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Welcome to the Newsletter for January 2024

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** **Committee Meeting** – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – 1.00pm in clubroom. **General Meeting**, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February - 1.00pm in clubroom. As always it will be preceded by a free BBQ lunch at 12 noon. Hope to see you there.

**The Berwick Show** is on again this year on Saturday and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> February. An attendance register will be available soon for you to list your times you can assist at our stall. We will also have our first Sunday Farmers market over that weekend. A register for the market will also be at the club.

#### APPRECIATION AWARDS:

The gathering of club members for the Club's Welcome Back Barbeque, on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, was a perfect time for club Secretary **Don Buchanan** to perform a pleasant duty. To express the club's appreciation to **Ken Barnes**, for his many years as **Toy Coordinator**, Don presented Ken with a plaque recognising a job well done. Don pointed out that the space left by Ken has now been filled by three club members who have taken on the task that has been done by Ken alone.



Don also took the opportunity to present a gift of appreciation to one of our newer members, **David Walker**, who has donated the laser printer and the 3D printer that are now part of the club's equipment. David has also been very helpful with the Committee's investigation of the advantages, or otherwise, of purchasing a CNC machine for the club. Some members of the Committee visited his factory, in Rowville, to see his CNC machine in action.



## CLUB INFORMATION:

### MEETINGS:

#### COMMITTEE

8th February

#### GENERAL

14th February

#### SPEAKERS ETC

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#### FARMERS' MARKET

27th January (craft market)

10th February – Farmers Market

#### Committee of Management:

##### Contact Details

##### Name

##### Phone

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##### Committee

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Monthly demonstrations - *Vacant looking for help*

Functions Coordinator - *Ken D. Barnes*

Newsletter Editor – *Elsie Hoare*

Public relations – *Don Buchanan*

OCF Contact group – *Brian Crowe & Don Buchanan*

Toy Coordinator – *to be advised.*

Machinery maintenance Coordinators. - *Ron Bolton & Simon King*

Health and Safety Coordinator – *All committee members.*

Member's welfare coordinator – *Ken Whitefield*

Kits for kids coordinator – *Ken Whitefield*

Farmers Market Coordinator – *Martin Van Diemen & Don Buchanan*

Special interest group coordinators – *To suit group*

Librarian – *Simon Robbins*

Exhibition and Show - *John McMahon*

Gala Day coordinator - *Ken D. Barnes, Brian Crowe & Don Buchanan*

Screws – *Martin Van Diemen*

Paint – *George Young*

Timber coordinator – *Martin Van Diemen*

Equipment authorisation approved members. - *Brian Crowe, Bill Bradshaw, Ross Blackwood, Simon King & Don Buchanan.*

Men's Shed coordinator - *Wayne Lucas.*

Web/Webmaster - *Ron Bolton*

#### Workshops & Meetings:

##### Weekly

##### Hours

##### Leader/Key Holder.

Monday Morning	9.00 am – 3.00 pm	- Ron Bolton, morning. Simon King for Monday Afternoon.
Tuesday Morning	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	- Michael Berry
Wednesday	9.00 am - All day	- Don Buchanan
Wednesday Evening	4.30 pm - 8.00 pm	- Bill Bradshaw
Thursday Morning	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	- Brian Crowe
Friday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	- Ron Bolton
Saturday Morning	9.00 am - 12.30 pm	- Ron Bolton
Farmers Market	8.00 am - 12.30. - Craft Market	9.00 am - 2.00pm <b>Martin Van Diemen and Don Buchanan Supervisors.</b>

#### Van Diemen and Don Buchanan Supervisors.

Berwick Woodworkers wish to thanks **Gary Maas MP** State Member for Narre Warren South, and his staff for their support in printing this newsletter for us.  
**8783 6959.**

Berwick Woodworkers also acknowledge with gratitude the generosity of **Ephraim Finch** who has supported the club for many years with donations of top-quality timber. Without Ephraim's gifts, the work we do for local underprivileged children would be considerably curtailed.

**All material for the Club's monthly publication is to be submitted by e-mail [ricels@bigpond.com](mailto:ricels@bigpond.com) by hand, or by phone to the editor by the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 **three** members present in the workshop whenever it is being used.

#### Membership Fees:

Individual Joining Fee - \$40.00

Single Membership - \$65.00

Family Membership - \$100.00

No Attendance Fee.

Tea & Coffee complimentary.

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.





**FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK:**

Good evening to you all,

I trust that you had a great Christmas and I wish you all a prosperous and happy new year. What a fantastic start to our year with our “back to the club BBQ”, the attendance was fantastic and all members and partners seemed to have a very enjoyable night with a lot of chatter and banter going around the room.

I must thank all the members who attended the aircraft hangar to move all of the Elm and Oak back to our clubrooms, this was a big task and proceeded without a

hitch and to make it even better our container was relocated to its final resting place on the same morning and we were able to place the timber directly into the container; once it has been sorted and graded it will become available to all members.

It is looking to be a big year for our club, there will be a lot of activity in moving and relocating machinery and shelving, along with our usual community commitments, Expo and Variety club, Hare and Forbes, Berwick and Doveton shows, so let’s all help out and assist each other to ensure another successful year.

Hope to see a big attendance at our general meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February, until then, cheers for now.

**Brian.**

Pictured at right, as mentioned by Brian, nestling in our new container, is the wood, now known as Clyde Road Elm and Oak, which was salvaged by the club when the trees were felled for the widening of Clyde Road several years ago.



**MOVING DAY.** After months of waiting for just the right day, the club’s storage container is now in its final position and already housing some of our wood. Thanks, **Ron Bolton** for the photos.



**WELCOME BACK BBQ.** The past few weeks have been ‘all go’ for club members. Here, captured by **Katerina Zorin’s** camera, are club members enjoying the BBQ which was the club’s first social event for the year.



**MORNING TEA CELEBRATION.** Clocking up his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday is **George Young**. Best Wishes for the coming year, George.

*Best Wishes* also to those members who are unwell at the moment. We hope to see you back on your feet soon.



**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS** This month we are pleased to welcome the following new members:

**Stephen Damen, Aljohn Evangelista, Shalom Biwott, Hugo Archiles, Will Harrell, Adrienne Harrell, and Peter Sheehan.** We hope these newcomers will enjoy their time with us. Please help them to settle in.

**AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS.**

**When using second-hand wood please ensure that it does not contain nails or screws before using the club machinery to dress it.**

An unhappy **Ron Bolton** has had to replace 14 blades in the club's small thicknesser because someone has used the machine on wood that must have had nails imbedded in it.

While its very satisfying to be able to recycle used wood, it's a pretty fair bet that there will be nails in it. Please check it by using our **metal detector** located in the breezeway near the entrance to our lunchroom. As a requirement at least **two members** need to check the wood to confirm that no nails or metal are in it. Those blades aren't cheap.

Even if you have purchased some of the slab wood brought back from the hanger, which is now in our container. Please check it also. These slabs may have embedded nails from years ago.

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**A NOTE OF CONDOLENCE:** It was with sadness that we learned of the passing, on January 4<sup>th</sup>, of **Lorna Coleman**, much loved wife of Past President, **Ken Coleman**. Lorna was a prominent Berwick identity who was well like and admired by all who knew her. Her life was a triumph over a long illness through which she served the community with unfailing good humour.

Our sincere condolences go to Ken and his family.

**IN THE WORKSHOP:** **Nigel Dukes** showed me these photos of the little car that he made for his 20-month-old granddaughter. Here's what Nigel had to say. *"I used Spotted Gum and there is no glue or paint involved just a food grade oil so if the young one chews it it's quite safe."*

Nigel also told me that the little girl carries the car around 'like a handbag'



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The horse that **Bill Bradshaw** has been working on recently is one that was made but unfinished, by the father of one of **Colin Radley's** customers. Now 15 years down the track, the horse's owner was anxious to get the horse finished.

Colin says, *"Bill & I went to meet his (the customer's) mother Gaye in Glen Waverley and see what needed to be finished. There was a part finished horse, one turned post for the stand plus a saddle & bits & pieces but Bill volunteered to finish it off. We loaded up the car and Gaye insisted we also took tools etc. that had been sitting in the shed for the last 15 years. I left a box of clamps and a few power tools down at the Club. I sourced Clear Pine from Matthews Timber for the stand and Bill set to work building the stand, finishing the horse, and painting it. When it came to dappling the horse, I brought down the template I'd used on my own horses and completed the painting ready for Bill to apply varnish."*

*It turns out Andrew's Father completed one horse that went to Andrew's sister's side of the family, this horse will go to Andrew's son who has recently had a baby.*

*Gaye offered to pay for the completion of the horse but Bill, of course, refused."*





At left is the finished horse from previous page.

At right and below is a turned object by **Ian Brown** which won him second prize in the novice section at the **Australian Wood Show**. The specification was that the object was to fit into a 50mm cube; Ian's finished article measures 49.5mm. The wood is red gum.



When the lid is removed from the box, the pieces, which are turned to 1mm thickness can be seen fitting inside. Taken out of the box, the tape measure photographed with it shows the intricacy of the work. I can't help wondering what it was that took first place over this little gem.



Ian has been keeping his woodworking talent a secret. I found this pretty collection (below) in the clubroom recently. They were made with the assistance of the lathe tool pictured. Ian tells me it is a Nova Ornamental Turning Machine, one of only 500 ever made and no longer obtainable today.



For those members who would like to read the newsletters from the Victorian Men's Shed Association, the following link will take you there. <https://www.vmsa.org.au/news2/>

A few thoughts from **Ross Blackwood**.

It's not my age that bothers me; it's the side effects.

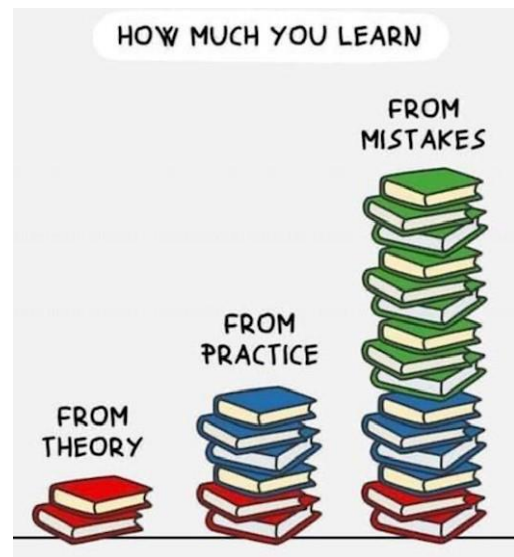
I'm not saying I'm old and worn out, but I make sure I'm nowhere near the curb on trash day.

As I watch this generation try and rewrite our history, I'm sure of one thing: It will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

Turns out that being a "senior" is mostly just googling how to do stuff.

Nothing is made in Australia these days. I just bought a new TV and it said "Built-in Antenna."  
I don't even know where that is.

From the Ministry of Mirth (Alias **Michael Berry**)



"See that?! I forgot to tighten the nut."



"This hammer keeps hitting two inches to the left."

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That's all for now. Until next time, stay safe and keep well.