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Welcome to the Newsletter for August 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER Committee Meeting – to be advised. - 1:00pm.

General Meeting – September, Wednesday 18th, 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 12th September at 12 noon at Trios – Cranbourne Racecourse.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AUGUST 2024

It was to a packed clubroom that Club President **Brian Crowe** made his report at the AGM this month. Brian detailed the club's activity for the past year and outlined the committee's plans for the coming Year. In all, coupled with the Treasurer's report, we heard, encouraging news. Berwick District Woodworkers Inc is alive and well, with a welcome increase in members and attendance.

As he has, so many times in the past, Past President **Ken Coleman** took the chair for the election of the new committee. There were no contenders for any of the positions so the line-up remains the same, with the addition of one extra committee member. We now welcome **Julie Robinson** to the fold.

In accordance with the newly adopted Club rules, it has been decided to increase the number of committee members by 2 persons. We will hear more about the one remaining spot to be filled, later.



**Brian Crowe -
President**



**Ron Bolton - Vice
President**



**Don Buchanan -
Secretary**



**Peter Ball -
Treasurer**



Simon King



**Peter
Shuttleworth**



Ken Whitefield



John McMahon



Michael Berry



Ian Deans



Julie Robinson

CLUB INFORMATION

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

To be advised.

GENERAL

Wednesday September 18th 1:00pm

MARKETS – Volunteers needed

Sunday 25th August Farmers Market
 Saturday 14th September Farmers Market
 Sunday 29th September Farmers Market
 Saturday 12th October 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
President	Brian Crowe	0438 012 155
Vice President	Ron Bolton	0413 152 391
Secretary	Don Buchanan	0431 313 998 email: bdwwsec@outlook.com
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Committee	Phone
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Michael Berry	0466 812 717
Ian Deans	0403 419 774
Simon King	0477 831 318
Peter Shuttleworth	0402 680 605
Julie Robinson	0481 088 390

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.



AUGUST SHOW AND TELL.

Chris Drysdale showed us some work that he has done using his CNC machine. At right are some coasters cut from Merbau. Here's what Chris says.



"The coaster has been cut out on my CNC machine from a 42mm piece of Merbau timber and the small seahorse is carved from beech that fits nicely into the drink bottle opening, it will be raised off the bottom and when the resin is filled to just cover the seahorse it will give an interesting 3D effect."

Chris will use leftovers from the cut-outs for pen blanks and other small items.

Below, also cut from Merbau and awaiting their curved blades, are some handles for the herb cutters that are favoured by TV cook, Nigella Lawson.



John McMahon showed us the finished vase that he used to demonstrate his Dremel work at the club's recent Expo. The base, outer vase and inner cup were made up from 3 pieces of Arizona Cypress that were given to John by a friend. The pieces were turned, shaped with an Arbortech, etched with the Dremel and finally glued together.



The little doll was made by **Rick and Elsie Hoare**. Rick turned the head and limbs while Elsie fitted them to a soft, stuffed body and added the painted features, hair and clothing.



Not for Show & Tell. I spotted **Kay Zimmerman** working on these little reindeer cut-outs. Kay finds she is unable to get into the workshop as often as she likes and finds these little toys are easy to take up when she can find the time.

Julie Robinson snapped the Grandpa/Grandson duo at right during the club's Expo. That's **Don Buchanan** with 10-year-old Grandson **Zain** sanding some of the animal cut-outs that were so popular with children visiting the expo. Don says Zain looks forward to the time he is able to use the scroll saw himself.





PRESIDENT'S REPORT. It has been an extremely successful and rewarding year again, with the Expo, Variety Club trophies, joining the Bunnings family for which we have been well rewarded for attending their displays and demonstrations. Other areas where the club has participated have been the Hare and Forbes demonstrations, community group visits, community projects, Berwick and Doveton shows, the open studio's weekend, and the farmers markets. Continued updating and replacing workshop machinery expertly integrated into the rhythm of the club by **Simon King** in addition to re-laying out the shop to accommodate additional bench space. We also purchased a second container for donated wood supplies.

Our membership continues to grow driven by the exposure to the public through our Expo, farmers markets and word of mouth.

The growth in membership will in time cause us to consider possibly placing a cap on the membership. A recent survey of member's activities indicated a couple of overload areas which have since been addressed by the re-layout of the shop, however this rearrangement caters for today not tomorrow.

At the risk of repeating myself, it has been a successful year and issues raised during the year have been dealt with by the committee in a logical and practical manner and to that end I would like to thank them for their support.

Brian.

ON A SAD NOTE: It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of **Eric Guthrie**, one of our founding club members, on the morning of 28th July. Eric was a continuous attendee from the earliest days of the club's inception. A gentleman in every sense of the word, a quiet and steady worker and generous with his knowledge, he was well liked by all who knew him. In recent years, ill health has kept Eric away from the workshop except for occasional visits at morning tea time. Our condolences and best wishes are with Cath and their family.

At right are Cath and Eric in happier times.



PERSONAL NEWS. Some of our members are unwell at present or are caring for ill partners. We send them our very **Best Wishes** at this difficult time, and hope for a speedy recovery. Two names recently brought to our attention are **Len Preece** who is in hospital, and **Ross Blackwood's** partner **Margery** who has a broken wrist.

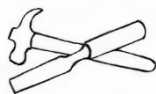


Some of our members have taken a few days off recently, to enjoy some of the warmer weather available North of Victoria. Here is **Peter Angwin**, relaxing in Cunnamulla, Outback Queensland, beside the Cunnamulla Fella, a statue depicting a stockman sitting on a swag. The statue is a tribute to the Aussie Larikin Stockman and dedicated to Singer Slim Dusty and Stan Coster who wrote the song The Cunnamulla Fella.

Both **Brian Crowe** and **Don Buchanan** will be out of reach for a while also, while they enjoy a well-earned break.

SEEN AROUND THE CLUB

Margaret Clayton and **John Damon** join forces to pack up after the Farmers Market.





Cream cake for morning tea and **Ron Bolton** is not wasting a crumb.



Margaret Clayton wonders, “How many men does it take to split a length of wood?”

NEW LIFE MEMBERS: A formality handed to **Michael Berry** during the AGM was that of presenting two very surprised club members, **Bill Bradshaw** and **Elsie Hoare**, with **Honorary Life Membership Certificates** “in recognition of their services to the Club and in the promotion of the art of woodcraft in Victoria.”

Welcome to New Members:
 We are delighted to welcome the following new members and wish them a very happy time with us.
Christine McLachlan, Russell Bett, Martin Ralph, Katelyn Reynolds, Matt Alizadeh, Anca Tilea, Peter Robbins, Bruce Armstrong, Harold Officer, Aaron Keene, and the Pleiter Family.



Following the recent request by Stuart Grierson, President of the Bonsai Society of Victoria, for Bonsai Stands, **Simon King** made two stands and **Ron Bolton** embellished them.

We have received an email of acknowledgement and thanks with details of a dinner held at Huntingdale Golf Club.

Here is an excerpt from the email.
“The dinner was attended by Mr Saitoh, Mr Morozumi, Consul-General of Japan in Melbourne Junji Shimada and his wife Kaoru. During the dinner, Mr Saitoh and Mr Morozumi were presented with the Bonsai Stands as Welcome Gifts. They were both absolutely overwhelmed and showed great admiration for the craftsmanship. When I mentioned to Eiji they were made from Western Australian Blackwood, he pumped his fist in the air and

yelled “Go West Coast,” as he now resides in Western Australia. This was met with raucous laughter. Everybody at the dinner was also impressed, agreeing that the logos of both our clubs on the back was a great detail. On the nights of our Demonstrations, our Vice President also explained to the 120+ strong crowds the history of the gifts and passed them around for the audience to admire.”

Sorry, only room for the tinniest smile.

Breaking News: From **Kay Zimmerman**, A man has discovered how to do origami backwards. I’ll bring you more on this story as it unfolds...!

That’s all for now until next time, with thanks again to **Carol Goddard** for her proof-reading assistance.

