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Welcome to the Newsletter for July 2025 **Did you remember to pay your MEMBERSHIP FEES which were due by June 30th? Payment details are on page 2.**

DATES TO REMEMBER Committee Meeting – Wednesday 13th August - 1:00pm in clubroom. **Annual General Meeting** - Wednesday 20th August. 1:00pm in clubroom. As always it will be preceded by a free BBQ lunch at 12 noon. Hope to see you there.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.



Good morning, all,

WOW! What a weekend, an incredible result for our club. I must congratulate all the members who took part in our Expo weekend to produce such an amazing result. Of course, it started with our clean up and the rearranging of our workshop and lunchroom, the week before, to facilitate the display and sales areas. The amount of work that members put in to produce their display pieces was exceptional, also the generous donation of cakes and savories for our opening night. A fantastic effort all round.

The next date to put in your calendars is our AGM, this will be held on the 20th of August. This is a chance for all members to have a say in how we approach the following year, from committee members to membership fees, so please attend this meeting if you can.

Keep in mind that our Gala weekend is now at the end of October. If any members need assistance in finishing their toys, please let us know to save the last-minute rush.

Although the weekend was reasonably well attended by members, our early morning crew could have received a bit more assistance considering they were also involved in our Expo as well, so let's not leave it up to the few who look after our farmers market whenever it is on.

Overall, our club is in a very strong position, financially, management and membership, we need to keep up our good work to ensure the future of our club.

That's all from me.

Brian.

A constant stream of visitors, to the Expo, inspected the workshop where sales tables were laid out and demonstrations took place.



CLUB INFORMATION

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

Thursday 13th August 1:00pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 20th August 1:00pm

MARKETS – Volunteers needed

Saturday 9th August - Farmers Market

Newsletter Contributions

All material for the Club's monthly publication is to be submitted by e-mail to ricels@bigpond.com, by hand, or by phone to Elsie Hoare the editor by the 15th of each month. Letters to the editor must be sent to the committee.

Committee of Management:

| Position | Name | Phone |
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| President | Brian Crowe | 0438 012 155 |
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| Committee | Phone |
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Contacts

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

Health and Safety Coordinator – *Ron Bolton*

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

Timber Coordinator - *Martin Van Diemen*

Screws - *Martin Van Diemen*

Paint - *George Young*

Toy Coordinators – *Ian Deans & Julie Robinson*

Functions Coordinator - *Don Buchanan*

Gala Day Coordinator - *Brian Crowe*

Annual Expo - *John McMahon*

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*

Men's Shed Coordinator - *Wayne Lucas*

Membership Fees:

| | Joining | Annual |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Individual | \$50.00 | \$75.00 |
| Family of 2 | \$75.00 | \$115.00 |
| Family of 3 | \$75.00 | \$138.00 |
| Family of more than 3 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 |

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.



THE CLUB'S EXPO WEEKEND.

Once again a dedicated team of club members have pulled out all the stops to produce **Berwick District Woodworkers Club Annual Woodworking Display and Expo**. The result of several weeks effort did not disappoint. The quality of the work was exceptional, the effort put in by the team of regular stand-byes, more than commendable. Here is a small selection of the work on display.



Below right, **Peter Angwin** snapped a corner of the clubroom display before the crowds of visitors arrived.

Volunteer club members were kept busy. Here is **Rosemary Duncan** taking a turn at greeting visitors upon entry.



Below: **Leah Bolton** took a turn at selling raffle tickets.



Some unexpected and very welcome assistance came from a visitor from Ballarat Woodworkers

Guild, **Brian Rickard** who spent some time, on Saturday morning, making little wooden whistles to give away to the children. Many thanks, Brian.





Jayne Worthington took part in a pyrography demonstration while **Ken Whitefield** constructed some technology stands which are part of our Gala Day gifts for older children. Young family member, **Dhairav Karnay** took some pointers as he worked with Ken, while **Raghav Karnay** was busy demonstrating the scroll saw.

Alexander Drysdale demonstrated the band saw by cutting some of his intricate little wooden puzzles pictured below. A job that requires fierce concentration.



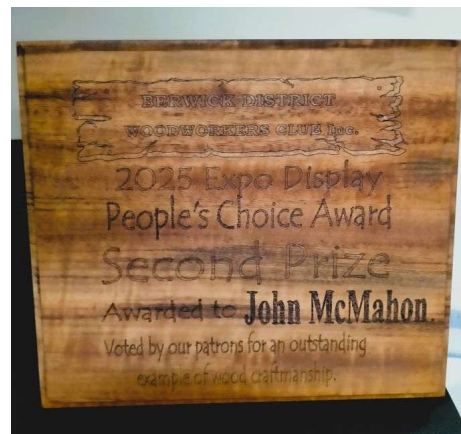
John McMahon would like to express his appreciation for all the work that our members did to ensure the Expo's success in the preparation and the conduct of the show.

John says,

"We had more members enter than ever before, and had more than 500 pieces on show and for sale, which was pretty good. About 700 people attended, which is our best result yet."

WELCOME: We are delighted to welcome the following new members: **David MacGregor, Hayden Everwood, Jack Stirling, Michael Lewandowski, Berend Gort, Rod Mahon, Max Wortel, Damian, Leanne and Toby Micallef, Chris Dawson and Matthew Azzopardi**

An addition to this year's expo was the **People's Choice Award** which was a roaring success. The prize winners were: **First Prize** went to **Brian Crowe** with his 1929 Mercedes Benz, which received 34 votes. **Second Prize** went to **John McMahon** with his Kookaburra on a log, which received 24 votes. And **Third prize** went **George Richie** with his painted tram, which received 21 votes. Congratulations to all the prize winners. Below are **George** and **Brian** with their exhibits and their award plaques. **John** is shown with his kookaburra. John's award is shown separately as he was not available to be photographed with it.



Meanwhile, on the Saturday morning, the Farmers Market was in full swing with club members attending the entry gates. That's **Hayden Everwood** and **Michael Berry** below left and **Rick Hoare** and **Graham Weatherley** in the right-hand photo. Hayden is a new member who had only been with us for a week at the time of taking this photo and hasn't wasted any time in getting into club activities. Welcome Hayden and thanks for your help.



Peter Angwin took a break from his turn at the entry gate, while **Ian Deans** simply enjoyed the sunshine.

As at previous exhibitions, we welcomed the addition of the chain saw artist **Paul Stafford Odin** who once again provided an exterior demonstration. **Peter Angwin** snapped this photo of Paul carving a hawk from a eucalypt stump.



OTHER CLUB ACTIVITIES:

Brian Roberts is fulfilling his intention to turn some pens. Here is one he has made for Esther.



Brian Crowe is making some progress with his restoration of the model Spanish galleon, San Felipe, that has been donated to the club, with a lot of the rigging now replaced.



At right is a template for rat lines. Brian says he has three different templates that he needs to make.

My lack of knowledge of things nautical led me to look up ratlines on the internet. Here's what I discovered.



Ratlines (*/ˈrætlɪnz/*) are lengths of thin line tied between the [shrouds](#) of a [sailing ship](#) to form a ladder.^[1] Found on all [square-rigged ships](#), whose crews must go aloft to stow the square sails, they also appear on larger [fore-and-aft rigged](#) vessels to aid in repairs aloft or conduct a lookout from above.

GIFT VOUCHERS: These gift vouchers (\$300) were presented to the club by Michaela Williams who is the Outdoor Activity Coordinator at Bunnings Clyde North. Over the year the club attends a number of their events such as Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Halloween. Last year the club made them a Santa chair for their Christmas events.



No news from **Margaret Clayton** this month, but here's a photo that she took during her visit to the Men's Shed at Geraldton.

BEST WISHES. Our thoughts go out to those of our members who are on the sick list or who are caring for sick family members. Those brought to our attention are **Len and Beverleigh Preece, Pat and Sue Mahoney**.

SPECIAL BEST WISHES As this newsletter was about to be sent out, we learned that **John McMahon** has lost his mother who passed away at the weekend. Our heart felt sympathy goes to John and his family at this sad time.

A note of thanks to our sponsors for their continued support.



The Jury...

In a criminal justice system based on 12 individuals not smart enough to get out of jury duty, here is a jury to be proud of:

A defendant was on trial for murder. There was strong evidence indicating guilt, but there was no corpse.

In the defence's closing statement, the lawyer, knowing that his client would probably be convicted, resorted to a trick.

"Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I have a surprise for you all," the lawyer said as he looked at his watch. "Within one minute, the person presumed dead in this case will walk into this courtroom." He looked toward the courtroom door. The jurors, somewhat stunned, all looked on eagerly.

A minute passed. Nothing happened.

Finally the lawyer said, "Actually, I made up the previous statement. But you all looked on with anticipation. I, therefore, put it to you that you have a reasonable doubt in this case as to whether anyone was killed, and I insist that you return a verdict of not guilty."

The jury retired to deliberate. A few minutes later, the jury returned and pronounced a verdict of guilty.

"But how?" inquired the lawyer. "You must have had some doubt; I saw all of you stare at the door." The jury foreman replied: "Yes, we did look, **but your client didn't.**"

Something to think about:

Struggling to get your wife's attention? Just sit down and look comfortable

When one door closes and another door opens, you are probably in prison

When you ask me what I am doing today, and I say 'nothing' it does not mean I am free. It means I am doing nothing.

That's all for now until next time. Thanks to **Ross Blackwood & Ron Bolton** for these efforts to make you smile. And many thanks to **Carol Goddard** for her help with proof reading.

