



Ballarat Woodworkers Guild
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Newsletter June 2018

Presidents Report...May

As I write this report we look forward to a successful Expo. as part of the Ballarat Heritage weekend at St. Andrews Kirk hall Dawson St. Nth., a smaller setup than we have had in recent years and less work for the small number of Guild members that put their hands up to arrange and run the Expo for the benefit of all members of the Guild. Our special effort this year is supporting our former secretary Neville and the M.N.D. foundation; we have received a fantastic range of items from guild members for them to sell. We are also having a timber sales table with a variety of timber, thank you to the members that have cleaned out their sheds. Part of these sales will also go to the M.N.D. foundation.

Congratulations to our long term members who were presented with life membership at our May annual meeting, Bill Llewellyn, Neville Hesketh and Keith Moss. (pictured below with President Ross)



Our annual raffle that will be drawn at the expo, will add to our bank balance, thanks to all members that sold tickets and to Keith and the Thursday night furniture group for the excellent companion chest as the first prize and Kerry for the two sets of pens.

We have a number of new faces to the Guild executive, Eric Pugh as our secretary plus Greg Cook, David Izard and Lance Jewell I thank them for putting their hands up.

I will be away for the July meeting as we are heading north to warmer weather for a number of weeks; our Vice President Keith will be sitting in the chair for the July Meeting.

Ross Holst President.

BWG Monthly Meeting: Minutes for May 7, 2018

Present and apologies as per book.

Welfare report: Fred Townsing and Jack Tumney both receiving medical support.

President's Report: Ross's report is in latest newsletter.

Treasurer's report: April 2018 report moved Peter Saunders seconded John

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Schoenfelder and carried.

Previous minutes as published: Item 4 date changed from 16/4 to 18/6 then moved John Callanan seconded David Izzard and carried.

Business arising from previous minutes: Nil

Correspondence in 4 bills, 1 bank statement, 3 magazines, 2 newsletters, request for letter boxes, leaflets/raffle books for Aust woodturning exhibition on 22-24/6; Out:4 newsletters, .

Moved Kerry Pask seconded Stan Waller and carried.

Club Activity reports:

1 CWC: Max confirmed AGM and BBQ will be at Hut 11 on 5/8, 2019 Annual skills day under review and next camping trip will be in October at Warracknabeal.

2 Furniture: No report.

3 Toymakers: Steve reported that Loreto College students are now assisting St Patrick's College.

4 Turners: Darren Kelly will run 3rd Monday session on 18/6 and Kerry will support 16/7 session.

5 Scroll saw/hand carvers: John reported that he won a 1st prize and Bianka won a 2nd prize at National Conference in SA last month and members are invited to participate at the scroll saw area at our Wood Show. Hand-carvers program for 2018 now on notice board

6 Timber: \$24 monthly sales and Ron Clarke won monthly wood raffle; Ross/Frank liaising with Ararat club for red gum timber delivery from Ararat bypass project.

7 Wood and Craft Show: David needs support for kid's corner, he has received wrist bands and Peter will coordinate all EFTPOS sales.

New Business:

1 Darren conducted a spinning top session for Early Learning group on 5/5

2 Brian Rickard reported that 'The Courier' is prepared to sponsor special events in Ballarat.

3 Ross tabled raffle books for June exhibition at Moorabbin (see notice board).

Show and Tell: John and Bianka passed their winning jewellery items around, John displayed a jigsaw book and Max displayed a large burl bowl made from an 1890's weeping Scottish elm provided from our Botanic Gardens.

Meeting closed 7.35 pm.

Next meeting Monday June 4 from 7pm at Hut 11.

Make a note now....

2nd Monday of every month...carving & scrollsawing

3rd Monday of every month...Wood Turning

***Don't let these opportunities pass you by....**



The Mill in place.

The LUCAS Mill

David Bucknall brought his Lucas Mill to the club recently to slab some sequoia. After slabbing the timber is sent to the drying cabinet before being available to members.

Many thanks to David and all of the other members who chipped in with this very physical and time consuming task.



SLABBED!



David (right) and helpers

Evidence has been found that William Tell and his family were avid bowlers. Unfortunately, all the Swiss league records were destroyed in a fire ...and so we'll never know for whom the Tells bowled.

Buy, Sell or Swap....

Your opportunity to interact with each other and buy sell or swap anything to do with "Woodies" stuff. Send details to the editor with an appropriate photo, if possible. I can publish photos sent electronically but I am unable to scan them.

Saying thankyou...

To Julian Alaba , a new member, who took home my box full of router bits and returned a fully functional power tool a day or two later...Thanks again Julian (Ed.)



FOR SALE



For Sale with tools etc and contact Ross 0419 327 379



Bianca Guthrie, with her second prize at the recent Australian Scrollsawing Championships in South Australia.

Veteran John Schonfelder returned as a Gold Medal first prize winner. Both competed in the Jewellery Section.



King Ozymandias of Assyria was running low on cash after years of war with the Hittites. His last great possession was the Star of the Euphrates, the most valuable diamond in the ancient world. Desperate, he went to Croesus, the pawnbroker, to ask for a loan.

Croesus said, "I'll give you 100,000 dinars for it."

"But I paid a million dinars for it," the King protested. "Don't you know who I am? I am the king!"

Croesus replied, (singing)"When you wish to pawn a Star, makes no difference who you are."

From: Council of Woodwork Clubs Admin - Alison Dews

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CWC Membership (and Public Liability Insurance) Renewal for 2018-19

The CWC Committee have their pencils out working hard to bring you the best possible price for next year's membership and insurance policy. The renewal notices will be emailed to your club's nominated CWC contact person as soon as we have the final information, hopefully in about a week's time. If your club has changed office bearers in the last few months - have you remembered to let me know?

Public Liability Insurance - reminder - new broker

Our broker, Dean Pollard, who has served us well for many years, is enjoying his retirement. If you need a Certificate of Currency or advice on what the policy covers, his replacement is:

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Forthcoming Events

- Albury Wodonga Woodcrafters invite you to attend the 9th Annual Woodcarving Weekend on **2 & 3 June 2018**. Bookings essential as there are only 25 places available. (For further information see our [Club noticeboard](#).)
 - Gippsland Woodcraft is holding an Open Day on Saturday 9 June 2018 from 10am to 3pm at the clubrooms, 843 Maffra-Rosedale Road, Nambrok. (For further information see [CWC website](#).)
1. The 2018 Australian Woodturning Exhibition will take place on **22-24th June 2018** at the Kingston City Hall, 985 Nepean Highway Moorabbin.
The Council of Woodwork Clubs will again be a sponsor for the exhibition. The club with the highest percentage of winners from their club will be awarded \$300 to spend on equipment. The club with the 2nd highest percentage of winners from their club will be awarded \$200.

The exhibition will be open from 10:00 - 5:00 on Friday, 10:00 - 5:00 on Saturday and 10:00 - 4:00 Sunday. Presentation of Best of Show will be made by the Mayor of Kingston.

For further information, please contact Rachelle Leaver on 0416656786

AWTEX is hoping to gain the assistance of a number of volunteers to help run the event. If you are able to help please let Rachelle know as soon as possible - email rachelle.leaver56@gmail.com

Ballarat Woodworkers Guild May 2018 Raffle (drawn at the Wood Show)

First Prize.	Sandra Greenwell Ticket No 1443 C/O Frank Valbusa
Second Prize.	F. Leversha Buninyong Ticket No 0652
Third Prize.	Deon van Baalen Smeaton Ticket No 1410

**An Indian chief was feeling very sick, so he summoned the medicine man. After a brief examination, the medicine man took out a long, thin strip of elk rawhide and gave it to the chief, telling him to bite off, chew, and swallow one inch of the leather every day. After a month, the medicine man returned to see how the chief was feeling. The chief shrugged and said, "The thong is ended, but the malady lingers on."
"No more....pleeeeaase!!!"**

CELEBRATING OUR WOOD SHOW.

2018 Wood Show Debrief

Present: Andrew Lorensene, Ross Holst, David Ludbrook, Greg Cook, David Izard, Keith Moss

Apologies: Bianka Guthrie, Paul Leahy

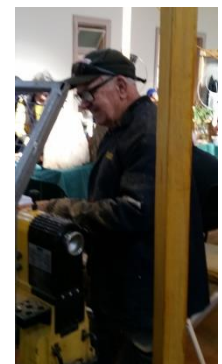
1. Venue Suitability
 - Just a little too small
 - Smaller did enable greater engagement between Guild members and patrons
 - Selling by makers was considered much better than central sales area
2. Association with Heritage Weekend
 - CBD location better than further out
 - Courtesy bus provided by Council was good
 - Metered parking in adjacent streets may have limited public attendance

- Didn't make a positive difference overall, although had crowds been equal on Sunday to those on Saturday it would have been very positive
 - Advertising through council was not sufficient for our purposes
 - Poor council online information about our event limited our patronage
 - Given St Andrews unlikely to be available next year probably not worth continuing association
3. Bump In
 - Worked as planned
 4. Venue layout
 - Dictated by venue size but worked well
 - Placing sellers in front of stands instead of behind was better
 5. Activity over weekend
 - Specialist School
 - Good to have their involvement but really need a representative present to promote work being done
 - Kids Zone
 - Understaffed again
 - Demonstrations
 - OK but patron comment was that greater variety needed (outside demonstrators and traders)
 - Member sales
 - Good having those who made the items present and selling them
 - MND sales detracted from member sales
 - Catering
 - OK, although outside vendors did not do well
 - Carrols' & Harris'
 - Presence appreciated by patrons
 - Larger venue would enable more vendors
- 6. Bump Out
 - OK as planned
 - 7. Publicity
 - Online presence
 - Needs much greater attention, many complaints that patrons were unable to find our details online. E.g. location/times/cost etc.
 - Newspapers
 - Using Miner only worked fine, no need for Courier
 - Two lead-in articles with photos in Miner would be better than only one
 - Good coverage in Wood magazines
 - Radio
 - Good coverage on Voice FM although audience very limited
 - 3BA free ads included incorrect location
 - TV
 - No paid ads may not have made any difference although may have been implicit in lower numbers on Sunday
 - 8. Recommendations for future shows
 - Consider larger involvement during Begonia festival period/Springfest etc.
 - Consider availability of venues at Civic Hall, Loreto, Ballarat High, Special School (Norman St) etc.
 - Independent show will need larger advertising budget
 - Greatly improve online presence
 - Smaller show provided good financial return and was within capability of Guild members
 - Decisions on date/location/size of 2019 Show must be made ASAP

George Davis
Show Committee Chair



That's just how we do it, Madam!



Max.

Our carvers



Hmmm!



On a mission?



Pauline Newman...a guest embroiderer



Our MND volunteers



Deep in discussion.

AND FINALLY...A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR....(Published under extreme duress!!)

Some observers may have noted the outbreak of gales of laughter and hoots of derision at mid-afternoon on Saturday last, at our Wood Show. I was explaining to my "neighbour" for the afternoon, Grant Burchell, how close friend Max Brown (wonderful fellow Max) had helped me to build a stand to carry a lathe for purposes of demonstrating.

I chose a design closely modelled on President Ross's rejigged painter's platform and asked Max to make something that would allow me greater height when turning. Max responded with a 1" hollow steel "box" (see picture.) Grant listened politely, looked over my setup carefully, paused, swallowed nervously and said quietly, "Er , why didn't you just extend the legs??"

That was when the laughing and catcalling erupted.

I am personally happy that so many fellow Woodies had their day brightened, just a little embarrassed by my own stupidity, but ultimately crushed by Max, who finished the episode quoting a phrase, brought into public vogue by

Sam Newman some 20 odd years ago on "the Footy Show",.... **"YOU IDIOT!!!!"**



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