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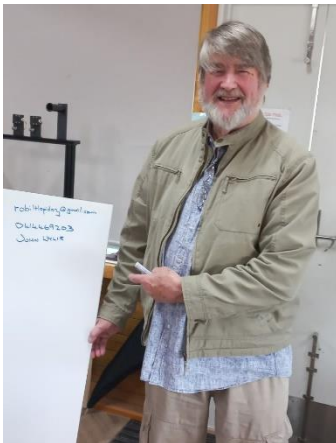
Welcome to the Newsletter for April 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER Committee Meeting – Thursday 9th May - 1:00pm. In clubroom. **General Meeting** – Wednesday, 15th May - 1:00pm in clubroom. As always it will be preceded by a free BBQ lunch at 12 noon. Hope to see you there.

Farmers Markets, Sunday 28th April, Saturday May 11th and Sunday May 26th.

Craft Markets have been cancelled until further notice.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING SPEAKERS



The special turning tool that you need, for your next turning project, could be no further away than a phone call to **John Wylie** from **Robilt Lapidary Supplies** in Cranbourne. John is an accomplished tool maker who came to show us the type of woodturning accessories he can make to order (pictured right.) John also gave us varying ideas on how to get more use from the tools we have. John was interested in ideas we might offer and suggested a hands-on session in the workshop at a later date.



Contact John on 0414469203 or email robiltlapidary@gmail.com.



We also heard from **Scott Watson** from the **Variety Club of Victoria** which supports children living with illness, disability, or disadvantage.

Scott talked to us about his club and the staggering number of children they help with the events they run. As we did last year, Berwick Woodworkers will again make the trophies for the club's Variety Club Bash to be held later this year. A sub-committee will be formed, later this month, to discuss ideas for the trophies



The booklet that Scott left for us to read will be left on the tea table in the club room.

CLUB INFORMATION

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

Thursday 9th May 1:00pm

GENERAL

Wednesday 15th May 1:00pm

MARKETS – Volunteers needed

Sunday 28th April Farmers Market
 Saturday 11th May Farmers Market
 Sunday 26th May Farmers Market

Committee of Management:

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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 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.





PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Good morning, all. I must start my report by congratulating **John McMahon** on winning the Linsday King award in the City of Casey community service awards for 2024. We are all aware of John's skill in woodcraft and the

promotion of it, but to be recognized by the City of Casey is an exceptional effort, well done John.

We are moving towards the Expo very quickly so we need to be aware of what is happening in the organization of it, so I have called for an additional



John McMahon (left) with the line-up of fellow award recipients.



Geoff Wylie, Andre Fonceca and Brian Crowe take a moment to admire the club's new gate during the working bee.

GM for the month of May the 15th to keep all members up to date, so please attend if you are able.

I must thank all members who attended our clean-up day last Friday, it was a great effort even though Mother Nature tried to dampen our endeavour we soldiered on regardless and were able to construct the rear fence between the containers, hang the gate on the front, clean out the large container so we can store our toys, rearrange our lunch room and the office. It was a great day, thanks all. On top of that we received our new planer which **Simon King** had arranged from Hare and Forbes, this was donated by H&F, all we had to do was pay for delivery, which cost \$380 dollars; this amount was unselfishly paid by **Alexander Drysdale** as a donation to the club, an incredible gesture, many thanks Alexander.

As we have our Expo coming up and also producing the awards for the Variety club I have decided to delay the president's

challenge until a later date, all members will be advised of the new date when they have been decided.

That's about all from me, **Brian.**

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE: This goes on every week to keep the workshop running smoothly. Here, **Simon King** and **Brian Crowe** join forces to work on the club's new extraction plumbing.

To ensure maximum benefit from the dust extraction system we are reminded to close off the extraction vents, pictured below, when we finish using a machine.



EXPO 2024

Our exhibition of members' work will occur this year over the weekend of 12-14 July 2024, so hopefully you are all busy preparing your entries. Remember that this is not a judged or competitive exhibition, but rather a celebration of what our members do with wood at all levels of skill, so don't anyone feel that your work is not good enough to display. The format of this year's show will be similar to previous years, but some minor changes have been made to the lead-up dates to make the organizing and set-up of the show easier. The table below shows the key dates that have been established.

Entry forms will become available at the May general meeting, and as in previous years, an entry form will be required for all pieces entered in the exhibition (i.e. pieces that have not been exhibited before) whether they are for sale or not. A separate entry form is required for any pieces you wish to sell, but have exhibited previously. On both forms, each piece needs to be individually listed. For example, if you have 3 pens, each of them needs an individual line entry. Don't just write 3 x pens or similar on a single line please. Like last year, all sales will attract a 15% commission for the club.

The timing of our flyer distribution has been staged to maximise their impact, based on different target audiences. Dates are shown below. We need as many members as possible to help in this distribution, so please let us know if you can help.

Raffle ticket sales will be made at each of the markets leading up to the Expo, so we are also

Our key dates are:

Wednesday 15/05/2024	Rosters & Exhibitor entry forms become available (at monthly general meeting)
Monday 20/05/2024	Flyer distribution to BDWWC suppliers start. (Includes Bunnings, Hare & Forbes, Old Cheese Factory, Timber Tools, Paintright, Pop's Shed, Carbatec, Timberbits, Total Tools, Beaconsfield Mitre 10, and any others).
Saturday 27/05/2024	Raffle ticket sales start.
Monday 03/06/2024	Flyer distribution to local businesses start (Casey & Cardinia local coffee shops, stores, etc.)
Saturday 29/06/2024	Clean-up working bee and sausage sizzle lunch
Sunday 30/06/2024	Retirement village and letter box distribution of flyers starts
Monday 01/07/2024	Closing date for lodging entry forms

looking for volunteers to help in this effort to offset our costs.

Volunteers will also be needed for our demonstrations during the Expo, covering woodturning, scroll saw, bandsaw, rocking horse making, pyrography, Dremel, carving. We will operate our demonstrations differently this year. The demonstration stations will be distributed more around the workshop, and each station will have one or more advertised 1-hour time block for the demonstration. However, if demonstrators wish to spend more time at their station that will be fine, but we need enough volunteers to at least honour the advertised schedule.

We will also need volunteers to help prepare and pack up the Expo, and to man the reception desk and sales table during the Expo. Members will also be needed to assist the public with enquiries and to help them with any sales during the event. So you can see that we are going to be very busy and will need as many hands on deck as possible please. Rosters will be placed in the clubrooms in the next few weeks for the various roles, and we would like to see as many names here as possible.

This year entry forms will need to be lodged BEFORE delivery of the entries, as indicated below please, to enable timely updates of our exhibition software. Note also that the workshop will not be available for members to undertake any work, and access to the clubrooms will be curtailed to some extent, for the two weeks period following the working bee weekend until the end of the Expo.

Friday 05/07/2024 to Monday 08/07/2024	Delivery & registration of entries. 9.00am to 12 noon daily
Thursday 11/07/2024	Exhibition set up
Friday 12/07/2024	Official opening of Expo 5.00pm – 8.00pm
Saturday 13/07/2024 to Sunday 14/07/2024	Exhibition. 9.00am – 5.00pm daily
Monday 15/07/2024	Collection of unsold items 9.00am to 12 noon
Tuesday 16/07/2024	Workshop and clubrooms re-open as normal

As you can see, we have a busy time coming up, and the more hands we have the easier and more successful our Expo will be. One final reminder to get cracking on your exhibition pieces and best of luck for another highly successful Expo.

APRIL SHOW AND TELL: Len Preece made the platter at left, using red gum. Len also made the desk clock with pen holder, which is to be one of the prizes in the Expo raffle.



The platter and plate below are by **John McMahon**, both in Victorian ash, decorated with pyrography. The hollow form is weeping cherry, also by John.



The toy train in pine and hardwood, is by **Geoff Wylie**, while the inside out vase at right is by **Brian Crowe** made from New Zealand beech. See Brian's fire engine on the next page.



Here is **Brian Crowe's** fire engine which is made from various types of wood.



Simon Robbins showed us his Cruch wood bowl, below, made from spalted Japanese maple. Simon also made the garden table. It was made from reclaimed hardwood & finished with acrylic matte paint. It was too big to bring to the meeting.



Ron Bolton's heart plaque (far right) which he made and dedicated to the hospital that has treated him during his illness. The model of the heart was purchased commercially and added once the plaque was completed. Ron has written a poem and inscribed it on the front of the plaque. On the reverse side, shown below, is a dedication to the specialists who have looked after him. The Rubix Cube represents the occupation that kept Ron's fingers busy during his chemo-therapy sessions.



Brooches shown above are by **Dianne Gething**.

Chris Drysdale showed us two pens. Here is one, the other is on the next page.





At left is Chris Drysdale's other pen



Although not exactly a show and tell item, this Vic Marc lathe part was brought to our attention. It has been the victim of some over enthusiastic back-winding, in an attempt to remove the live centre. Not only was this unsuccessful but it has bent and twisted the live centre.

The knock-out bar, pictured with the machine is the solution, and members are asked to use this method whenever the live centre is removed.

SAFETY REMINDER: At the top of our list, when attending the workshop, must surely be the desire to go home with all our parts intact. Following the lathe accident that occurred this month, when one of our members had a lucky escape, **John McMahon**, who has analysed the evidence given by witnesses, gave us some pointers on safe practice when using a lathe. John pointed out that head injuries can best be avoided by wearing a full-face mask. John also pointed out that when a large piece of wood is attached to the lathe it often needs to be supported by pressure from the tail stock. It is important that this pressure is exerted into the centre of the work.

As this is such an important subject I have asked John for a few notes to be published in a later newsletter.

While Speaking of John, I suppose it's unlikely that any of our members could have missed the articles in the recent issue of Berwick Star News, along with a photo in a previous edition, when he won the Lindsay King Art Award.

The annual awards are a recognition program that celebrates the outstanding individuals and groups who go above and beyond in their contribution to the community. John received the award in recognition of the work he has done in *"preparing a proposal for the establishment of a National Woodcraft Collection and Exhibition Centre to be located in Berwick. He has spent many hours researching the project and dedicated his own time to meeting with the Council, as well as local and federal MPs to gain support for his project."*

Well done John.



Some of our members are on the sick list and unable to be with us at present. To those members we send our best wishes with the hope that they will be well again soon. We were sorry to hear that **Len Preece** is among the missing. Len is in hospital with cellulitis. Others who are able to attend the club, keep their health problem behind a smile and quietly join us. It was good to see **John Membrey** after a lengthy absence. Though still not well, John dropped in for a short visit when we learned that he has spent 3 weeks in hospital following a severe reaction to a new medication. Meanwhile, **Ron Bolton** and **Cliff Harris** continue to join us despite their ongoing health problems. Here's hoping things will improve for them both soon.



WOODIES AT WORK. Wandering about the workshop to see what other members get up to I spotted **Carol Goddard** using this bow sander which was given to her by **Pat Mahoney**. Carol says that, for getting smoothly round her horses curves this sander gets top marks.



Richard Gething, below, is mastering pyrography very nicely and is producing some lovely work.



Margaret Clayton has been working on this trolley, ably assisted by **Ian Deans** and **Simon King**.



Andre Fonceca is working on a lathe project which I will show you when it is finished.



REMINDER! Our firewood bags are **NOT** to be filled with rubbish. Plywood offcuts and tiny scraps of wood are not acceptable. Painted or plastic-coated pieces are definitely out as they should not be burned. If our firewood gets a bad reputation, we will not be able to sell it. If you're not sure what to put in the bags, ask one of our 'Go To' members.

Another reminder for those who would like to read the VMSA Newsletter the link is <https://www.vmsa.org.au/news2/>

New members to welcome this month are: **Ted Emery, Nichelle Davis, Bryce Hanrahan, Winston Edrisinha, and welcoming back, Jedda Tuuta.** Please make our new members feel at home.

TIME FOR A SMILE.

From The Ministry of Mirth, (alias **Michael Berry**) Are we developing a theme here?



"You the guy with the hedge trimmer for sale?"



"See that?! I forgot to tighten the nut."



I'm wondering if this one, at left, is some kind of confession from Mike.

And perhaps this one at right, from **Simon Robbins** is a gentle warning. The offer from **Ross Blackwood**, below left is too good to miss while, as parents we may have sometimes felt like it, I think the notice, below right, is a little extreme.



At a girl's college hostel, dates were permitted only on Saturday nights. One young man showed up on a Tuesday evening, explaining to an older woman in the lobby of the dorm, that it was imperative he see a certain young lady immediately.

brother."

"Oh, she'll be surprised all right," said the woman. "But think of how surprised I am! I'm her mother."



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