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Welcome to the Newsletter for June 2024

**DATES TO REMEMBER Committee Meeting** - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July - 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 Expo.** 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July. Workshop Closed 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July. Reopens 16<sup>th</sup> July.

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

**CLUB FEES DUE BY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY**

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Good afternoon all,

It was greatly appreciated to see the number of members who attended our special meeting this week, 41 in all, even more so by the fact that several weren't able to stay for the general meeting due to other commitments but went out of their way to attend the special meeting. The changes to our statement of purpose and adoption of the model rules for not-for-profit organizations, which were documented by an incredible effort by **Peter Ball**, were passed and brings us into alignment with consumer affairs. Fantastic effort, thanks Peter.

Whilst on the subject of meetings, our next meeting is our AGM, it is in the interest of all members to attend, if possible, as it is your chance to have a say in who is elected as the

management and committee members for the next year.

A reminder that membership fees are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of July and unfinancial members are not able to vote on any issues and are not covered by insurance; so payment of fees is much appreciated. Our fees remain the same due to our ongoing farmers markets which keep our rates at such a low level.

Would any members who are making and storing toys at home advise **Simon King** of what you are making and how many so he can update his list.

Due to the wet and muddy conditions we will experience for the next few months could you refrain from parking at the rear of the workshop and use the market overflow space instead.

Generally, the club seems to be humming along at the moment with an enormous amount of good spirited banter, which makes for a very pleasant environment and fun to be there.

That's about all from me, please stay safe.

Brian.

Thanks, **Margaret Clayton**, for the photo at right.



**Don Buchanan & Martin Van Diemen, hard at work at June's Farmers Market**

## CLUB INFORMATION

### MEETINGS:

#### COMMITTEE

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1:00pm

#### GENERAL (AGM)

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

### MARKETS – Volunteers needed

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Farmers Market
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Farmers Market
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Farmers Market
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Farmers Market

### 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.

### Committee of Management:

Position	Name	Phone
President	Brian Crowe	0438 012 155
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Ken Whitefield	0402 256 134
Michael Berry	0466 812 717
Ian Deans	0403 419 774
Simon King	0477 831 318
Peter Shuttleworth	0402 680 605

### 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.



**INTRODUCING BELLA:** Following the retirement of Nelly, the club's resident rocking horse, **Bill Bradshaw** and **Carol Goddard** have been working on her replacement, and here she is, ready to step into Nelly's shoes. **Don Buchanan** snapped this photo of Carol, putting some final touches to Bella's hooves.



**IN THE WORKSHOP:** Wandering about the workshop to see what my fellow woodworkers are making, I spotted Geoff Wylie's Variety Club Bash trophy, below, which he has made for Lakes Entrance.



Looking over his shoulder as he worked, I saw **Richard Gething** using his pyrography tool to produce the rooster at right.

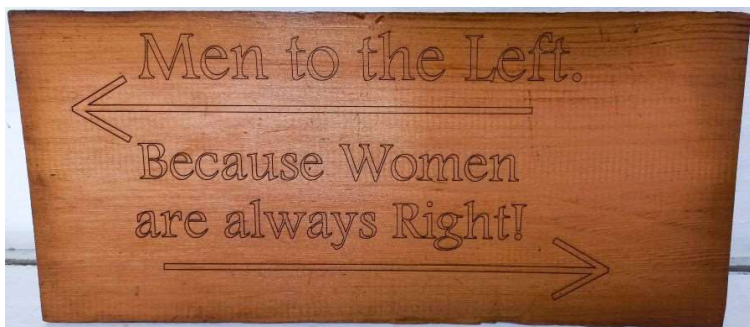


**Don Buchanan** is responsible for the plaque below left which is also a Variety Club Bash trophy.



The plaque below that is obviously intended as a sign for a rest room and was printed on the club's laser printer.

Another mystery is the intricately made little aeroplane which turned up in the club's toy display in the lunchroom. If you are the guilty party, please satisfy my curiosity and let me know.





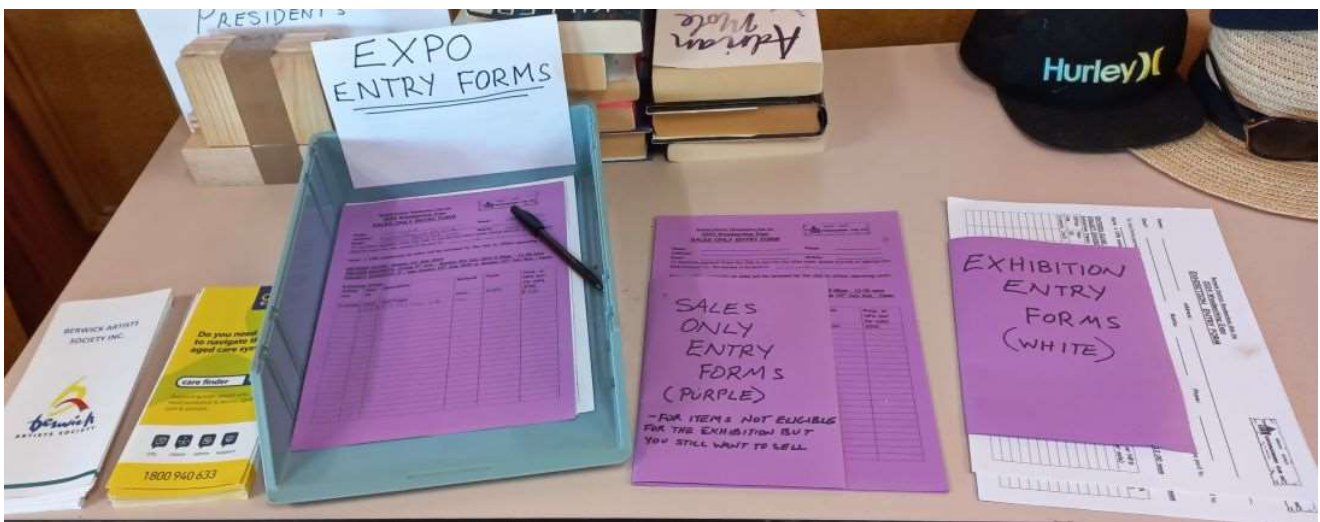
No mystery here, **Catherine Fiddlelears** has finished making her horse. His name is Nugget.

Following the request by **Stuart Grierson**, for some bonsai stands, **Don Buchanan** has sent me this photo of two stands, made by **Simon King**.



Seen around the workshop are these 3 regulars who call themselves the 37ers because they were born within months of each other in 1937. They are, from left, **Bill Bradshaw**, **Cliff Harris**, and **Rick Hoare**.

**EXPO ENTRY FORMS.** **John McMahon** wants to remind us that time is running out for you to get your entry forms in for the Club's Expo in July. There they are, pictured below, waiting for you to lodge your entry for sales and display, by 1<sup>st</sup> July.



**SAFETY MESSAGE.** It is with considerable concern that we are still finding machines left running when they are not being used. This is an extremely dangerous practise as a spinning blade or a rotating tool cannot be detected and is a disaster just waiting to happen. **PLEASE** switch off your machine when you leave it and **do not** walk away from it until it has come to a standstill. Remember we can fix broken machinery but **we cannot replace damaged body parts.**

**REMINDER:** Our firewood sales are doing very nicely. Please remember to keep the bags free of pointed pieces that will puncture the bags. Painted, chemically treated, or glued wood, and ply wood are also not to be added.

**FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:** To enable ease of storing finished toys in the containers, we have some sturdy stepladders, please use them instead of chairs. We don't want to send you home as a casualty.

## SHOW & TELL FOR JUNE:



**Chris Drysdale** showed us one of the trophies that he is making for the Variety Club Big Bash. This one is for the highest funds raised. There will be 4 in all covering 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> prize. Varying in size.

**Brian Crowe** showed us his intarsia rose entry for the club's Expo. Brian says it will be for sale but **Marilyn** is more than happy to keep it if it doesn't sell.



**NOT FOR SHOW & TELL**, but definitely worth a look is this Children's play village which has been made for Berwick Primary School. **Alan McGreevy** has sent me these photos and the following note.

*"Club member **Peter Mason**, who is a neighbour of **Andrew Horseborough**, the Deputy Principal and maker of the houses in Mini Ville, asked me to turn up the trees that were part of the design.*

*After building the structure they had no idea of how they would get the trees that were integral to the design, as shown on the sign, until Peter and the **BDWWC** came to the rescue."*

Berwick Primary School has made a generous donation to Berwick District Woodworkers Club as a thanks for making the trees."



At left is part of Mini-Ville and above, **Alan McGreevy** with Deputy Principal **Andrew Horseborough** and Art Teacher **David Brown**.

**COMPUTER ASSISTED WOODWORK:** Help is at hand for those members who would like to try out some of the latest technology, newly acquired by the club thanks to the generosity of **David Walker**. Go-to members in this field are **David Walker**, **Ron Bolton** and **Ross Blackwood**, who are happy to give advice and instruction to help de-mystify the process of using a CNC machine. Planning a 3D model design that is suitable to be made on the CNC machine requires some tuition which David is happy to give and is available most days except Thursday. David prefers to teach no more than one or two Members at a time. Everyone is welcome to avail themselves of this.

**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:** This month we are welcoming **John Cordery**, **Aaron Zong**, **Brian Roberts**, and welcoming back **Tony Capomolla**. We hope you settle in and enjoy your time with the club.

**ANOTHER CLUB CHALLENGE.** This grand old lady has been brought into the workshop for a facelift. I'm looking forward to seeing how she turns out.

**ANOTHER REMINDER:** Our first-aid kits are being inspected to check use-by dates and to ensure they are well stocked. We are reminded to ask for help if it is needed, especially if blood is involved. Blood stains must be avoided wherever possible and cleaned up immediately if they happen.

**AN OLD REMEDY THAT WORKS.** Going through some back copies of the club's newsletter I found this item that had been submitted by **Chris Drysdale** in August 2008. I thought it worth another look. See what you think.

**A Method for Drying Green Wood.** Green turned bowls 6" to 14" in diameter from logs, using liquid dishwashing soap as a drying method. As stupid as it sounds, the process works well on large diameter pieces.

**The process:**

1. Rough turn the piece, then totally immerse in liquid dish soap for a minimum 48 hours.
2. If you are able to afford the time, go for 2 weeks as this dramatically reduces further movement and cracking.
3. After 2 weeks remove, drain, and let thoroughly air dry, about 7 to ten days.
4. Return piece to the lathe, shape, sand, and finish.
5. You might want to try one piece.
6. Problems you might have are finding a container deep enough to hold that amount of liquid and weighting the piece down.
7. 3 weeks to a month is a lot shorter than waiting a year.

Thanks again Chris. I wonder if anyone tried this method?



**A STEP BACK IN TIME:** Past club member **Peri Biviano**, who moved to Ballarat several years ago, dropped in for a cup of tea this week. During her time as a gardener at the Old Cheese Factory, in the 1990's, Peri took many photos of the OCF grounds. I was delighted when Peri made us a gift of her photo album and thought you might like to see this one. That's the elm drive as a teenager. At the right of the picture, beyond the last tree, is where the Berwick District Woodworkers Club now sits. Thanks Peri, for a lovely piece of OCF history.



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**STRESS MANAGEMENT:**

A lecturer, when explaining stress management to an audience, raised a glass of water and asked, "How heavy is this glass of water?"

Answers, called out, ranged from 20g to 500g

The lecturer replied, "The absolute weight doesn't matter. It depends on how long you try to hold it. If I hold it for a minute, that's not a problem. If I hold it for an hour, I'll have an ache in my arm. If I hold it for

a day, you'll have to call an ambulance. In each case, it's the same weight but the longer I hold it the heavier it becomes."

He continued, "And that's the way it is with stress management. If we carry our burdens all the time, sooner or later, as the burden becomes increasingly heavy, we won't be able to carry on. As with the glass of water you have to put it down for a while and rest before holding it again. When we're refreshed, we can carry on with the burden. So, before you return home tonight, put the burden of work down. Don't carry it home. You can pick it up tomorrow. Whatever burdens you're carrying now, let them down for a moment if you can. Relax, pick them up later after you've rested! Life is short. Enjoy it."

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**Don Buchanan** snapped **Julie Robinson** and **Cliff Harris** on ticket selling duty at the Farmers Market this month.

**Margaret Clayton** was handy with her camera when this bit of skylarking took place. That's **Simon King** and **Brian Crowe** Enjoying a laugh. Sorry, I don't know what was the joke.



Many thanks to those members who send jokes to me. I always have a good giggle but unfortunately can't use them all. Here are some that came to me from **Ross Blackwood**. Thanks Ross.

When one door closes and another opens, your house could be haunted.

When a man says he'll do anything for a woman, he means fight bad guys and kill dragons, not vacuum or wash dishes.

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*That's all for now. With a special Hello to those of our members or their partners who are unwell at this time.*

*Until we see you again, we send our Best Wishes for a speedy recovery. Please get well soon.*



With many thanks to **Carol Goddard** for her help with proof reading of this newsletter.