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Welcome to the Newsletter for May 2024

**DATES TO REMEMBER Committee Meeting** - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June - 1:00pm. **General Meeting** - Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 1:00pm in clubroom. This meeting includes a Special General Meeting. As always it will be preceded by a free BBQ lunch at 12 noon. Hope to see you there.

**Club Luncheon** - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon, Trios, Cranbourne Race Course.

**Club Expo** - 12<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> July. Workshop closed from 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July. Reopens 16<sup>th</sup> July.

#### DEMONSTRATION EVENT for MOTHERS DAY AT BUNNINGS.

Once again, the club's scroll saw was kept busy when Berwick Woodworkers attended this event.

**Julie Robinson** and **Ron Bolton** have sent these photos for me to show you. That's **Don Buchanan** Cutting out the little animals that we like to give away and there is **David Grech** using the pyrography tool to give them personality. Julie tells me David is giving the little penguin his penguin suit.



Below is the team: **Julie Robinson, Simon King, Ron Bolton, Ian Deans** and **David Grech**, together with two members of the Fountain Gate Bunnings Staff.

We also had a team at Bunnings in Clyde North.

Well done everyone.



## CLUB INFORMATION

### MEETINGS:

#### COMMITTEE

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1:00pm

#### GENERAL

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 1:00pm

### MARKETS – Volunteers needed

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Farmers Market
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Farmers Market
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Farmers Market

### Committee of Management:

Position	Name	Phone
President	Brian Crowe	0438 012 155
Vice President	Ron Bolton	0413 152 391
Secretary	Don Buchanan	0431 313 998 email: <a href="mailto:bdwwcsec@outlook.com">bdwwcsec@outlook.com</a>
Treasurer	Peter Ball	0425 725 875

Committee	Phone
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Ken Whitefield	0402 256 134
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Ian Deans	0403 419 774
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### 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.

### 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*

### 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

### 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.

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.



## Notice to Members

At 1:00pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, there will be a **Special General Meeting** to consider and vote on two important matters that affect the future of the club.

1. New taxation rules mean that, unless we take action to alter the club's Statement of Purpose, we will become liable to pay tax on components of our income. Please review the proposed changes as described in the Notice of Meeting that has now been circulated to all members. Making the changes will enable us to claim a tax exemption, so we are asking members to support the alterations so we comply with the ATO's new rules and do not become taxable.
2. The club's Statement of Purpose is part of our Rules of Incorporation. These Rules have served us well for many years, but have now fallen behind in some important areas. To bring everything up-to-date and to stay current, we are recommending that we adopt the recently released Model Rules for an Incorporated Association.

To inform yourself further about these important matters, please take a look at the Notice of Meeting that has been sent to all members. You can also find more in the information bulletin in the clubhouse. 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 meeting, but if that is not possible, there will be provision to vote by proxy. ***Please make every effort to acquaint yourself with the issues and register your vote. We need every member to get behind this and support the club as we navigate the new taxation rules that apply to clubs like ours.***



**REMINDERS:** No, you haven't stumbled into April's newsletter by mistake but perhaps some of our members missed this message last month because the lathe tail-stock is **still being wound back too far**, causing it to jam. Please remember to use the knock-out bar to remove the live centre.

Then there is the matter of the dust-extraction vents. All members are asked to please shut off any vent that doesn't need to be open when you have finished using a machine. This will improve the suction strength of the system.

A cause of great concern is the damage that is being done to our lathe chisels that are still being poorly sharpened.

**Simon King** must regrind these tools thus making them shorter and therefore

dangerous to use. If this tool damage continues, we may find that we have to purchase our own tools so that we may sharpen them however we please. Of the three chisels pictured here, only the top one is correctly sharpened. The middle one has become considerably shortened by the constant correction that Simon has had to make.





**VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER!!** Some of our saw blades take a long time to stop spinning when they're switched off. Please watch until the blade has stopped turning before working around it as we don't get a second chance if we come into contact with a spinning blade.

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK:**



Good Morning All,

I hope this report finds you all in good health and any that are unwell a speedy recovery, The winter months are now upon us and so is the season for the Flu and common cold, also Covid is still around so if any member has any symptoms or are unwell please stay home until you have recovered as we are all at a vulnerable age.

Firstly, I must thank the members that were involved in the construction of the fence between the two containers, it looks fantastic. One of the provisions of being able to obtain the 2<sup>nd</sup> container was for us to hide it by fencing between the containers, I am sure that the OCF would be more than happy.

A special thanks to **David Walker** for his generosity in donating the Lazer, 3d printers, digital drill press and pressure pot for resins. Thank you once again David.

I was disappointed with the number of members who attended our GM last week. These meetings are held to keep members informed and up-to-date with activities in our club. It is also a chance for members to have their say in any issues within the club, so it is in the members interest to attend if possible. Whilst on the subject of GM's, the next one is on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June and involves a special GM to change some wording in our statement of purpose and to update our incorporation documents. Once this has been addressed the special GM will be closed and we will proceed with a normal GM, so it is important for your attendance.

You should by now realize that there are face shields available to members who are using the lathes; they are there for your protection, so please use them.

We have a new planer thanks to the generosity of Hare and Forbes; it has a wider cutting surface and is simpler to use. Thanks to **Simon King** for setting it up and providing training on it. The old one is still in use but will be retired shortly.

That's about all from me, stay safe.

Brian.

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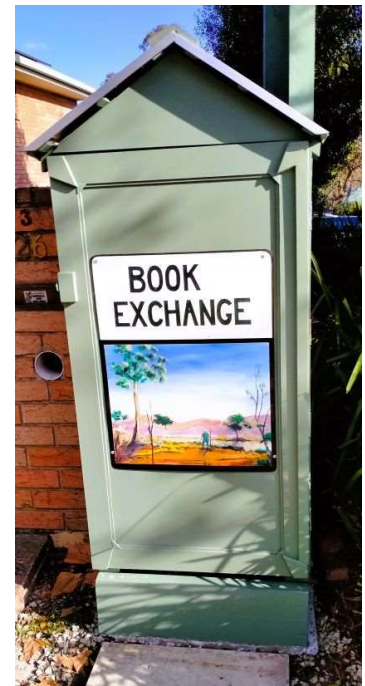
**SHOW & TELL: for May.** **Don Buchanan** made the money box below, using Cypress pine and pyrography. The enclosed, banded bowl is by **John McMahon**, using weeping cherry and gilding paste. The ladybird beaker is by John also. The wood is jacaranda, coloured with acrylic dye. The ladybird was achieved using a gell pen that John found, on sale, at a local supermarket.



**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** This month we are joined by **Joe Favorito, Joey Favorito** and **Don Thomson**. We hope you will soon settle in and enjoy your time as club members.

*Best Wishes* to those of our members, also to the partners of club members who are unwell at present. We wish you a speedy recovery and good health in the future.

I'm sure we've all been watching the progress of the small building that **Don Buchanan** has been working on lately. Here it is, finished and in service as a community library. Don tells me that **Barry Collins**, an artist from the Art Society, finished it off for him. It now sits outside a unit block in Berwick and has gained a lot of attention since being installed.



**MANY THANKS** to **Berwick Curtain Nook**, 48 High Street, Berwick, for yet another generous donation of top-quality fabric to make the mattresses and pillows for the doll's prams, beds, cradles and double bunks that are part of the club's 'toys for charity' each year. With 76 sets needed, donations of material are always gratefully received. Berwick Curtain Nook's gift will be enough to make up half of that number.

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**JEST A MOMENT:** I tried donating blood today...NEVER AGAIN! Too many stupid questions: Who's blood is it? Where did you get it from? Why is it in a bucket?

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If you want to know the meaning of 'eternity' try phoning Telstra.



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Circuses struggling to find new clowns as top prospects continue to go into politics

That'll do for now. With thanks, once again, to **Carol Goddard** for help with proof reading.

Until next time stay safe and stay well.