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Welcome to the Newsletter for July 2024

**DATES TO REMEMBER Committee Meeting** - Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August - 1:00pm. **Annual General Meeting** - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 1:00pm in clubroom. 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 at Trios – Cranbourne Racecourse.

### **OOPS! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES?**

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.**

Good afternoon, all,

It was another fantastic effort by **John McMahon** and his committee for the incredible result of our expo last weekend; they are to be congratulated for organizational and management skills, also a huge thanks to all of the members who turned up on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to assist in the running of the Expo, and also for hardy members who set up and then dismantled the farmers market in freezing conditions on Saturday, including removing a bogged vehicle (thanks Martin), it was a big day and I am sure we all slept well that night.

**Simon King** is up to his usual tricks in rearranging some of our machines and work benches in the workshop. What we are trying to achieve in doing this is to create

more usable bench space for the construction of our toys and members own projects. With our continuing increase in membership, we have identified that on certain days workbench space is at a premium, so let's be mindful of other members needs and requirements and work together on this issue.

I must again mention that memberships fees are now overdue, so let's get them paid up to reduce **Peter Ball's** workload in sending out reminders.

All the areas around the clubrooms are now quite soggy, so please only park on firm ground, we don't need to be towing any of our members out of boggy ground.

Our next meeting will be our **AGM** on the **14<sup>th</sup> of August**, so please attend if you can as our committee for the following year is elected at this meeting. Nomination forms are available at the clubrooms.

That's about all from me, please stay warm and dry  
**Brian.**



Catherine Fiddlears, on hand to greet visitors to the Expo.

# CLUB INFORMATION

## MEETINGS:

### COMMITTEE

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 1:00pm

### GENERAL (AGM)

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 1:00pm

## MARKETS – Volunteers needed

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July Farmers Market  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August Farmers Market  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August Farmers Market  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September Farmers Market

## Committee of Management:

Position	Name	Phone
President	Brian Crowe	0438 012 155
Vice President	Ron Bolton	0413 152 391
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Committee	Phone
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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*

## 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.



## OUR BIG WEEKEND

There was a steady stream of visitors to the Woodwork Exhibition, held by Berwick District Woodworkers on the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> of July. Plenty of club members were on hand, providing demonstrations of various crafts, greeting visitors, and answering questions.

Work displayed ranged from beginners to 'show' standard, providing plenty of variety for viewers.

To the delight of those members wishing to sell their work, the sales table was kept busy.

Here and on the following pages, are some of the scenes I managed to capture with my camera.

To the right are some of the exhibits on display and below is **Alexander Drysdale** working on a band-saw.



**Cee Jay** displayed his replica of the 1969 Dodge Charger featured in the Dukes of Hazard TV Series, and at right is his model of a 2017 HSV GTSR W1





Trophies made by club members, in support of the Variety Club Big Bash.



Ken Whitefield and Jon Marriott joined forces in a Toy Making demonstration, while David Walker (out of shot) put the CNC machine through its paces.



John McMahon demonstrated some of his intricate work with the Dremel Tool.  
No, that's not a waste paper bin at right but a lucky dip for children.



**Best Wishes.** Unfortunately, some of our members, or their partners, are on the sick list at present We wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you again soon.



**Lisa Brouwer**, on Saturday, and **Richard Gething**, on Sunday, spent time demonstrating their pyrography skills. Meanwhile, braving the chilly outdoors on Saturday, club members attended the Farmers Market. That's **Rick Hoare** and **Peter Shuttleworth** below, manning one of the entry gates. At right is chain saw artist, **Paul Stafford**, working on a pair of bilbies for the Old Cheese Factory gardens.



There was an unexpected treat for club members over the weekend. Here's what **Margaret Clayton** had to say.

*"I met Mihai at the Expo on Saturday. We got talking and he mentioned his hobby was baking. He came back in the afternoon with one of his sourdough breads which was shared amongst the members. As a result of discussion with Brian, Mihai agreed to comeback and cook "Langos" for us today. These were such a hit we are arranging for Mihai to come back to cook these other Romanian treats in the near future."*

Pictured are **Don Buchanan** and **John McMahon** with **Mihai** and a shot of the goodies Mihai made for them.

Thank you, **Mihai**.





**DRAWING THE EXPO RAFFLE**, John McMahon made picking the winning tickets a challenge for Marilyn Crowe but she managed nicely. Winners are listed below.

- First prize – Rocking horse – **Martin Van Diemen**
- Second Prize – Shaving Kit – **Maureen** (Margaret Clayton’s friend)
- Third Prize – Cutting Board – **Glennis Collins**
- Fourth Prize – Turned Bowl – **Rose** (no surname given)
- Fifth prize – Clock – **Rania** - (no surname given)

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Just to keep us all on our toes, the club took part in the **Cardinia Cultural Centre Living Life Expo** the week prior to our own Expo. **Jayne Worthington** snapped this photo of the team that attended the event, they are **George Ritchie, Peter Mason, Brian Crowe, and Len Preece**.



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**A COUPLE OF NOTES FROM DON BUCHANAN:**

Fellow members,  
 Turnfest 2025 is an Expo for wood turners being held at the Sea World Resort on the Gold Coast. Being held on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.  
 Some of our members are interested in going.  
 If you are interested in finding out more details including registration, Check out the Turnfest website – [www.turnfest.com.au](http://www.turnfest.com.au)  
 Cheers – Don

**ALSO:** Following the success of our Mother’s Day Bunnings demonstrations, we are looking for members to help out at the Bunnings Father’s Day event on 29<sup>th</sup> August.  
 At Fountain Gate store from 5pm to 7pm.  
 and at the Clyde North store from 6pm to 8pm.

**Beware the phantom photographer** who snapped this photo of **Margaret Clayton** as she sought seclusion in the club’s pantry to take time out to send a phone message.



Another name to add to those new members who joined us in June is **Mark Silva**. Welcome Mark, we hope you will enjoy your time with us.

As editor of this newsletter, I know only too well the perils of the 'typo' but just to remind me, **Ross Blackwood** has sent me the following:

Let me tell you friends that one simple spelling mistake--even a typo—can make your life hell. I recently texted a short, romantic note to my wife while I was away on a fishing trip, and I missed one small "e".

No problem you might say. Not so. This tiny error has caused me to seek Police protection to enter my own house.

I wrote,

"Hi darling, I'm enjoying and experiencing the best time of my whole life, and I wish you were her!"

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In recent years, common sense seems to be less common as is illustrated by these actual Call Centre conversations.

Caller (enquiring about legal requirements while traveling in Europe)

'If I register my car in France, and then take it to England, do I have to change the steering wheel to the other side of the car?'

#### Directory Enquiries

Caller: 'I'd like the number of the Argo Fish Bar, please'

Operator: 'I'm sorry, there's no listing. Are you sure that the spelling is correct?'

Caller: 'Well, it used to be called the Bargo Fish Bar but the 'B' fell off.'

On another occasion, a man making heavy breathing sounds from a phone box told a worried operator: 'I haven't got a pen, so I'm steaming up the window to write the number on.'

Then there was the caller who asked for a knitwear company in Woven.

Operator: 'Woven? Are you sure?'

Caller: 'Yes. That's what it says on the label -- Woven in Scotland ....'

More from **Ross Blackwood**.

Mrs. Smith found her husband hanging in his bedroom this morning.

There was a note on his bed which read, I can't take the CRITISM anymore.

Mrs Smith quickly cut him down and managed to revive him.

As Mr. Smith lay in her arms and slowly opened his eyes, She said "That's not how you spell CRITICISM". 😊

#### **The Silent Treatment:**

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. Suddenly, the man realized that the next day, he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 AM for an early morning business flight.

Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5.00 AM" He left it where he knew she would find it. The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was 9.00 AM and he had missed his flight.

Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't woken him up, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said, "It is 5.00 AM. Wake up."

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That'll do for now. Once again I want to thank **Carol Goddard** for her help with this newsletter.

Until next time, keep well and stay warm.

