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Welcome to the Newsletter for September 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER Committee Meeting – Wednesday, 9th October - 1:00pm. **General Meeting** - Wednesday 27th November 2024. 1:00pm in clubroom. As always it will be preceded by a free BBQ lunch at 12 noon. Hope to see you there.

EVENTS:

Goulburn Valley Woodworkers 32nd annual wood show combined with The Australian Scroll Saw Network Biennial Exhibition. These two events are held simultaneously at Shepparton Show Grounds. Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 October 2024. For more info check their website: www.gvwoodworkers.com.au, or ring the club president Chris Harvey Mob 0407 320 102.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.



Good afternoon, all,

Isn't it fantastic that we are now in Spring, the only problem is that it is colder now in Spring than it was in Winter. Melbourne's weather has no rules, it makes it's own mind up.

We had a fantastic day at our club lunch on Thursday. It's always nice to spend some time together as a group with our partners. There are many stories and jokes told about our trips and travels.

The year is slipping by and our Gala Day is rapidly approaching, so if you can keep **Simon** updated on your progress with toys it will make his job in allocating the toys to each charity a lot easier.

We are also taking part in the Open Studios program being run by the City of Casey. The club will be open and operating for viewing by the general public, on **Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th of October**, to show how toys and other items are made on our premises. We encourage members to bring along some of their own projects. It is also a good opportunity to showcase and promote our club.

On **Thursday the 24th October** the **OCF** is holding a children's day and we have been invited to attend to the carparking for them. Weather permitting this will be a fairly hectic few hours, could be well in excess of 1000 vehicles, so if any members can spare a couple of hours, it would be greatly appreciated. The club rooms will be open but we will be closing the workshop on that day. The City of Casey has offered to pay the club for our assistance.

We have been monitoring our club growth over the past year or so and if this growth continues, for safety reasons we may have to put a cap on our membership numbers, or find a way to spread the attendance on a daily basis, or maybe increasing our opening hours. It is not fair to ask members to pay their membership fees and not to be able to use any machines when they turn up because of workshop crowding. We are keeping a careful eye on this.

That's about all from me.

Stay safe **Brian**.

CLUB INFORMATION

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

Wednesday 9th October, 1:00pm

GENERAL

Wednesday 27th November, 1:00pm

MARKETS – Volunteers needed

Saturday 12th October Farmers Market

Sunday 27th October Farmers Market

Saturday 9th November Farmers Market

Sunday 24th November Farmers Market

Committee of Management:

Position	Name	Phone
President	Brian Crowe	0438 012 155
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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, 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.

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 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*

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.



SEPTEMBER ACTIVITIES: September started early, this year, for some of our members who gave their time, in the last week of August, to help run the Father's Day Family Night at local Bunnings Warehouse stores. At right is **Margaret Clayton** preparing dozens of small gift plaques which were given to children visiting the event. The plaques were printed, on the club's laser printer, with Father's Day theme designs that the children could personalise with their coloured pencils or pens. **John Damon** snapped the Woodies at Work photos below. That's **Errol Perera** below left and **Martin Ralph, Margaret Clayton, Anca Tilea and Julie Robinson** below right, working at Bunnings, Clyde North.



Farmer Markets are always in need of help from club members, to attend the entrance gates, direct parking, and set up and take down the club marquees. On duty at right are **Pat Mahoney, Michael Berry and Peter Shuttleworth**. Below that are **Rick Hoare and Ken Whitefield**.



Meanwhile, In the Workshop: Don Buchanan has been working on this Buddy Bench for Berwick Chase Primary School.



When he is not busy being a woodworker, **Peter Shuttleworth** is a member of the Mount Burnett Observatory. Here is Peter with the park bench that he has made to be located in the grounds of the Observatory for visitors to use.

A worthy recipient of an **Honorary Life Membership** is long serving member **Richard Gething**. Richard was presented with his Certificate at morning tea on Monday 16th September. Here he is (seated) pictured with **Ron Bolton**, Club Vice-President, and **Don Buchanan**, Club Secretary, while **David Walker** looks on. Congratulations, Richard.



To escape Melbourne's Winter some of our members took the opportunity to grab a few days North of Victoria's border. Below, **Don and Heather Buchanan** caught up with **Brian and Marilyn Crowe** in Port Douglas. Here they are pictured below, obviously enjoying the warmer climate. Brian wonders, *"Could this be the first committee meeting of the Port Douglas Woodworking Club Inc?"*

And of the local pub, built from recycled tin, Brian says, *"Knowing Don's passion for recycling building materials, this could be the clubhouse."*



For **Peter & Lynne Angwin**, the Ettamogah Pub at Table Top, near Albury was an attraction. More of Peter & Lynne's adventures on the next page.





Some of our members will remember past member **Gary King** who, with his wife **Kerryn**, left us a few years back to live in Yarrawonga. During their recent trip, **Peter & Lynne Angwin** visited Gary & Kerryn at their new address, now near Bendigo. Peter snapped this photo of Lynne greeting our old friend. Here's what Peter says,

"On our holiday we visited Gary and Kerryn at Huntly, an outer suburb of Bendigo.

Gary no longer drives and Kerryn is his carer and taxi.

His woodwork now is on the rocking kangaroo, given away at Christmas time.

They both send their regards."

Best Wishes. To those of our members who are unable to join us these days, due to their own ill health or that of their partner, we send our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

SEPTEMBER CLUB LUNCH. As **Brian Crowe** has already mentioned, lunch at Trios in Cranbourne was a pleasant event, enjoyed by all who attended. **Peter Angwin** snapped the photos below.



A NOTE FROM SIMON ROBBINS.

Dear Woodworkers,

I have recently noticed that there are a few overdue books in the library folder. Please check if you have any overdue books & return them so other members have access to them.

Loan Time: 4 weeks. It's great to see members using the library for ideas etc. It's also encouraging to see that members are not leaving personal items in the bookshelves & around this space.

Best Regards, **Simon Robbins - Club Librarian.**

WAYNE'S FOOTY TIPPING RESULTS. from Michael Berry.

Now that the home and away season has finished the time has come to reward the winners of this year's competition. The last round managed to sort the wheat from the chaff leaving us with a clear winner in **Wayne McKenzie**, second was **Ken Humphries** and a tie for third place between **Pat Mahoney** and **Alan McGreevy**. The winner will receive \$300, second \$125 and third will each receive \$50.

I would like to thank all the members who participated in this year's competition and hope that we can repeat the exercise again next year.

AN EVER-PRESENT HAZARD: No doubt all members who have email available have read **Don Buchanan's** recent email, sent out on the 10th of this month but it is vitally important and worth repeating. We must be always conscious of the fact that we work in a highly flammable situation. We had a lucky escape this time. Here is the email again.



“As Andre and I were leaving the club today, after locking up, we noticed that the green rubbish bin was on fire. It was quickly extinguished but it could have been a lot worse.

A contributing factor to the fire was that I disposed of fine sawdust from the vacuum cleaner off the scroll saw into the bin. The only thing that I can think of that may have caused the actual fire, was a still lit cigarette butt that had been thrown into the bin.

If that was the case, can members who do have a cigarette outside the club, can you please make sure that it is completely out before disposing of it.

Be careful out there!”

AN INTERESTING COMPARISSON. Chris Drysdale recently shared with me, an issue of *Shoulder to Shoulder*, which is a newsletter put out by UK Men's Shed's Association. Although Berwick District Woodworkers Inc. is a woodwork club, not a Men's Shed, we do belong to the Victorian Men's Shed Association and I think it is interesting to see how Men's Sheds are run on the other side of the world.

A pleasing note from a recent issue of *Shoulder to Shoulder* is that “Australia is credited as the birthplace of Men's Sheds. Over the past two decades the movement has continued to spread around the world benefitting the health of more men (and women) worldwide.”

[Newsletter Archive | Men's Sheds Association | UKMSMA \(menssheds.org.uk\)](#) is the address if you'd like to check it out. You can check on the Victorian Men's Shed Association with the following link.

<https://www.vmsa.org.au/news2/>



SHOW & TELL for September.

Brian Crowe made the Jewellery box above from 'all sorts' of wood.

TERRY T-REX is by **Mark Bellis**, the limbs move and the jaw opens.



This bonsai stand is made from ash, by **Simon King**. **Chris Drysdale's** coasters, one of which was shown last month, are now finished. The cut-out designs are set in resin for a 3D effect.



The pens below were made by **Aaron Zong** who tells me he made the first 9 in one afternoon. The pens are made from 11 different kinds of wood.



Ron Bolton made the charcuterie board below from Blackwood. The board is a 50th Wedding Anniversary gift for Ian, an Australian who went to study in the US in the early 70s, and his wife Linda, who is the reason Ian didn't return to Australia.

The friend who commissioned Ron to make the board will take it to the couple in October.

The plaques below and on the next page, are by **Don Buchanan**, using cedar and



the laser printer. The saw blade will be mounted prominently in the workshop as a reminder to members to check wood for metal before cutting. This blade fell afoul of a metal bolt which has damaged the teeth. An expensive mistake. **Saw blades are not cheap.**

The lettering reads, "For those members about to use this machine, please ask yourself, Have I checked this piece of wood for nails or metal?"

This damage was caused by an unseen bolt."



The plaque by **Don Buchanan**, at left is self-explanatory. **Trevor Marsden** was a club member in 2010 and, sadly passed away in 2016.

Welcome to New Members, and Welcome Back to past ones.

Pleiter Family – Candice, Richard, Jarvis, Zane & Phoenix, Peter Robbins, Roger Buckingham, Mark Bellis (Past member) Jean-Claude Ferriere, Christine McLachlan (Past member), Aaron Keene, Tina Chen, Kiran Rajackal, Matt Alizadeh, Martin Ralph, Russell Bett, Katelyn Reynolds, Anca Tilea, Bruce Armstrong, Harry Officer.



DON'T FORGET CLEAN-UP DAY Monday 7th October.

The workshop will be closed for a couple of hours while we tackle the job of cleaning up the breezeway. The more hands on deck the sooner it will be done, so let's have a good turn-up of members on the day.

From necessity, this will become a regular job, probably every two months in future. We'll be advised of coming dates.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER: If you should be unfortunate enough to injure yourself while at the club, please find someone to help you with first aid, especially if there is blood involved. Blood smeared on the First Aid cabinet, or spilled on the floor, is not only unsightly but a health hazard.

SOMETHING ELSE TO REMEMBER: Please keep the Children's Day, October 24th at the Old Cheese Factory in mind.

Organisers are expecting about 1000 cars on that day, which will put considerable strain on the parking situation. We have been given the opportunity to help with the parking, for which the club will benefit financially. Due to the probable congestion, the workshop will be closed for the day although the clubroom will be open.

TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT: Some of our members who have purchased wood from the club's supplies and stored it at the club, have been disappointed to find their wood, marked with their name, has gone missing by the time they come to use it. We are asked to inspect the wood we plan to use to ensure that it is not marked with a club member's name. For good measure it is better to take your timber home with you to ensure you don't lose it.

OPEN STUDIOS WEEKEND. Berwick District Woodworkers club has been listed as one of twelve unique creative spaces to explore on the weekend of October 26th and 27th. In addition, we have been offered space in the display at Bunjil Place. Here's how Casey's website refers to us.

WOODTURNING: *Skilled woodturners will demonstrate their craft, transforming blocks of wood into beautiful, functional art pieces.*

JUST IN: Don Buchanan snapped this photo of our hard-working Club Treasurer, **Peter Ball**. Don says, *"The rare occasion our Treasurer is actually working in the workshop and not doing the books."*

LONGER OPENING HOURS. The need for another all-day opening of the workshop is being considered by the committee. Possibly Friday. More news on the subject, later.





NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER: The club's committee is now complete following the appointment of **Carol Goddard** who has filled the vacant position following our AGM in August.

JUST IN CASE YOU NEED A LAUGH: Remember it takes a college degree to fly a plane but only a high school diploma to fix one. After every flight the pilots of a well-known airline company fill out a form, called a "gripe sheet," which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems, document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the gripe sheets before

the next flight.

Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humour. Here is some maintenance complaints submitted by the pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers.

P: Left inside main tyre almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tyre.

P: Test flight OK, except auto land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this machine.

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear

S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what friction locks are for.

P: Suspected crack in windshield

S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel.,
Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget.

Bert bought a donkey from a farmer for \$100.00. The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day. The next day he drove up and said, "Sorry son, but I have some bad news. The donkey died."

Bert replied, "Well then, just give me my money back."

The farmer said, "Can't do that, I went and spent it already."

Bert said, "OK then, just bring me the dead donkey."

The farmer asked, "What are ya gonna do with him?"

Bert said, "I'm going to raffle him off."

The farmer said, "You can't raffle off a dead donkey!"

Bert said, "Sure I can. Watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead."

A month later the farmer met up with Bert and asked, "What happened with that dead donkey?"

Bert said, "I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at two dollars apiece and made a profit of \$898.00.

The farmer said, "Didn't anyone complain?"

Bert said, "Just the guy who won so I gave him his two dollars back."

Bert now works for the government.

The nurse came in from the waiting room and said, "Doc, there's a man in the waiting room who thinks he's invisible. What should I tell him?"

The doctor said, "Tell him I can't see him today."

That's all for now. Once again, many thanks to **Carol Goddard** for her help with proof reading this newsletter. Until next time keep safe and keep well.