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Welcome to the newsletter for November 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting 30th November - 1.00pm in clubroom.
General Meeting 6th December - 1.00pm in clubroom.

Gala Day Weekend Friday 24th, Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th November. We will have access to the Function Room in the afternoon of the Friday before, so we can start moving toys in and setting up. **Gala Day Sunday** will start at 2.00pm. There is a register in the clubroom asking for members to supply a plate for the Gala Day Afternoon Tea. If you can help us out by bringing a plate of food – that would be appreciated.

End of Year Dinner 25th November in the Function Room at the Old Cheese Factory. Between 5.30pm to 6.00pm. Meal service will start at 6.30pm. Cost \$30.00 per head. BYO drinks and glasses.

Welcome Back BBQ Wednesday 17th January, Starting around 6.00pm. The club will provide bread and salads and members to provide their own BBQ food and drinks etc.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. Good afternoon all,



Since our move from Warragul to Pakenham, I have been able to attend the club more often and what I have noticed is how vibrant and active the atmosphere is at the club, everybody seems to be really enjoying their time spent at the club, whether making toys, working on their own projects or helping someone else, it is fantastic to see, and feel the friendly nature of our members.

We had a visit from the Yarn and Arts group last Thursday, 18 people toured our premises and were extremely impressed by what they saw and what we are able to produce from our workshop, there may be some new memberships from the group -

always welcome.

It would appear that the City of Casey is going to put solar panels on our building, it won't have much of an effect on our club, but perhaps a minor disruption for their final connection, we will advise all members when we know more.

Gala day is almost upon us and to any members who haven't attended one of our Gala days I would hope that you can attend this year as it is the culmination of the toy making group's year and a day that makes you proud to be part of our club. We will have access to the function room from 2pm on Friday afternoon and we hope to move all of the toys from the container up to the function room during the afternoon which should make our final setup of the toys and our dinner on Saturday morning a lot easier. That's it from me, keep smiling and be happy.

Brian.

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

30th November

GENERAL

6th December

SPEAKERS ETC

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FARMERS' MARKET

25th November (craft market)

9th December. Farmers Market.

Committee of Management:

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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 – Ken D. Barnes.

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 Martin Van Diemen and Don Buchanan Supervisors.

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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.

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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 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 **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.



THE AUSTRALIAN WOOD DESIGN EXHIBITION IN ORBOST.

John McMahon wonders if any of our club members might be interested in entering this exhibition. Here's what John has to say, *"This exhibition ran annually for nearly 20 years with a number of awards and an acquisition prize. The acquisitions were used to develop a permanent display open year-round in addition to the annual exhibition. However, a few years ago the loss of a few key volunteers resulted in it closing down. An attempt to resurrect it was then hit by the Covid-19 shutdowns, and it now looks like they are trying to re-start it on a bi-annual basis. This exhibition was always a worthwhile visit as well as offering a variety of prizes & some good sales to exhibitors. They have been supportive of our Expo, displaying our flyers at their reception desk & prominently on their opening nights, and they deserve all the support they can get."*



A CHALLENGE FROM CLUB SECRETARY DON BUCHANAN.

With our Gala weekend rapidly approaching, just a reminder for the Gala Dinner, that we will be holding our annual club variety raffle. Each member and their partner will receive a complimentary raffle ticket on arrival. We will be raffling off an assortment of prizes. To gain extra tickets and thus increasing your chances of winning a prize, you will be required to tell a clean joke, sing a song, recite a poem or limerick, show us some dance moves or anything else that will hopefully get a laugh. But nothing riskily please.

So, between now and then, have a think of what you can do to gain extra tickets.

WOODIES AT WORK

Ian Brown has wasted no time since his return to the workshop. Since June, Ian has churned out a variety of small toys, both at the club and in his workshop at home. Here are some of the one hundred pieces ready for our Gala Day at the end of November.



Ian showed me these little wheels which he cuts on his lathe using an indexer.





David Grech (left) and son **Baden** have spent some time making these stands for mobile telephones. Designs on each have been applied using the club's laser printer. These stands fulfill the need for gifts for older children and teenagers.

Margaret Clayton is enjoying learning to use the lathe.



Katerina Zorin has sent me this photo of the key rings that she has made for her dentist.



From **Simon Robbins** following his visit to the Gulf Station in the Yarra Valley which is a National Trust Property.

"In March & October each year they have an open day for the general public. The photos show a woodworker making a small stool. The seat must be green when angled holes are drilled through, then legs fitted (must be dry) & wedges fitted to fix legs. As the seat dries they compress on the legs & create a very rigid fix."



Waiting patiently at the club is this rocking horse, brought in by a member of the public for some tender attention. Its certainly a little different from the horses that we are used to seeing in the workshop and I'm interested to see how it will look once it has been restored.

Welcome: New club members to welcome this month are **John Gutteridge** and **Julie Robinson**.
Glad to have you on board John & Julie

A Message from Club Secretary, Don Buchanan following the club's participation in the Hare & Forbes Demo Day

Firstly, I would like to pass on my appreciation to all those members who took a "time out" from their normal routines to join the team of helpers at these Demo days.

Thank you, guys!

And I have taken the liberty to present a BOG award for this event.

This event's BOG award goes to Peter Mason. Peter attended all 3 days. Again, showing his prowess on the scroll saw as well as being a general "Dog's Body" helping out when needed. Thanks Peter.

One last thing. Covid is still out there and it seems to be getting around of late. Stay safe out there and if you are suffering from the symptoms, please, for the sake of your fellow members – please consider not attending the club.

And if Ron Bolton is listening – we hope you are recovering well mate after that little op! And hope to see you back at the club - real soon.

And that completes the Hare and Forbes Report. Thanks for listening - Cheers. Don

Best Wishes: To those of our members who are coping with ill health at present we send our best wishes, hoping that you will *Get Well Soon*.

LAST MINUTE LAUGHS:

A former Sergeant in the Marine Corps took a new job as a high school teacher.

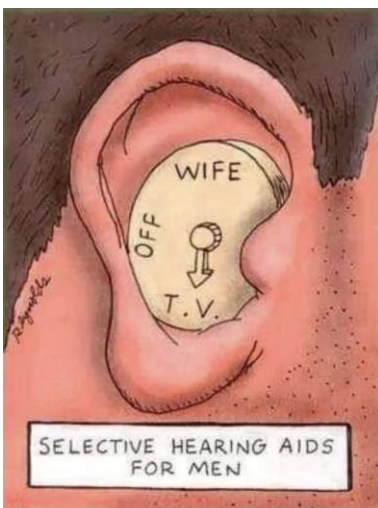
Just before the school year started, he injured his back. He was required to wear a plaster cast around the upper part of his body. Fortunately, the cast fitted under his shirt and wasn't noticeable.

On the first day of class, he found himself assigned to the toughest students in the school. The smart punks, having already heard the new teacher was a former Marine, were leery of him and he knew they would be testing his discipline in the classroom.

Walking confidently into the rowdy classroom, the new teacher opened the window wide and sat down at his desk. When a strong breeze made his tie flap, he picked up a stapler and stapled the tie to his chest.

Dead silence.....

The rest of the year went very smoothly.



A couple of thoughts from **Ross Blackwood**.

The word incorrectly is spelled incorrectly in every dictionary.

It's pretty obvious that if I run in front of a car I will get tired but if I run behind a car will I get exhausted.

And from Michael Berry:

The irony of mankind is that a computer program asks a human to prove that they're not a robot.

That's about all for now, but before I go here's a photo of a little visitor to the Frankston Pier sent to me by **Katerina Zorin** who thought you might like to see it.

