Well. That's about all from me.

Until next time, **Brian**



Best Wishes. To those of our members who are dealing with illness at present, either in themselves or loved ones, we send our best wishes and kindest regards.

SHOW & TELL: Alan McGavin made the miniature Victorian Dickens desk. No more than about 230 mm high all the drawers slide and the writing desk lid lifts.



Rick Hoare hand carved the oak leaf from a piece of oak on a pine base.

John McMahon has made the hollow vessel below left, from a scrap of walnut, found in his Father-in-Law's back yard.



Chris Drysdale used his CNC machine to carve the following wall plaques.



Sea Horse



Horse

Koala



Platypus



Swordfish

As there was not enough members present to form a Quorum at the October General Meeting, proceedings took the form of an interesting open discussion on a variety of topics:

SECURITY UPDATE: Closing Up Procedure to be undertaken by the last person to leave the premises each day. Printed instructions are posted on the front door.

SIGNING IN: For insurance purposes, members have long been asked to sign the attendance book on entering the club premises, even for just a few minutes. We are now asked to note the time of our arrival, and also to sign out when we leave, again noting the time we depart. This is a safety measure to ensure the building is empty in case of emergency.

CNC MACHINE: The debate continues between the authenticity of woodwork created by computerised technology versus that of manual skill and should the club purchase a CNC machine or not. Club members may be asked to vote.

Those of us who are not sure what a CNC machine does can see a machine working at Chisholm Institute - Berwick TEC, 25 Kangan Drive, Berwick, between 4.00pm & 6.00pm on Wednesdays. **Chris Drysdale** has also offered to demonstrate his machine at his home.

NATIONAL WOODCRAFT COLLECTION and EXHIBITION CENTRE:

John McMahon is interested in a proposal for the establishment of a National Woodcraft Collection and Exhibition Centre to be housed in a permanent, purpose-built showroom on OCF site - John would like to hear from club members who would like to form a sub-committee to support the venture.

CLUB SICK BAY: With the pleasing increase in club membership, our club room is a busy place these days. It has come to the attention of the committee that, in the event of a medical emergency, we need a quiet place for an ill member to rest. A sick bay is to be established in the large storage area at the end of the large toilet room.

DISCOUNT OPPORTUNITY: **Chris Drysdale** has let us know that **TIMBER BITS** - Sydney offers 5% discount on club members' purchases. Phone orders only. Not on line.

Two of our hard working club members have decided to step back from the jobs they do to keep things running smoothly. **Wayne Lucas**, who has kept the clubroom clean every week, has decided to retire from the position.

Ken Barnes has decided to step back from his position as toy coordinator.

Club President **Brian Crowe** has thanked both these members for the excellent job they've done.

The job of Toy Coordinator will be vacant from the end of this year and the Committee would like to hear from you if you would like to take up the position.

Cleaning of the clubroom will now be taken over, next year, by the contractor who looks after the OCF buildings.

BAND SAW AID: From **Simon Robbins**.

"This is a Bandsaw Tip for Woodworking Members who may have a Bandsaw at home.

The photo is quite self explanatory. I would think mainly for straight logs. Once the sled is made to fit your Bandsaw all you have to do is drill some wood screws from the opposite side of the fence to help grip the wood & push gently.

Also I recently read that branch timber has more stress in it than trunk timber & is more likely to warp & move."

LOCK UP PROCEDURE

Close and lock both Public Access doors in workshop.

Check that lights, air conditioner and exhaust fan in paint shop are turned off.

Turn off dust arrester and air filters in workshop.

Check that all lights - including lights over saws and lathes, and in breezeway are turned off.

Check that all roller doors are down.

Check that office air-conditioner is off.

Check that the office light is off, and door is locked.

Close all blinds in the lunch room.

Turn off all lights and air-conditioner in lunchroom.

Turn alarm on by inserting code.

Close and lock front door.



From the Finishing Room - By Peter Angwin.

I have been given the enviable task of controlling this room so can I remind the members some basic rules to abide by -

1. Any paint brush used **MUST** be cleaned after each use!
2. **CLEANED YOU SAY?** Yep, be it water or oil-based, it is not such a hard job to clean the brush! (Water for acrylic undercoats. Turps (not too much) for oil-based paints.
3. Dirty water must be thrown down the sink, and dirty turps can be collected in the bucket underneath the fresh turps can.
4. Brushes are then 'dried/wiped' on a rag and then, that rag, can be thrown out when it has reached 'its use by date'??

Too many cans are wasted by them being left to sit and, as the photo shows, this is what happens, ruining the brush for the next person.



Paint brush left to stand in dirty turps which has dried solid.

TOO MANY BRUSHES AND CANS ARE WASTED so, please members, respect the rules and all painters will be much happier!

NOW,

AS TO THE PAINT TINS???

1. As the paint used now averages approximately \$90 for 4 litres it is important to respect the cost of paint waste.
2. To avoid the above mentioned waste, oil-based paint must be securely sealed between uses to prevent the paint from drying out, rendering it useless.
3. Paint tins have a channel round the top of the tins which accepts the can's lid, enabling the tin to be sealed. These channels must be kept clean to enable the lid to be closed firmly, thus achieving a firm seal. If the channels are full of dry paint the tin cannot be sealed and the remaining paint will dry out becoming unusable.
4. To help keep the channel clean, surplus paint can be **CAREFULLY** wiped off the brush using the inside edge at the top of the can. This allows excess paint to run back into the tin instead of the outer lid seal.
5. If by chance paint is 'spilled' into the channel, **PLEASE** clean it out before replacing the lid.
6. **One idea** is to have a wire across the tin so that you can wipe surplus paint off the brush before painting. This wire would then be cleaned upon completion of the task at hand. Of course, the wire would be removed before sealing the can!

From the HAPPY PAINTERS CLUB!! :-)

PYROGRAPHY CLASSES with **Beverly Witts** have been a happy time for **Lisa Brouwer** and **Catherine Fiddelaers**. Below, a class in progress and at right, Lisa with some of the shields that she has made which have caught the interest of the woodcrafters at Kryal Castle Theme Park in Leigh Creek, Victoria.



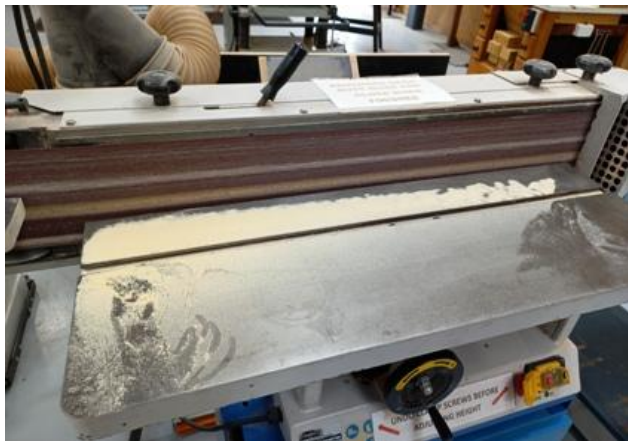


VISITING DEMONSTRATION: **Simon Robbins** has sent me this photo of the Livos Oil demonstration that took place, at the club, on the morning of the GM Meeting this month. Livos is a popular finish among club members, having a wide range of Eco-Friendly products.

ANOTHER SAFETY MEASURE: Machinery throughout the workshop has been numbered for cataloguing purposes and colour coded for good measure, in colours ranging from red - high risk, through blue - less hazardous, to green - the least dangerous. Just a warning to keep your wits about you when you're using them. Below is a lathe displaying its number in red. Obviously a machine to handle with care.

GOOD HOUSEKEEPING.

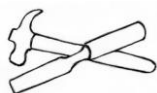
Oops! Somebody forgot to clean up after using this sander (below) a couple of weeks ago. Please put our nice new vacuum-cleaner through its paces and clean up after you've used a machine.



OPEN STUDIO WEEK-END: I snapped this photo of **Kay Zimmerman** making use of the Saturday afternoon to catch up with her scroll-saw work.



Other members took the opportunity to display some of their work in the clubroom.



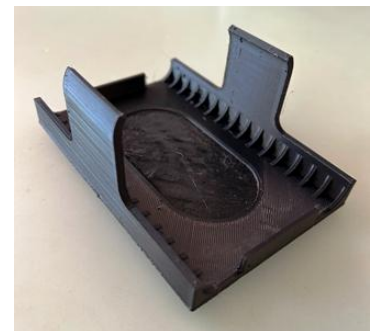
More of the displayed private work.



NOT JUST WOODWORK: Since the club's 3D Printing machine arrived, donated to us by club member, **David Walker**, it has had considerable use by **Ross Blackwood**. Ross's most recent creations have been the ear protectors seen below left and a switch cover for a small compressor.

Ross and his partner Marg are keen cyclists and, as is common at this time of year, must brave the attention of swooping magpies every time they venture out. Ross has attached the ear shields to his cycling helmet and is satisfied that they should provide the desired protection. I'm sure you are as disappointed as I am that I couldn't persuade Ross to model his invention for a photo.

A MEMORY: Following the memorial service held for past member **Stewart Moyes** earlier in the month, Stewart's Son-in-Law, John Doward, sent me this photo of Stewart with the cart that he made for the OCF garden.



MARKET DAY SERVICE: We have been reminded of the benefit we all receive from the markets that we run twice a month. Gate takings from market patrons (just a \$2 donation) provide the club with an income that enables us to keep our membership fees lower than many other clubs.

In order to run the events we need members onsite to set up gate gazebos, and take them down at the end of the morning. We also need car park attendants to direct parking, and others to greet market patrons at the entry gates and take care of the donations. It's quite a

social event for club members with plenty of friendly banter between each other and those regular patrons who have come to know us but, of course, the usual team could use a few extra hands. Please consider coming along to give us a hand.

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JUST A THOUGHT:

Good judgement comes from experience. Experience comes from bad judgement.

The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good at all.

Only in Australia do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and lock our junk and cheap lawn mower in the garage.

Meeting Commenced

Meeting started at 1.00pm

Welcome to Members.

Apologies

- Graeme Weatherly, Alexander Drysdale, Don Buchanan, Ian Deans.

The attendance by for this meeting was disappointing. There weren't enough members present to form a quorum, so as a result there will be no proposals put up and be voted on.

Minutes of last monthly meeting. — Wednesday 9th August

Business arising from previous meeting.

Correspondence.

- An email from Anna Benjamin – Lynbrook Community Centre asking if we can make some planter boxes. Peter Ball has been communicating with her. One planter has been completed already.
- Our Grant has been received, banked and pine purchased. Pine is to be solely used for the making of our toys for our charities.
- A request from a lady wanting someone to make her a barometer. Chandramohan Somasundaram has offered his services and will do the job.
- From Meg Larkin – An update of the Open Studios event on 21st and 22nd October.
- Renewal of membership in the VMSA has been confirmed. Contact form to be updated and returned.
- Ageing Positively for Casey Council newsletter.
- Kylie Besanko is an artist who paints miniature paintings. She is asking for a member to make dolls houses, so she can exhibit her miniature paintings. Don and Wayne Lucas have volunteered to do the job.
- An email from Ken Humpries informing the Club that he has suffered a mild stroke and won't be at the club for a while. Ken Whitefield has been informed.
- An email informing us of the passing of Life Member Stewart Moyes.
- An email from Wayne Lucas saying that he would like to resign as the club's cleaner but will continue doing his job until the end of the year. The Committee has asked for a quote from the cleaning contractor who cleans the OCF amenities.
- An email from Karen O'Hare asking the club if we can make a marble tower that she saw at the Doveton Show. Don has received the jig from Ross Blackwood and will attempt to make it. Job done.

Presidents Report.

- The dovetail jig that was available for members use has been damaged by an unknow member. It was not reported.
- A rack on a pedestal drill has also been broken. Again, it was not reported.
- Open Studios event on is this weekend, Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd October from 10.00am to 4.00pm. The club will be open to the public. These days will be treated as normal club days for all members to attend if they wish. The club will have a display of member's work. Members are more than welcome to display items that they have made.
- Thanks to Wayne Lucas for his past service, cleaning the club. The club will be using a contract cleaner who also cleans the Old Cheese Factory amenities.
- A slight change to the minutes. Ken Barnes was originally going to retire from his toy coordinator role after the Gala Day event this year, but having talked to Ken over the weekend, he has decided to continue for another 12 months. Simon King has expressed his interest in taking over the role. A big thank you to Ken for his continued service.
- VSMA AGM in Broadmeadows on the 16th October. Ross Blackwood is going at this stage, but he would like company. He has indicated that he is not going on his own.
- Cluster meeting (VMSA) on 9th November at Poowong. Wayne Lucas is going but would like company also.

- On the 26th October the OCF is holding a Children's Day event. On the day, can members please park at the rear of the club and exit via the lower gate.
- Gala Day weekend – on the 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th November. We have access to the Function room on the Friday afternoon which will allow us to move toys in to start setting up. Continue setting up on the Saturday morning. The Gala dinner will be on the Saturday night. The Charity Day on the Sunday and the toy pickup day on the Monday.
- Melbourne Cup event on Tuesday 7th November. If we have enough members attending, we will run this event. A register is in the clubroom. The club will provide sausages, salads, and some alcohol. Cup sweeps will also be held - \$2.00 and \$5.00 and more if needed.

Treasurer's report.

- The treasurer's Report was read and discussed.

Safety Committee

- A draft of the member self-assessment checklist has been sent out to the Safety Committee for their input.

Markets.

- Farmers market this Saturday 14th October. There will be Open Studio brochures to be handed out to visitors.
- The next Craft Market is on Saturday 28th October.
- Our membership fees are low because of the income we get from these markets. It would be appreciated if we could see more members helping on these days instead of our regular crew.

Functions and Important dates

- Open Studio event at the club on 21st and 22nd October (Saturday and Sunday). Members are invited to bring in items that they have made for displaying. The workshop will also be open on both days, and we encourage members to come and work if they wish.
- Melbourne Cup afternoon Tuesday 7th November. More details in General Business.
- Casey Yarn and Arts visit to the club on morning of Thursday 9th November. Including some members from the local aboriginal community.
- Hare and Forbes Demo Day on Saturday 18th November from 8.30am to 3.00pm. Register coming. **Not on the Sunday this year. Ken Whitefield, Bill Bradshaw, Brian Crowe, John McMahon and Don Buchanan have already volunteered to assist on the day. Thanks Guys.**
- Gala Weekend. Gala dinner on Saturday night 25th November and the toy presentation day on the Sunday 26th November. Toy pickup on the Monday. More details coming. Dinner register coming.

Toys

- Ken Barnes is happy to continue with the toy coordinator position until further notice. Thanks Ken.
- We have 757 toys now. (this is without Ian Brown's cars) which could be 50 or more.
- Any new or existing members wanting to be involved in making toys, who haven't been involved before, please see Ken so he can put you on a toy making team.
- Elsie needs to know the total number of beds and cradles that she has made to pass on to the ladies who make the mattresses, quilts, and pillows.

Newsletter.

- Plenty of input being received.

General Business & Suggestion Box

- Ron Bolton in hospital until further notice. He has an heart issue that requires attention.
- We still need a member to take over from George Young in the finishing room. At this stage Peter Angwin has put his name forward and Bill Bradshaw is happy to assist.
- It looks like we are going to receive an Equipment and Training grant that will go towards purchasing a new computer to drive the laser printer and 3D printer.
- We have had a suggestion from George Young to run a Melbourne Cup afternoon on Tuesday 7th November. The club will supply sausages, salads, and some drinks that we have saved from the Expo. A register will be out for you to register you and your partner's attendance.
- The Committee has decided that the last member who leaves and locks up is required to record this in the sign on book beside their name.

- We have been asked by Bunnings in Clyde North to cut up ply for them to make possum boxes in classes that they are running at their store. **Don Buchanan has offered to do this job.**
- The club now has a “Lost and Found” cupboard. Several pairs of reading glasses have been found. If you have lost a pair, please see a committee member.
- Thanks to those members who came and helped at the Doveton Show. It was a great success.
- The club picked up a new wet and dry vacuum cleaner that was donated by Bunnings Clyde North. We have built up a good relationship with them and hope it continues.
- Just a reminder that if the machine you have just used needs to be cleaned, please clean it. And if you have scrap wood left over after using a bandsaw etc and it can be used for firewood, please, if necessary, cut it into smaller pieces so it fits in the plastic bag and has no sharp points that can pierce the bag. Please take some extra time cutting the firewood. It’s turning out to be a good money earner for the club. We would otherwise throw it away. Thanks.
- Capital Expenditure Sub Committee has been established and will be assisted by the Treasurer. It will be involved in the planning of future expenditure of the club.
- Discussion on the purchasing of a CNC machine for the club has taken place. Input from Ross Blackwood and Chris Drysdale was received by the members present. No vote was taken as there wasn’t enough members present to form a quorum. Further information needs to be sought, so an informed decision can be made by members. Suggestions being actual machine demonstrations and viewing videos. Chris Drysdale has invited interested members to see his CNC machine in operation at his home workshop. Also attending Casey Tech on a Wednesday afternoon. Peter Ball can provide information as he volunteers there.
- From John McMahon. His proposal of establishing a purpose-built National Centre for Artisan Woodcraft is gaining momentum. It is getting enthusiastic support from all levels of Government. A professionally written business plan needs to be prepared before taking the proposal any further. Casey Council is happy to provide staff to assist in the preparation. The club Committee has agreed to support this proposal. A BDWWC sub committee will be needed. It will also provide a tourism opportunity for the immediate precinct.
- Chris Drysdale has negotiated members a 5% discount when making a purchase at Timberbits. Phone orders only.
- From Lance Baker. The 16ga nail gun has been replaced by an 18ga nail gun. From now on only use 18ga nail clips.
- A ‘Sick Bay’ to be established. Toilet storage area to be cleaned. A blanket and pillow to be provided.

Show and Tell items on display.

Items on display were:

- A miniature English Desk by Alan Mc Gavin
- An Oak carving (leaf) by Rick Hoare
- A holey bowl by John McMahon
- 5 CNC machine carvings by Chris Drysdale

New members

- CJ Cooke, Justin Semmel, Michael Coad, Tamar Somasundaram, Remy Burney

Meeting closed — 2.30pm **Next Meeting** - Wednesday 6th December. **Don Buchanan** - Hon Secretary

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CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

If you can start the day without caffeine. If you can always be cheerful ignoring aches and pains. If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles. If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it. If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time. If you can take criticism and blame without resentment. If you can conquer tension without medical help. If you can relax without liquor. If you can sleep without the aid of drugs.

Then you are probably the family dog.

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