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**Welcome to the Newsletter for May 2025**

**DATES TO REMEMBER Committee Meeting** – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June - 1:00pm in clubroom.

**General Meeting** - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. 1:00pm in clubroom. As always it will be preceded by a free BBQ lunch at 12 noon. Hope to see you there.

**CLUB WORKING BEE** Thursday July 3rd **CLUB EXPO** July 11th 5.00pm – 8.00pm, July 12th 9.00am – 5.00pm, July 13th 9.00am – 5.00pm.

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.**



Good afternoon All,

After having 2 weeks touring Adelaide, the Barossa Valley, Mildura, and Echuca it was great to come back to the club and see members working on either toys or their own projects, and listening to the friendly banter amongst the members. It's a pleasure to be part of it.

An update on the works proceeding behind the workshop: There is a large storage shed being constructed beside the OCF maintenance shed. It is for the Berwick Rotary club and will incorporate a gravel car parking area in front of it. Once completed there will be a 400 square meter gravel car park to be built, directly

behind our workshop, for our carparking, and then the road between our workshop and the OCF maintenance shed will be upgraded so we can use it during winter. While this is happening, and until all works are completed, there is no car parking at the rear of our workshop, so would all members park in the farmers market area. Thanks for your understanding. The end result will be a great benefit to us.

It is now official that our Gala day this year has been moved forward to Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October up to and including Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October. During November the function room is to be rebuilt and updated, so would all toy makers have your toys finished by the start of October please so **Julie** and **Simon** can work on the allocation to the various organizations.

A reminder to all members that our Expo is now only 7 weeks away. **John** has posted lists in our lunch room for the different activities during the expo, so please put your name down if you can assist with these activities even if it only for a couple of hours; John puts an incredible amount of work in organizing the Expo so let's get behind him and show some support.

That's all from me, stay safe and healthy.

**Brian.**

# CLUB INFORMATION

## MEETINGS:

### COMMITTEE

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1:00pm

### GENERAL

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 1:00pm

## MARKETS – Volunteers needed

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 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:

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## 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 & Julie Robinson*

Functions Coordinator - *Don Buchanan*

Gala Day Coordinator - *Brian Crowe*

Annual Expo - *John McMahon*

Farmers Market Coordinators - *Martin Van Diemen & Don Buchanan*

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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

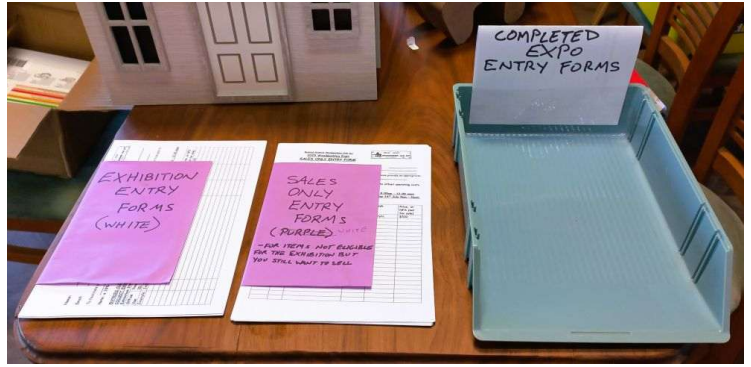
Berwick Woodworkers wish to thank **Gary Maas MP** State Member for Narre Warren South, and his staff for their ongoing support in printing this newsletter for us.



## CLUB EXPO 2025

**John McMahon** and **Rosie** have returned from a short break in Victoria's High Country, taking advantage of the last of the Autumn weather. John has asked me to remind members of the need to get cracking on your entries for the Club's Expo in July.

"This year's Expo is quickly approaching, and lots of help from all our members will soon be needed to ready the clubrooms and workshop, and to distribute our flyers to the local community.



Flyers can now be distributed to the club's suppliers. At the end of May we will start distributing to local businesses, such as your local coffee shop & butcher, or retirement village, and in mid-June we will be doing letterbox drops. We will need lots of help for this, so if you can help out, please see **Don Buchanan** or **John McMahon**.

Our clean-up working bee and bbq will be on Thursday 3rd July. Lots of help will be needed on this day to not only clean up the workshop and clubrooms, but also to relocate machinery and workbenches to make room for our demonstration and sales areas. Remember that the workshop will be closed for all members' use from this date until after the Expo on Tuesday 15th July.

Rosters for demonstrations and reception/sales desks are now displayed near the library corner in the clubrooms. Members are asked to consider making themselves available for an hour or so to demonstrate one of our woodworking activities. While members are welcome to undertake these demonstrations at any time of the day, we will be advertising specific times for each demonstration on a rotating basis, so need to ensure someone is available for each advertised session.

Entry forms are now available on the library table in the clubrooms. Note that there are different forms for pieces being entered in the exhibition, and for pieces that are for sale but not eligible to be displayed in the exhibition. Completed entries can be left in the tray on the library table. Entries close on Friday 4th July, but the earlier they are lodged the easier it is to manage the registration process and free us up for all the other last-minute activities that need doing, such as printing the display cards. Delivery of the actual entry pieces will be between Friday 4th and Monday 7th July.

So now is the time to be getting stuck into your exhibition pieces. Good luck with them, and I'm sure they will ensure we have another successful Expo this year."

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**AROUND THE CLUBROOM.** As there was no General Meeting this month there is no show and tell but here's a peep at some of the activities that have been keeping some of our members busy.



**Peter Shuttleworth**, who is a member of Mount Burnett Observatory, has used his woodwork skill to help them out with a problem. Here's what Peter says,

***"We had a telescope donated to the club but unfortunately the original base was damaged and was unusable. I offered to make a new base for the telescope and this is what I made.***

***The colour that was chosen was Astro Zinger."***

At right we can see the telescope performing its nocturnal duties.







A note from **Brian Roberts** who joined the club last July and had 4 months off with shoulder replacements. Brian has only been wood turning since the start of 2025 and here he shows us some of his achievements.

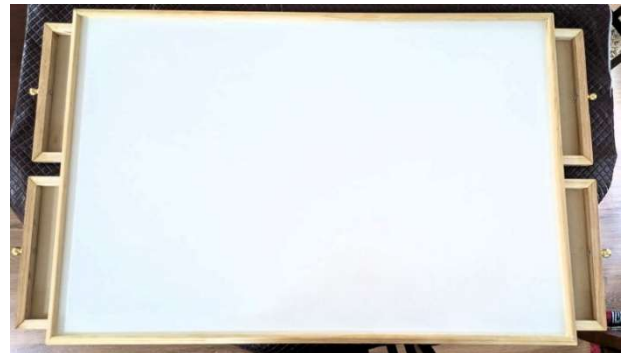
Brian says, *“I appreciate the assistance that I have been given, namely from Brian (Crowe) and Simon (King), incidentally, a big thank you to Brian for working consistently on repairing my lathe, very much appreciated.*

*The big bowl (at right) is Huon pine, others are a mixture of different timber. Most of the wood turning is Cypress Pine. I am looking forward to making pens at the club.”*



**Catherine Fiddelaers** has been working steadily on her jig-saw puzzle trays for some weeks. It's the old story of friends admiring the first tray Catherine made and requesting one for themselves.

The total, so far, is eight trays. Catherine calls it a 'love' job.



**David Walker** has acquired an assortment of cups for members. They are all free gifts but David suggests that the recipients donate a dollar or

two to the Club's coffers in acknowledgement.

David expects to have the delivery around the end of May.

While **Ron Bolton** was able to get the V8 engine type, the other one pictured here is more the type David is expecting.





## NEWS FROM MARGARET CLAYTON.



The last we heard is that Margaret & Bill stopped in to visit Kojonup Men's Shed, WA. There they are at right. (sorry about the blurred picture)  
Margaret says, ***"Just made no-bake Cherry Ripe slice and Peanut Butter noodles and chocolate slice, cheaper than buying biscuits or morning/afternoon tea. I'm learning to live as a pensioner."***

Judging from the picture at left, 'no-bake' will be on the menu in the Clayton camp for a while as the oven door in their caravan has encountered a nasty accident. As I have no further details, I can only wonder what Margaret was baking at the time to cause the disaster?



**TIME TRAVEL.** Katerina Zorin visited the Antique Car Show which was recently held at the National Steam Centre in Scoresby. Katerina snapped these photos of a couple of the cars displayed there. Created decades apart the vehicles were, no doubt a marvel of their time and quite different from those we see on our roads today. It makes one wonder what the family car will look like a few decades into the future.



**FAMILY MEMBERS.** That's **Ian** and **Heather Deans** at right, pictured at morning tea recently.

**NEW MEMBER.** Joining us this month is **Owen Burton** who was a member back in the nineties. In fact, Owen was treasurer in 1994-95. He re-joins us now and we're sure he will settle in quickly. Welcome back, Owen.

**UNWELL MEMBERS.** There are some familiar faces missing from around the club – members who are dealing with health problems at present, or are caring for sick partners. We miss you and send our **Best Wishes**, hoping that you will be well again soon.



**OUR SUPER SALESMAN:** Cliff Harris has done it again. The April Market report carried the following announcement.

**This market's BOG award must go to Cliff Harris. It was a "No Brainer"**

**Cliffy, almost single handedly, sold 4 books of Expo raffle tickets (that's 80 tickets). What a great start. Well done Cliffy! Keep it up!**



**FROM THE INTERNET:** While many of our members are thoroughly experienced at woodwork, some of us are still learning. Here are some tips that may be useful to those who don't already know about them.

### **1. Makeshift Drill Bit.**

If you don't have the correct size drill bit for a hole that you need to drill you can actually just use a nail instead. Take the nail that you're planning on using, clip off the head, attach it to the drill and just use that as the drill bit.

### **2. No-Clamp Gluing – Side-by-Side.**

If you have to glue some pieces of wood together for a top but don't have a clamp, take two pieces of scrap wood and attach them to a work surface a little bit further apart than the size of the pieces that are being glued. Put the glued wood pieces in the gap and then use two wedges to fill the open gap.

### **3. No-Clamp Gluing – On Top of One Another**

If you're gluing pieces together on top of each other like for a leg, for example, you can substitute C-shapes for a clamp. The same idea applies as in number two: make the gap of the C-shape a bit bigger than the pieces that are being glued and then use smaller wedges to fill the gap and keep the pieces in place.

### **4. Salt Glue Trick**

When gluing the pieces to each other, you may find that they slip around a bit while trying to clamp them in place. After applying the glue, sprinkle just a little bit of regular table salt before placing them together – it'll prevent any of that movement.

### **5. Drilling a 90deg Hole.**

Without a drill press, drilling a 90° hole can be quite tricky. There is a way to do it as close to 90° as possible, though. Stack together two pieces of dimensional lumber with one piece sticking up a little bit higher so that it creates a corner with a right angle. Place your drill right against that corner and drill away!

If you do have a drill press but can't fit the piece of wood, drill the hole into a piece of scrap wood. Then attach the same drill bit to your hand drill, run it through the hole in the scrap piece and use that almost like a stencil or guide to drill through the piece that you actually need.

### **6. Sharpening Blades**

A blunt utility knife isn't very helpful when working with wood, but what do you do without a sharpener? Take a regular ceramic mug, turn it upside-down and scrape the blade against the bottom rim just as you would with a sharpening stone.

### **7. Filling a Hole**

When removing a nail from the wall where a painting used to hang, you're left with that hole in the wall. Instead of driving to the store and spending money on spackle, just apply some toothpaste. After about two hours of drying you can paint right over it and no one would ever know!



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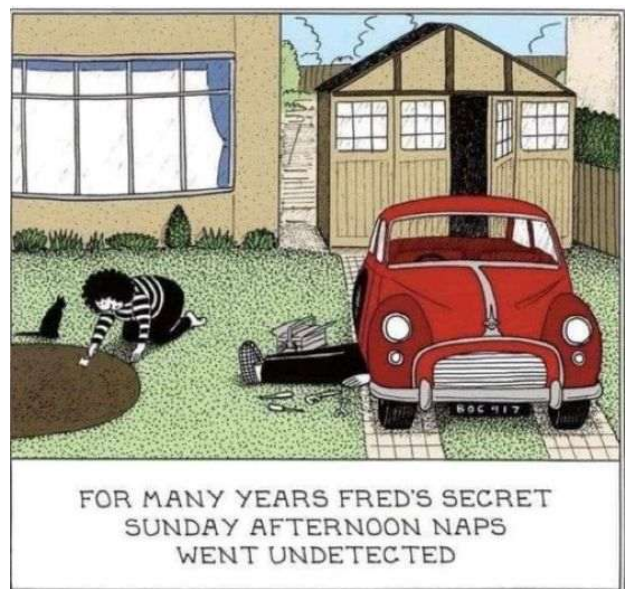


While taxiing at London's Airport, the crew of a US Air flight departing for Fort Lauderdale made a wrong turn and came nose to nose with a United 727. An irate female ground controller lashed out at the US Air crew, screaming: "US Air 2771, where are you going? I told you to turn right onto Charlie taxiway! You turned right on Delta! Stop right there. I know it's difficult for you to tell the difference between C and D, but get it right!" Continuing her rage to the embarrassed crew, she was now shouting hysterically: "Now you've screwed everything up! It'll take forever to sort this out! You stay right there and don't move till I tell you to! You can expect taxi instructions in about half an hour, and I want you to go exactly where I tell you, when I tell you, and how I tell you! You got that, US Air 2771?" "Yes, ma'am," the humbled crew responded. Ground control communications fell silent - nobody wanted to chance engaging the ground controller in her current state of mind. Tension grew. Just then an unknown pilot broke the silence, asking: "Wasn't I married to you once?"



**Hoarder collie**

Ron Bolton has found a new breed of dog.



**FOR MANY YEARS FRED'S SECRET  
SUNDAY AFTERNOON NAPS  
WENT UNDETECTED**

That's all for now. With many thanks, once again to **Carol Goddard** for help with proof-reading this newsletter. Until next time, stay safe and stay well.