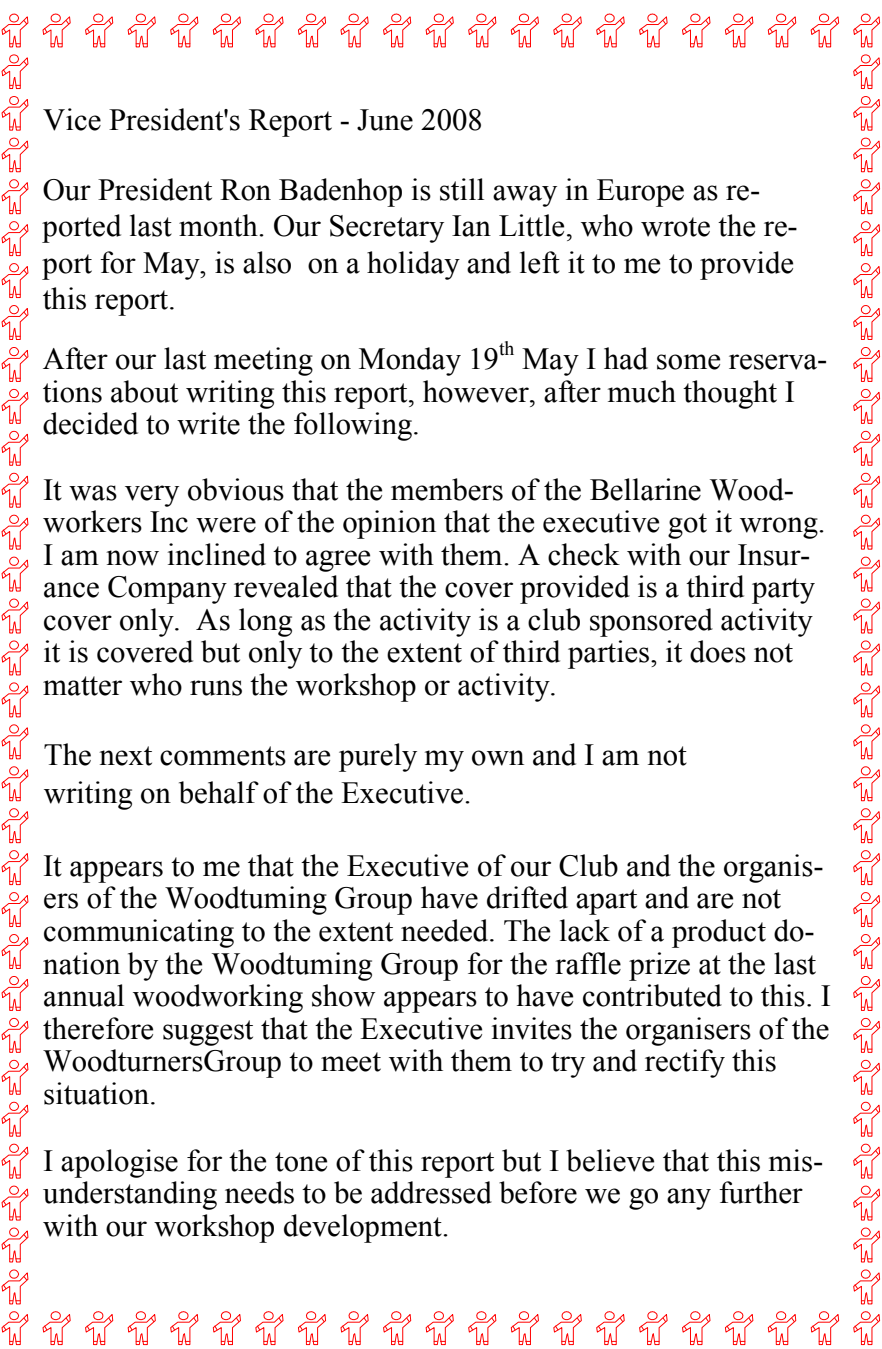




# Newsletter

June 2008

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★ **Woodie of the year** ★  
★ **Bill Love** ★  
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## Vice President's Report - June 2008

Our President Ron Badenhop is still away in Europe as reported last month. Our Secretary Ian Little, who wrote the report for May, is also on a holiday and left it to me to provide this report.

After our last meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May I had some reservations about writing this report, however, after much thought I decided to write the following.

It was very obvious that the members of the Bellarine Woodworkers Inc were of the opinion that the executive got it wrong. I am now inclined to agree with them. A check with our Insurance Company revealed that the cover provided is a third party cover only. As long as the activity is a club sponsored activity it is covered but only to the extent of third parties, it does not matter who runs the workshop or activity.

The next comments are purely my own and I am not writing on behalf of the Executive.

It appears to me that the Executive of our Club and the organisers of the Woodturning Group have drifted apart and are not communicating to the extent needed. The lack of a product donation by the Woodturning Group for the raffle prize at the last annual woodworking show appears to have contributed to this. I therefore suggest that the Executive invites the organisers of the WoodturnersGroup to meet with them to try and rectify this situation.

I apologise for the tone of this report but I believe that this misunderstanding needs to be addressed before we go any further with our workshop development.

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## CURRENT AFFAIRS

President Ron, enjoying his European safari, sent us an email from Villeneuve, congratulating Ben Veitz and Ian Little for their contributions to the May newsletter.

It was great to welcome Geoff Anderson back to the fold after an absence of four months, due to ill health. Geoff still has some rehabilitation time to serve, but he looks pretty good and will, hopefully, shortly be back to his old self.

Secretary Ian reports that club representatives have met with Geelong council, who have OK'd the proposed workshop and offered to help with the planning.

Keith Allender reported that Audrey Howard was pleasantly surprised with the lazy susan which was presented by the club for her valued support over the past years. Audrey wrote a very nice letter of thanks and expressing her delight.

A Drysdale resident, Charlie Christians, recently contacted district woodworking clubs stating that he had turning equipment and a substantial stock of timber, including burls, for sale. A number of members purchased tools and timber, and a large Durden lathe was snapped up. Charlie, a retired joiner-cabinet maker and avid woodworker has had to give up turning due to a respiratory problem, but will continue with furniture making, and also, the production of guitars. The writer purchased a number of burls, a Robert Sorby scraper in mint condition and was given a guided tour of Charlie's residence, which contains some beautifully crafted furniture and turnings, together with a collection of amazingly beautiful guitars. Charlie has agreed to give our members a demo. on guitar manufacture, which will be slotted into the program shortly.

At last call, Charlie still had some wood to sell as well as some turning tools, which are of top quality. He can be contacted on 5251 3484 or at 1 Peppermint Grove, Drysdale.

## GROUPS

Boaties - the continuing Santa Lucia saga - in between coffee and chat breaks, the hull has been sanded ready for finishing. Next big task, the rigging, then after that, some return to various other craft.

Scrollers - show raffle prize mirror is well on the way. Meetings are going well.

Toy program - going quite well, components being made, could use a few more helpers. Members are asked to look out for off-cuts of LVL beams at building sites (not treated timber). These are marketed as Hyspan.

Activities - the scheduled demo. by U-Beaut Finishes for 19th May had to be cancelled due to a family illness and will now take place on 7th July.

GMC/Triton demo. will be on the 1st June and the marquetry demo on the 16th June.

Working with Wood Show - Melbourne Showgrounds, Friday, October 24th - a possible bus trip. As the number indicating attendance was about 20, a self-drive bus appears to be the best method at about \$15.00 a head, plus discount entry at \$11.00. More on this later.

Possible visit to Production Engineering laser cutting - more on this later.

Turners - last meeting drew twenty attendees to a demo on the use of the router with the lathe and a jig for routing burls, by Evan Sutton. Albert Hildebrand, on 4th May, described the demo. as excellent. When a call for a report on 19th May was not forthcoming, it was revealed that the committee had ruled that the group no longer had club accreditation, much to the surprise and consternation of members, especially those of the group, without doubt the most successful in the recent history of the club. It appears that insurance concerns prompted the committee decision which unfortunately did not involve consultation with group members. Fortunately, cool heads prevailed and a motion was passed to fully discuss the problem at the 1st June meeting. No doubt, the committee will give a detailed explanation prior to discussion so that rational debate may follow. We all hope for a suitable outcome to the problem.

## WEBSITES

The Australian Woodworker magazine advises that a full index is available at [www.skillspublish.com.au](http://www.skillspublish.com.au).. Click on Australian Woodworker and follow prompts.

For those members interested in the progress of the RAAF Mosquito restoration, a new site has been set-up, [www.aussiemossie.asn.au](http://www.aussiemossie.asn.au). Early days yet, but there is a progress report to date.

Another site to checkout on the Lamar Crafts list, George Diller - some beautiful segmented work by a man who has lost three fingers.



## SHOWBIZ

5th May - Multi-talented member, Albert Hildebrand, stepped up to give an entertaining demonstration of tulip turning, using his own design aids to hold the workpiece. Some completed tulips, nicely painted by wife, Barbara, added some colour to the event.

Albert also made some porcupines from sheoak nuts.

Albert used the club mini-lathe, which was mounted on a new mobile stand constructed by himself, Norm Long and Eric Collier from found wood - no cost to the club!. Nice work, chaps.

19th May - at very short notice, another talented member, Frank Harrison, filled in when the visiting speaker had to be excused.

In his genial manner, Frank recalled a cold, wet weekend spent reading books from our library concerning router use and his account of this is on a separate page. Frank also spoke on the dangers of the woodies' old enemy, dust. Having sold his caravan, he has been able to use the regained workshop space to relocate his thicknesser and a drum sanding machine obtained from Geoff Anderson. The thicknesser has a proprietary dust collector attached, which works well, but how to connect the sander? The drum has a perspex cover, in which Frank made an opening to fit a Triton coupling and hose, which is attached to a vacuum cleaner and works beautifully. Frank also has his router connected to the vacuum cleaner.



STOP PRESS - on 21st July we will have a talk by Josquie Tibbits of the Forestry Commission on the improvement of trees for construction timber. This could be very interesting.

Also, thanks are due to David Pinney, who has donated 12 pens to the club for presentation to guest speakers.

## SHOW & TELL

5/5 - Keith Allender - bandsawn animal toys, can be used as patterns for further items, and some colourful acrylic pens, turned at slow speed and polished with a rag only.

Geoff Anderson - thanked those members who contacted by phone and email during his recent illness, when he spent three weeks in intensive care. Special thanks went to Steve Woodcock for his care and close attention.

Ray Austen - three lidded boxes in claret ash, redgum, cypress and sheoak.

Duncan McKellar - a selection of toys - Duncan has quite a production line!

Ted Brown - a pine- framed jewel box with concave sides covered in mahogany(?) veneer, lid of cypress pine edged with unknown variety timber (resembles myrtle), finish oil.

Noel Schofield - nicely finished toy ducks for the toy program.

Frank Harrison - a while back, Frank conveyed an offer of 50 period-style mahogany chairs and tables to the club or members without success, so he went ahead and claimed them himself, carting them home on a 6 feet X 4 feet trailer! After giving away half the load, he enquired about re-upholstering of the chairs, but the cost of \$120+ each was out of the question, so, what now? Frank took the front legs, rail and side rails from two chairs, joined them to make a coffee table frame, then using mahogany boards from a demolished verandah, made a matching top. With eight coats of Cabot's varnish stain, each rubbed down, and a final coat of Estapol polyurethane, a lovely piece of furniture emerged.

19/5 - John England - a bandsawn kangaroo puzzle.

Frank Keogh - osage orange pen blanks, partly turned, to give away.

Duncan McKellar - more toy trucks.

Jock McLarty - purveyor of the unusual - though severely disabled, Jock is a great supporter of show and tell. This time he has a rubber-band powered torpedo/submarine made from plastic tube with a carved wooden propeller and front wood plug - works very well. Also shown was a spin motor - "Mad Max"- wood wheels, aluminium tube, rubberbands and dowels (remember the old days with cotton reels and matches?).

## ROSTERS

Members are requested to arrive early on the dates they are rostered for duty, especially those on door and set-up, the latter takes some time to complete.

We regret the omission of the roster from the May bulletin.

Date	Door Roster	Door Roster	Tea Roster	Tea Roster	Setup Roster
2nd June	Ray Austen	Bill Burnett	Keith Allender	Graeme Ashmore	Denis Plant
16th June	Eric Collier	Jack Coxon	Ted Brown	Mal Carlson	David Pinney
7th July	Eon Cook	John Crowley	John Cook	Elizabeth Crowley	Bill Love
21st July	John Dennis	Rick Gower	Dudley Davey	Ian Gibbs	John Knight
4th Aug	Gordon Griffiths	Jim Harrington	Ray Harry	Frank Harvey	Albert Hildebrand
18th Aug	Martin Horevoorts	Frank Keogh	Bruce Jones	Albert Hildebrand	Gordon Griffiths
1st Sept	John Knight	Ian Little	Norm Long	Bev. Love	Rick Gower
15th Sept	Bill Love	Doug McVean	LindsayMcCauley	DuncanMcKellar	Ian Gibbs
6th Oct	Denis Plant	Chris Reymers	Gerald Payne	David Pinney	John England
20th Oct	Noel Schofield	Bill Smith	Dick Safstrom	Ray Roberts	John Dennis
3rd Nov	David Uprichard	Charles Unkauf	Paul Vickery	Ben Veitz	Eon Cook
17th Nov	Chris Walter	Alby Waters	Eric Williams	Steve Woodcock	John Cook
1st Dec	Ray Austen	Bill Burnett	Keith Allender	Graeme Ashmore	Mal Carlson

## READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY ?

The Bellarine Woodies library has a selection of books and magazines covering every aspect of woodworking you are likely to pursue in a life time. I have compiled the following list mainly about routers. A subject to which I am totally new. Recently I made a purchase of one. However there are also other books which are available from the Geelong Regional Library.

1. **ROUTER BASICS** BY Patrick Spielman.

A good beginners manual, laid out with lots of illustrations.

2. **THE ROUTER TABLE BOOK** by Ernie Conover.

Same comments as above, It is an easier book to read and covers additional material without it being too complex.

3. **MODERN ROUTING TECHNIQUES** by Jim Phillips & John Perkins.

This is getting serious and is an up-to-date guide to routing practice. A good read. It is clear and concise but beyond my capabilities for now. To be read in the future for me.

4. **ROUTER JIGS & TECHNIQUES** by Patrick Spielman.

If you thought the last book was serious wait till you read this one. It is a big hard cover, 400 page bible about (you guessed it) **ROUTERS!!!!!!** If this doesn't tickle your imagination about what is achievable you have not got a router.

All these books are in your club library and available, just see Bruce your friendly librarian. Once he knows you are after a particular subject, he leaves no stone unturned to fulfil your needs, thanks Bruce.

The next books are available from the Geelong Regional Library and are located at the Ocean Grove branch.

5. **The New Router Handbook** by Patrick Spielman. Call no. 684 083 SOL

That author again. This time in hardback and much more detailed. The same comments apply as for **ROUTER BASICS**, only more of it.

6. **JOINTERS & PLANERS**. How to choose. Call no. 684 083 PET

This is an American book. A planer is the same as a thicknesser, ok. An interesting book which covers maintenance and attachments you can make for both pieces of equipment. I made a dust and chip remover for my thicknesser and it works perfectly.

7. **WORKSHOP ACCESSORIES** you can make. Call no. 684 08026 BAL.

The title says it all. It covers jigs & fixtures, power tool aids, measuring devices and many other gadgets.

8. **ANTIQUÉ FURNITURE IN AUSTRALIA**. Call no. 749 2994 IDL.

The information in this book is mind blowing. It covers everything you want to know on this subject and a lot of information on construction, timber and finishes.

9 **READER'S DIGEST BOOK OF SKILLS & TOOLS**.

My book but the library does have a copy however I don't know the number, sorry. If you have not seen this book ask the library to reserve their copy for you. Every handyman should have one as a reference guide. It is brilliant.

That's all for now. Enjoy the long winter nights in front of the fire with a good book and a hot toddy. Frank Harrison

