



Newsletter

March 2008

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 ★ **Woodie of the year** ★
 ★ **Bill Love** ★
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Special Interest Groups	
Model Boat building	
Dudley Davey	5257 1636
Scroll Saw	
Gordon Griffiths	5255 4022
Woodturning	
Evan Sutton	5257 1319
Furniture Making	
Kevin Cass	5253 2641
Box Making	
Graham Thomson	5248 2480

Newsletter Team	
Ray Austen	5251 3197
Ron Badenhop	5258 2380
Geoff Anderson	5278 1906
Ian Little	5253 1158

Club Contacts	
President	
Ron Badenhop	5258 2380
Vice President	
Mal Carlson	5257 1479
Treasurer	
Chris Reymers	5251 2145
Secretary	
Ian Little	5253 1578
Committee Members	
Albert Hildebrand	5259 2489
Bill Love	5259 3994

President's Report March 2008

Firstly a reminder that the AGM is on Monday March 3rd. We have received nominations for all the office bearers plus 3 nominations for 2 committee positions.

This year we hope to delegate some of the workload to sub-committees of co-opted members.

For instance :- we need a Rocking horse sub committee, an Activities sub committee, and an Articles for Charity (like the Noahs Ark Toys program) sub committee.

So there will be plenty of opportunity for old and new members to get involved.

Some of us find that we cannot commit to full committee responsibility but could certainly participate in a sub committee or working group.

I commend such activity to all - it is a great way to get to know other members as well as contributing to the welfare of the club.

The other issue to bear in mind is that , due to family circumstances, holidays, and other personal commitments, most of the incoming committee will be away at different periods of time. So be prepared to help out if asked to assist in any duty.

Ron Badenhop

Date	Door Roster	Door Roster
7th Jan.	Keith Allender	Ray Austen
21st Jan.	Geoff Anderson	Dennis Bateman
4th Feb.	Ted Brown	Mal Carlson
18th Feb	Bill Burnett	Kevin Cass
3rd March	Eric Collier	Elizabeth Crowley
17th March	John Cook	John Crowley
7th April	Dudley Davey	John England
21st April	John Dennis	John Evans
5th May	Ray Gore	Ivan Gribble
19th May	Rick Gower	Gordon Griffiths

Tea Roster	Tea Roster
Frank Harrison	Albert Hildebrand
Frank Harvey	Bill Hutcheon
Walter Jakubzik	Frank Keogh
Bruce Jones	John Knight
Norm Long	Bill Love
Bev Love	Lindsay Macauley
Duncan McKellar	Gerald Payne
Doug McVean	David Pinney
Neville Pitman	Chris Reymers
Denis Plant	Ray Roberts

Setup Roster
Dick Safstrom
Noel Schofield
Bill Smith
Len Strachan
Evan Sutton
Graham Thomson
Paul Vickery
Chris Walter
Alby Waters
Eric Williams

ANNUAL MEETING

Members are advised that the annual meeting this year will be held on 3rd March, and annual subscription of \$35.00 must be paid prior to the meeting to obtain voting rights.

BUSINESS SECTION

A report was made regarding the erection of clubrooms at the Drysdale station precinct. Victrak has approved the erection of a shed, with rental of \$220.00 p.a., subject to approval of plans and specifications and planning requirements. A sub-committee will meet with Geelong council at an early date to discuss the foregoing.

BENDIGO BANK

The bank, which has granted the club \$3,000.00 towards the proposed clubhouse, is currently offering shares in a community Bank at Drysdale to raise the capital necessary (approx. \$600,000.00) for establishment. Pledges are being sought for amounts from \$500 to \$10,000. Local manager, Craig Taylor, outlined the procedure and said that investors could expect a reasonable rate of dividend, as has been the case in recent times. Members wishing to obtain more information can speak to Chris Reymers.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcomed to the club were **Martin Horevoorts, Ray Harry and David Uprichard**

PUBLICITY

Nice to see the comprehensive report on our annual show in the February issue of Bel-larine Herald with accompanying photos. This is a nice little community publication.

GROUPS

The various groups have begun their 2008 programs

TIMBER ZOO

The writer made a first visit to this establishment - and was impressed. Anyone who has not been, or has not been for some time, will see a vast collection of nicely-dressed recycled timbers - brush box, jarrah, messmate, ash and other native species in a large range of sizes. Not exactly cheap, but what quality timber is?

Ray Austen

DEMONSTRATION

Ted Brown, who has been a chippie since the invention of the hammer (well, maybe not quite that long!) gave us an entertaining demo. with his Festool finger jointer jig. Ted has never lost his love for wood and woodworking, upon retiring from house-building he turned to varied workshop projects, jewel and other boxes being particular favourites, and the fruits of his labours have graced the stands at many shows.



SHOW & TELL

4/2 - **Keith Allender** - clock set in redgum burl and clock, thermometer and barometer in laminated redgum stand. Ron Badenhop - looking for a someone to construct a rocking horse (seem to be flavour of the month!) for an acquaintance.

John Dennis - after quite a few years as a member, and a seemingly non-playing one at that, John produced his maiden effort in the form of a blackwood pipe-rack. John tells us he has made many items, but all too big to transport by car.

Frank Harrison - brought a scraper with a windscreen a la Neville Pitman idea. The Perspex screen attached to the top of the shaft, behind the tip, deflects shavings from the operator. Frank also showed some ceramic trivets for which he made the wooden stands. His Japanese -born neighbour, a botanical artist, painted the tiles with a palette knife.

Duncan Mc Kellar - A small hand-carved box with secret lock brought from Mauritius by his son. The lid features a carved dodo.

Noel Schofield - Model of a Civil War cannon - Noel, one of the turning group, was intrigued by the challenge offered in making the wheels, a task he successfully fulfilled.

Chris Reymers - showed pen parts, clocks and pen holders available for purchase from the club.



18/2 **Chris Reymers** - reported that the construction with Bill Love's assistance of Mah Jhong tile boxes for Springdale resulted in a donation of \$60.00 to the club.

Noel Schofield - a collection of Amish dolls, a spindle-turning exercise outlined in a 2002 Australian Woodworker.

Jock McLarty - a bowl carved from a piece of rose gum burl found by his son 300kms NE of Kalgoorlie. The wood was so hard, and industrial grinder was used, still taking many hours to complete the job. Finish is polyurethane.

Graham Thomson - has graduated from his wooden padlocks to a combination safe, this one in ash and jarrah, expertly crafted. Works well, too.



Member Profiles

This page will be dedicated to member profiles in the future, so please be prepared to put “pen to paper” or “fingers to the keyboard “ when Ray Austen asks you for your profile.

The length of the profile is not an issue as we can put one, two, or three on a page. Some of us have lived and worked in one place all our lives, while others could fill a book with their changes of location and careers.

So regardless of what you did and where you lived the other members will appreciate you sharing your life with them.

RICK GOWER

- PERSONAL PROFILE-

Born: In 1947 at Ballarat. Lived at Smythes Creek on the family farm until I was 7 when we moved to live in Ballarat. Since 1968 I have lived in the Geelong area. In 2000 we bought our land at Drysdale and after retirement built our house which we moved to in April 2005.

Family: I have been married to my wife, Suzanne, since 1971. We have 3 adult children, Simon, Claire and Alice. Claire and Alice are married to Alex and Josqui and we have 4 grand children, Raphie, Anna, Cassie and Poppy. They range in ages from 3 years to 5 months.

Education and Training: Completed school in Ballarat and obtained a job working for a local textile company in their laboratory. Attended the Ballarat School of Mines part time where I studied chemistry. In 1968 I started work with Alcoa at their Anglesea Power Station and coal mine. I continued my studies at the Gordon Institute of Technology where I obtained a Diploma of Applied Science. In 1990 I enrolled in a Graduate Diploma of Occupational Hygiene, graduating in 1992.

Work History: I gained the job as a laboratory assistant at the Anglesea Power Station on the basis of my experience in Ballarat doing water analyses for the boilers at the textile company. When I arrived at Anglesea, the power station was being commissioned and I found the scale of the plant was huge compared to what I was used to. A few months later the first power was sent to the smelter at Point Henry. After 12 years I was given the job of power station chemist which I held for another 12 years. Following my studies in occupational hygiene I was appointed as the environmental, occupational health and safety consultant for the power station. It was a time of increasing awareness throughout all sectors of the community about environmental issues and workplace health and safety. My task was to identify the issues and develop a program to manage them. I did this for ten years until my retirement from Alcoa in 2002 after 34 years service. Since then I have worked part time as a consultant on a couple of projects.

My wife works part time as a radiographer for Barwon Health

Interests: I spend a lot of time in my workshop (also known as “The Clinic”) doing woodworking. With nearly 5 acres containing a large garden and 100 olive trees, gardening gives both my wife and I a lot of pleasure. I also enjoy sailing at Queenscliff in a cuta boat I have a share in. I have participated in a variety sports with varying degrees of success including athletics, kayaking, rowing, sailing and cycling.

Woodworking History: All of my life I have been interested in woodworking. As a child we lived close to an uncle who had a terrific workshop in his back yard. He did his trade as a coach builder and when this trade was no longer viable he worked as a joiner. He was a master of his trade and was also prepared to be patient with my early efforts and kindled my interest in woodworking. Dad was also pretty interested in building things and I cannot remember a time while I was growing up when he didn't have some project on the go. I was the offsider so picked up quite a bit of knowledge. My grandfather was a builder in Ballarat having learnt his trade as a carpenter from his uncle, JC Taylor, who took him under his wing following the death of his father in a mining accident. Most of what Dad knew had been passed on to him from his father. When I think about it, woodworking has been in the family for a long time and I suppose it just rubbed off on me!