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Welcome to the newsletter for October 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting November 2nd - 1.00pm in clubroom.
Monthly Meeting November 5th - 7.30pm in clubroom.

FUNCTIONS: **End of Year Dinner**, Sat. 28th November. 6.30pm for 7.00pm start. Function room at OCF.
Gala Day, Sun. 29th November. 2.00pm in the function room at Old Cheese Factory.
Lost Trades Fair 2016. Sat. March 12, Sun March 13 - 10.00am - 4.00pm both days. Kyneton Racecourse.

SPEAKER FOR OCTOBER MEETING.

Fourth Year university student Gareth Bradbeer chose, as his Final Year Project, to research the dispersal of dust caused by a linisher when sanding wood. With the aid of on-site testing and sophisticated computer software, Gareth has used one of the club's machines to predict how and where dust moves near a linisher that is sanding wood. Supported by graphs and videos, Gareth was able to show some unexpected movement of dust and suggested some modifications that would reduce the dust concentration around the linisher. Using novel modifications, practical operator sanding procedures and a new dust baffle for the extractor port, Gareth has significantly reduced the amount of wood dust in the operator's breathing zone. Pictured are some of the cardboard models Gareth has made to direct the dust to the extraction port.

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TICKET SALES at SPOTLIGHT.

The entrance to Spotlight, Fountain Gate is always a busy venue, and it was so on the Friday of the Grand Final holiday. At left, with a couple who stopped to buy some raffle tickets, are Rick Hoare, Bill Bradshaw (with his back to the camera), Gary King and Alexander Drysdale.

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

2nd November

GENERAL

5th November

SPEAKERS ETC

Jacqui Jones - Massage Therapist

FARMERS

MARKET

24th October (Rotary)

14th November (BDWC)

Committee of Management:

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Committee

Rick Hoare	5991 5598
Gary King	9705 1875
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Monthly meeting speaker & functions coordinator – *Rick Hoare*

Newsletter Editor – *Elsie Hoare*

Public relations – *Len Preece*

OCF users group – *Len Preece*

Toy Coordinator – *Ken D. Barnes.*

Machinery maintenance Supervisor – *Jack Croucher & Brian Crowe*

Health and Safety Coordinator – *Whole committee*

Member's welfare coordinator – *Peter Hollis*

Kits for kids coordinator – *Stewart Moyes & Brian Crowe*

Raffle Coordinator – *George Young & Gary King*

Farmers Market Coordinator – *Martin Van Diemen*

Special interest group coordinators – *Depends on group*

Librarian – *Keith Towe*

Screws – *Martin Van Diemen*

Paint – *George Young*

Timber coordinator – *Martin Van Diemen*

Web/Web master – *Jack Croucher*

Mens' Shed coordinator - *Gary King*

Great Art Show - *John McMahon (with sub-committee)*

All material for the Club's monthly publication is to be submitted by e-mail ricels@bigpond.com by hand, or by phone to the editor by the 15th of each month: Letters to the editor must be sent to the committee.

PLEASE NOTE: Those members wishing to use the workshop on Saturdays other than Farmers' Market Saturdays must make private arrangements with a key-holder. For safety reasons, there must always be two members present in the workshop whenever it is being used.

Workshops & Meetings:

Weekly	Hours	Activity	Leader
Monday Morning	9.00 am – 2.30 pm	Toys -	Eric Guthrie
Tuesday Morning	9.00 am – 2.30 pm	Toys -	Peter Hollis
Wednesday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	General -	Bob McArthur
Wednesday Evening	5.00 pm - 9.00 pm	General -	Martin Van Diemen
Thursday Morning	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	Fine W/work -	Maurice Deeker
Friday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	General -	Richard Gething
Saturday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm on market days or by private arrangement on other Saturdays.		

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Berwick Woodworkers wish to thanks **Judith Graley MP** State Member for Narre Warren South, and her staff for their continued support in printing this newsletter for us. 9704 6055.



ART SHOW SUB-COMMITTEE NEWS - by John McMahon.

The 2016 Grand Cardinia Art Show has now been confirmed for 18-20 March 2016 at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham, the same venue as last year. This will be the weekend between the Labour Day weekend and Easter. We have the venue booked from the Wednesday beforehand for setting up, receiving the exhibits, and for the judging to take place.

Thanks to Brian Crowe, a database of participants, sponsors, schools, and other contacts is being built that will serve for future shows as well. A notice has been placed in the Calendar of Events section of the Australian Woodworker magazine for the next 2 editions. Work is now starting on gathering sponsors for the woodart section of the show. This will be managed by Chris Drysdale. Chris & John McMahon contacted a number of potential sponsors during the recent Working With Wood show at the Caulfield Racecourse, with a very positive response. However, we are keen to get as many sponsors as possible. The more sponsorship we get, the bigger the prize pool we have to distribute among the winners. Therefore, Chris or John would be pleased to hear from any club member who can suggest possible sponsors for the show. They do not need to have any relationship with woodworking. Any sponsorship arrangement is fully tax deductible, and recognition of the sponsorship will be provided at the show and in the show catalogue.

There will be a stronger focus on encouraging entries from students at local secondary schools & TAFE, with approaches beginning during October, in order to provide more lead time for them to encourage entries. We have also simplified the definition for qualification as an Emerging woodartist, to encourage entries from less experienced wood workers.

This year we have made some minor changes to the criteria for entering, and to the sections. We have also added an extra section as shown below:

Sections & Categories: All entries must have been made in the past 2 years and not previously exhibited at a Grand Cardinia Art Show.

Categories will be provided for:

- Open: Any entrant not eligible for another category.
- Emerging: Any entrant who has not previously won an award at any open exhibition.
- Student: Any secondary or full-time TAFE woodworking student.

Sections will be provided for:

- Turned item – bowls & boxes (Open & Emerging awards)
- Turned item – spindle & other (Open & Emerging awards)
- Furniture & non-turned boxes (Open & Emerging awards)
- Freehand carving (including rocking horses) (Open & Emerging awards)
- Other (including pyrography, intarsia, inlay, scroll saw, etc.) (Open & Emerging awards)
- Student (Single award for best overall student entry)

As you can see, there's lots happening, and it looks like being a bigger and better show than ever. The sections cover all aspects of artistic woodworking and the prize pool looks like it will be pretty good too. So all of you are invited to get busy and start working on your entries.

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LOST TRADES FAIR: Club member **Alan Rundell** has reminded me that it is time now to book accommodation in Kyneton for the Lost Trades Fair Weekend in March 2016. Members will remember that Alan's son **Glen** was one of our speakers a couple of years back when he came to demonstrate his hand made Windsor Chairs. A quick peek at the Rundell & Rundell website will tell you all you need to know about the fair and for those who would like to attend, now is the time to book tickets. Booking ahead has the twofold advantage of ensuring accommodation and obtaining a discount on tickets. Below is the online link to Macedon Ranges Accommodation Association.



<http://www.visitmacedonranges.com/accommodation>.

For those wishing to make a day trip, parking will be available onsite and around the Racecourse

Continued from previous page: Kyneton is an hour from Melbourne CBD, Tullamarine Airport, Bendigo and Ballarat.

Accessible via public transport - V/Line train (Bendigo Line). Buses will run from Kyneton Station directly to the Fair.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE VIA TRYBOOKING NOW [BUY NOW](#) ONLINE TICKET PRICES WILL BE DISCOUNTED FOR EARLY BOOKINGS - ADULT TICKETS \$10.00 SAVING ON ADULT TICKETS IF YOU BOOK BEFORE 31 DECEMBER.

2016 TICKET PRICES (if booked after December 31 2015) & TICKETS AT THE GATE:

\$15.00 ADULTS / \$5.00 JUNIORS (5 -15) / Children under school aged - FREE

Limited tickets will be available at the gates on each day. Due to the response to the fair in 2015 - the event may sell out online. **NOTE: STRICTLY NO DOGS ALLOWED**

LOST TRADES, LOST TRADES AUSTRALIA and LOST TRADES FAIR are registered with ASIC under RUNDELL & RUNDELL CHAIRMAKERS PTY LTD ACN: 41 459 446 875 TRUSTEES: G & L RUNDELL

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**CHRISTMAS DINNER - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28TH
FUNCTION ROOM, OLD CHEESE FACTORY**

6.30PM

\$25 PER PERSON

PAYABLE TO TREASURER PETER ANGWIN BY NOVEMBER 14

ENTERTAINMENT: 'JUST HARMONY' - A LOCAL SINGING GROUP

2 COURSE MEAL

BYO DRINKS AND GLASSES

2015 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

All members and their partners are invited to our **Annual Christmas Dinner**, to be once again held in the **Function Room** at the **Old Cheese Factory** on **Saturday November 28th** at **6.30 PM**.

Once again we will have a 2 course meal (roast meats, spuds and salads and desserts) and tea and coffee. The entertainment this year is a local Berwick singing group, 'Just Harmony' and you can sit back and listen or sing along to a variety of music that I am sure you will know and enjoy. Also on the night, our Annual Raffle is drawn, and maybe you will have the winning ticket.

The cost is **\$25 per person** and **BYO drinks and glasses**.

Please pay your \$25 pp to our Treasurer, Peter Angwin, as soon as possible and **by November 14 at the latest**.

Looking forward to seeing as many woodworkers as possible on the night before our Gala Day

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The response to requests for assistance at the farmers Markets and the manning of the ticket selling days so far this year has been very good; let's keep up the good work for the upcoming raffle days and Farmers Market.

It is a very exciting time of the year to see all the toys coming near to completion I believe we are on target for approximately 900 toys again this year. Well Done to all.

We have also had a few members again putting Pine and stained and glued material through the Drum Sander, this only ruins the machine , PLEASE REFRAIN from using these materials in the drum sander, if unsure as to whether a type of timber can be used in this machine please check with one of the committee members.

I would also remind members it is every members responsibility to keep the workshops and lunchroom clean, please do not leave it to a few members. Many thanks to Bill Bradshaw, Lance Baker and Bill Munt for their efforts in recent times. Thanks Chaps.

The CLUB has a new Linishing Belt in the sanding room IF UNSURE HOW TO USE IT please see Brian Crowe, Jack Croucher, or myself for details.

The Annual Dinner will be held on the last Saturday night the 28th November; please keep this date free and attendance sheets will be in the lunch room shortly.

There is a bird aviary in the lunch room which has been left for a member to refurbish, the person's name and details are with the aviary. Any member interested in refurbishing this is asked to see either George Young or Myself.

If a member has borrowed one of the Ozito Sanders can they please advise Richard or myself.

Members are reminded that entries for the next Art Show 18 - 20 March next year, should now be given some thought.

Len Preece - President



BERWICK WOODIES at ROTARY MARKET.

Berwick Rotary recently invited us to sell our raffle tickets at the Rotary Market which is held on the 4th Saturday of each month. Like our market, Rotary's market is held at the Old Cheese Factory.

At left is Isobel Caulfield, who runs the Rotary Market, taking a moment off to try out our display rocking horse which we take to all our ticket-selling events. The horse is always popular with children but many adults mention, with nostalgia, a similar horse from their own childhood. Our old faithful is sturdy enough to indulge the whim of a fully grown adult.

When she's not taking care of the Rotary market, Isobel and her husband Mark are the proprietors of the Berwick Boarding Kennels, a little further along Homestead Road.

OCTOBER SHOW & TELL

Although the quantity of Show & Tell items was a bit light this month, the quality of the work was not. Graham Rogers made the salt & pepper cruet at right, using Huon pine and African whenge. Unfortunately the beautiful grain of the whenge does not show in the photo. Len Preece made the music stand at far right, using blackwood and jarah.

Len also won the door prize for the evening.



Berwick District Woodworkers Club.
Minutes Monthly Meeting 1st October, 2015.

Meeting commenced 7.30 pm.

Welcome to Members

President Len Preece welcomed 22 members.

Apologies

Lance Baker, Martin Van Diemen, Keith Towe, John McMahon, Ken Dorning, Peter Hollis, John Damon, Gerry Singleton.

Minutes of Previous Monthly Meeting 3rd September, 2015.

- In newsletter.

Motion to receive minutes. Proposed Ken Whitefield. Seconded Stan Firmin. Motion carried.

Business from previous meeting.

- Nil.

Correspondence.

- Nil.

President's Report.

- Disc/belt sander sold.
- New linisher installed. See Len Preece or Jack Croucher for help if you need instruction on its use.
- Our Self Evaluation Certificates need to be updated. Forms will be sent to members for revision.
- Access to Arena and Heritage Springs shopping centres for raffle selling will be confirmed shortly.
- Windemere will be reducing the toys they require.
- United Way Australia will be getting a number of toys this year. They operate a Child Group in Doveton.
- Art Show will be held 18th to 20th March 2016 at the Cardinia Cultural Centre. Categories will be Open, Emerging and Student. Sections will be Turned Item – bowls and boxes, Turned Item – spindle and other, Furniture and non turned boxes, Freehand carving (including rocking horses), Other and Student. The artistic side will be the priority.
- We are down to two club caps being available. There is interest in a monogrammed polo shirt and bucket hat. Len will follow up.
- The door prize will remain as at present. One \$20 prize per meeting.
- Sausage sizzle going well.

Motion to accept President's report. Proposed Bill Munt. Seconded Alexander Drysdale.
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report.

- As attached.
- We have paid for the new linisher.
- The electricity account has been sorted.
- Farmers' Market going well.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report. Proposed Rick Hoare. Seconded Colin Ellard. Motion carried.

Toy Report.

- Building going well.
- We will be reassessing the toys currently on display. We will refresh and modernise our display.

Farmers Market

- Good turnout of members, thanks to all.
- We have been invited to display at the Rotary Market. They have moved to a General Market.
- We will be continuing as a Farmers Market.

Functions

- The sausage sizzle is very successful.
- Christmas dinner will be the 28th November. Entertainment and catering has been organised. Cost will be \$25 per person, BYO drinks and glasses.
- Doveton Show went well with good member support.

Demonstrations.

- Rick Hoare has been making phone calls but nothing established yet.
- Two members have been approached to speak at meetings.
- We have videos to fill in any gaps.
- Centrelink FIS service is a possibility.

Raffle

- Proceeding well and still negotiating sites.

Newsletter

- Anyone who receives the newsletter by email but would prefer a printed copy, please speak to Elsie Hoare.

General Business

- A model bird house is in the club to be renovated if anyone is interested in taking it on.
- Officer Special School has requested a corner chair. We are looking at it.
- We will check with OCF to find a place for our model train.
- We are reviewing our insurance and a looking at options, particularly management insurance.
- We need to keep the areas clean around our saws in the shed. Each member must clear up after each use.
- We are looking at a "Gripper Guide" from Microjig for guiding timber through our table saw.

Show and Tell.

Door Prize. Won by Len Preece.

Next monthly meeting Thursday 5th November 2015 at 7.30pm. Meeting Closed 8.20 pm.

President – Len Preece.

FILLING A STRIPPED SCREW HOLE - from the internet.

One of the most frustrating experiences in woodworking can be when a **screw** hole becomes stripped out and will no longer support the fixture, accessory or accent that it was designed to hold. In this event, you can learn how to fix a stripped screw hole using a variety of methods, as there really isn't a "one-size-fits-all" solution to the problem.

The first step is to determine whether a slightly longer or wider-diameter screw will solve the issue. Perhaps just a bit more bite will solve the problem without altering aesthetics. Many times, this isn't a viable option.

What next?

Well, if a larger screw won't be appropriate, the next best thing is to try and determine precisely what type of wood you're dealing with. If you're working with **pine**, fir or other similar softwoods, you may be able to fill the hole with small strips of the same type of **softwood**.

Simply cut off some thin, but still relatively substantial shavings from a piece of stock of the same species. Dip the tips of these pieces into some wood **glue** and tap them into the hole until the hole is filled. Allow the glue to dry for a few hours, then trim off the excess with a sharp knife or chisel and sand the fill if necessary. Tap a slight pilot hole using an awl into the filled wood and then **drive** the screw home. Your problem should be solved.

You can take the exact same approach if the stock with the stripped out hole is a **hardwood**, but try and use pieces of the same species to fill the hole. You definitely don't want to use hardwood filler in softwoods, as the hardwood might split the softwood when the screw is driven in. By the same token, filling with a softwood filler into hardwood may not be durable enough to accept and hold the screw.

Now, if you can't determine the species of stock, or if you don't have any of the same stock to use for filler, what do you do?

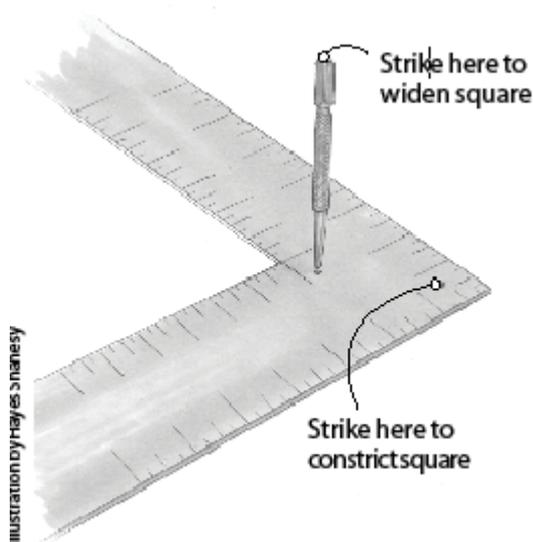
Well, there are other methods for filling the hole, which may work with some success.

My personal favourite, particularly in softwoods is to tap a few wooden match sticks (with the heads cut off) into the hole. You can use a few drops of wood glue in the hole before filling it with match sticks, but the **wood glue** isn't absolutely necessary. The match sticks are consistent widths and are thick enough that they shouldn't snap off when driving them into the hole. Hardwood dowels or toothpicks might be other options (again, based on the stock being repaired).

I've heard of woodworkers using **epoxy** or even "Bondo" to fill such blemishes, but I tend to shy away from these chemical fixes for this problem. The reason is that wood is flexible, and will expand and contract based upon weather conditions. Hardened chemical solutions will not have the pliability of the wood it is filling, and as such, may cause greater problems with cracking or splitting down the line. In cases where the stock expands with the weather, the plug could even fall out. I would have less of a problem using small amounts of epoxy to hold in the wood plugs mentioned in the previous paragraphs, but I'd wait until the epoxy has thoroughly cured before re-seating the screw. If the epoxy grabs the screw before it dries, you may never get the screw out in the event that you need to make other repairs or disassemble the piece later.

One final note: in the **stain** aisle of your local home center, you'll find plenty of "**wood fillers**." These products are designed to help fill holes before (or after) applying a finish. They are for aesthetic purposes only, and are not appropriate for fixing stripped screw holes. If you try to use a wood filler for structural purposes, you're likely to be sorely disappointed, and be right back to **square** one.

TRUING UP AN 'UNTRUE' SQUARE. - from the internet



I didn't have to drop the last framing square I bought to knock it out of square – it came from the store that way. So I chalked that up to Murphy's Law, took it back and got another one from a different manufacturer. It too was out of square! While whining about this problem to a fellow woodworker, he looked at me like I was dumb and said, "You mean you don't know how to true up your square?" Ten minutes later I was in my shop testing out his advice with a hammer.

First determine which direction the square is out of true – to the inside (89°) or outside (91°). Use a pointed steel punch (an old nail set also will work) and a good-sized hammer to strike the square at either the inside or outside corner of the square, and check it again for squareness. Striking to the inside corner will widen the square, while striking to the outside corner will constrict the square. If it isn't fixed the

first time, simply hit it again.

Now when I drop my framing square I don't get nearly as frenzied. I just head for the punch and hammer.

– David Thiel

MOSQUITO BITE REMEDIES.

- 1.) Place a used dry teabag on the bite.
- 2.) Rub Raw Honey on the bite.
- 3.) Apple Cider Vinegar, use a cotton ball and apply to the bite.
- 4.) Baking Soda, this is the cheapest and being a dry powder can be stored in your pantry for years. Take a small amount and add a little water to make a paste and apply the paste to the bite.
- 5.) Take the skin of a Banana and rub the inside part of the banana peel on the bite.
- 6.) Take a leaf off of an Aloe Vera plant and rub the bite with the leaf of the plant.

Editor's note. Personally I favour the baking soda (bicarb) also good for bee stings and Aloe Vera, good for itches. I always have a plant growing.

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THINGS YOU SHOULD HAVE LEARNED BY NOW

Never, under any circumstances, take a laxative and a sleeping pill on the same night.

Don't worry about what people think, they don't do it very often.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

For every action there is an equal and opposite government program.

If you look like your passport, you probably need the trip.

Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of cheques.

A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel good.

A balanced diet is a biscuit in each hand.

Junk is something you keep for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.

The most destructive force in the universe is gossip.

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A motorist was mailed a picture of his car speeding through an automated radar post in the Tamworth area with a Fine of \$160 included.

Being cute, he sent the police department a picture of \$160..
The police responded with another mailed picture of handcuffs..

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FREE TO A GOOD HOME.

This solid dining chair, in good condition, is looking for a new owner. If you are interested you'll find the chair in the clubroom.

That's all for now - bye until next time.

