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Welcome to the newsletter for September 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting 5th October - 1.00pm in clubroom.
General Meeting 11th October - 1.00pm in clubroom.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.



Hi All, I hope this message finds you all well on this lovely spring day; a bit of warm sunshine makes everyone smile and puts us all in a good frame of mind. A great day out for all members who attended the **Trios** restaurant at Cranbourne on Thursday 14th. A very friendly and relaxed day was had by all and it is very informative to catch up with members' partners to learn about the real person - keeps us all a bit honest 😊

Thanks to all members who took part in the Father's day promotion at **Bunnings**, it was a lot of fun and very rewarding for our club, and as they have 4 promotions of this type per year, they indicated that they would like us to be part of them.

All of the toys have been moved from the machinery shed and into our container, thanks to all who assisted moving them and a special thanks to **Martin Van Diemen** and **Colin Ellard** for arranging the shelves. The toys will remain in the container until our Gala day, after then the container will be relocated to its permanent resting place (weather permitting)

Simon King and **Peter Mason** are doing a fantastic job of redesigning the shelving in the breezeway; this is being carried out for safety reasons with future equipment to be purchased at a later date.

It has come to my notice that the sanding machines are left in a messy and clogged state after some members use them, could we please ensure that after using any of the sanders that the discs or belts are left in a clean state for the next user, it only takes about a minute of your time to clean them.

The Doveton Show was a fantastic success for Casey Council, approximately 17000 visitors attended, it was excellent exposure for our club, however we need some assistance in the setting up and removal of our stand. We shouldn't have to rely on the same 4-5 members who do the setting up and dismantling of our stands at club functions, we have approximately 135 members so a little bit of assistance would give the regulars a bit of a break. We are all members of a great club so let's help one another out and work together.

That's all from me, stay safe,

Brian

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

5th October

GENERAL

11th October

SPEAKERS ETC

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FARMERS' MARKET

14th October. Farmers Market.

28th October (craft 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.
 Mens' Shed coordinator - Wayne Lucas.
 Web/WebMaster - Ron Bolton

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.

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.

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.



OUT AND ABOUT: It has been a busy couple of weeks for club members who participated in the off-site activities that have taken place during that time. As **Brian Crowe** has already mentioned, the luncheon at Trios was well attended and much enjoyed.



Father's Day promotions at two Bunnings Warehouses were not only fun but rewarding for the club as we received, from Bunnings, Clyde North, a donation of a \$100 gift voucher, a container lock valued at \$100, and 2 portable extendable safety barricades. Many thanks to members who attended, **Carol Goddard, Peter Ball, Brian Crowe, Peter Mason, Simon King.** Pictured below are Tony and Carolyn from Bunnings and our President, **Brian Crowe.**



Above, setting up for the evening at Clyde North.

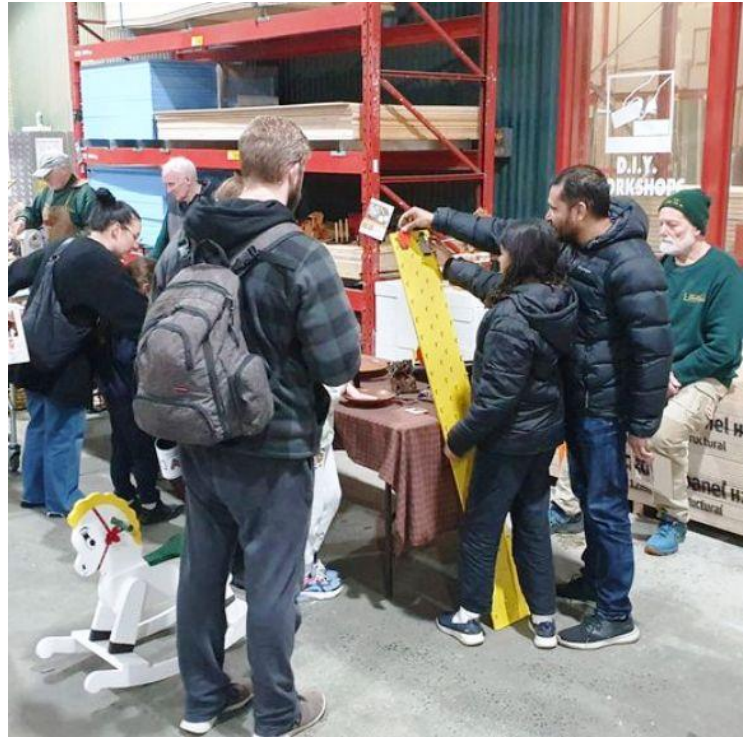
BOG (Best on Ground) Award on the night goes to **Peter Mason** for his extraordinary skills on the scroll saw at the Clyde North store. Congrats Peter.

NEW MEMBERS: A Berwick Woodies welcome to Justin Semmel and Cee Jay Cooke. I hope you enjoy your time with us.



At Bunnings Narre Warren: The club's display attracted plenty of attention. That's **Ken Whitefield** below left, employing his turning skills. Many thanks to those members who attended: **Ross Blackwood, Michael Berry, Wayne Lucas, Ian Deans, and Ken Whitfield.**

Bunnings Fountain Gate donated \$100 gift voucher. Bunnings reps were Trine and Mel.



DOVETON SHOW: Members barely had time to take a breath before they turned their attention to the Doveton Show and were ready for action bright and early. That's **Simon King, Ken Whitefield, Peter Mason, Brian Crowe** and **Peter Ball** below right, chatting to a show patron. **Katerina Zorin** was kept busy sanding the endless supply of little animals, that were cut on the scroll saw, to be handed out to the children.





It wasn't all work at the Doveton Show. Here, **Ken Whitefield** and **Ron Bolton** take a break to '*chill out*'. One of us is chilling more than the other.

Thanks to **Don Buchanan**, **Peter Ball** and **Katerina Zorin** for sending photos to me.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE:

It was nice to see long-distance club member **David Murden** again, when he visited the clubroom for a 'catch-up' earlier this month. As an Animal Technical Officer for Riverlea



Australia and living in Howlong NSW David is only able to get into the club when he comes down to Berwick for a family visit. Happily, David is able to find time for his

woodwork and has sent these photos of his latest work to me - two chopping boards and a bird house which is a gift for David's brother's garden.



ON THE SICK LIST: A note from **Ken Humphries**.

"I want to let you, and the members, know that I won't be at the club for a few weeks as I had a mild stroke two weeks ago and spent the week in hospital. I am home now and making very good progress and looking forward to getting back into life, and driving, ASAP".

Best Wishes Ken. We hope it won't be long before we see you back at the club.

While on the subject of **Best Wishes** we send them to all those of our members and their partners who are not well at this time.

On a sad note we have learned of the passing of Life Member **Stewart Moyes** on September 15th. Stewart was a well liked member, and a talented craftsman. The model cart which has adorned the garden of the Old Cheese Factory for many years was made by Stewart. A prolific toy producer even when he was no longer able to attend the club's workshop, Stewart continued to make the club's block-trolleys and blackboards, turning up, for several years on Gala Week-end, with his trailer loaded. We miss his gentle smile and good nature and send our condolences to wife Val and their family.





Another sad passing on September 1st was that of former member **Tony van Gemert**. Longer serving club members will remember Tony who was one of the earliest of our club members. An enthusiastic participant, Tony and his wife **Ina**, took part in most social activities as well as monthly meetings. The pair enjoyed creating fun items for show and tell, as seen here in their Australian themed hats. That's a kangaroo on top of Tony's hat. After Ina's passing, Tony moved out of the Berwick area. Tony was 96.

We send our sincere condolences to the van Gemert family.



On the Bright Side we have received another generous donation from **David Walker**. This time David has presented us with a brand new 3D printer. Here he is helping **Ross Blackwood** to put it together.

The club very much appreciates your donation David. Thankyou on behalf of all our members.

Unable to get into the club for several months, **Ian Brown** is making up for lost time making some little cars for our toy collection.



Having allowed the appropriate time lapse for the red gum to settle and dry, **Chris Drysdale** has been spending some time adding the Livos Oil finishing touches to the chain-saw carved echidnas, created at the club's expo in July.

From time to time, members of the public approach the club with a plea for help. Recently I spotted this little rocker which has

been brought in for repairs and some beauty treatment.



Ron Bolton has sent me this photo

of the club's kitchen sink (now I can no longer say I publish everything but the kitchen sink in this newsletter)

The purpose of the photo is to show the abandoned used tea bag on the side of the sink. Ron has often observed used tea bags lying about on the kitchen counter and would like to remind us that there is a bowl

there among the tea-making equipment, which has been placed there for the benefit of those who don't want to make the trek to the rubbish bin at the end of the kitchen cupboards to dispose of their used tea bag. As we are all responsible for cleaning up our own mess, please make Ron happy and make use of the bowl or the rubbish bin.



TO LEAVE YOU SMILING:

Bill is working away from home one winter's morning and the weather's very, very cold outside. Suddenly he receives a text message from his wife, Jane.

The message reads, "Windows frozen; won't open."

Naturally, Bill wants to ensure his wife doesn't experience any major problems whilst he's away, so he sends an immediate response. His message reads, "Carefully pour some warm water over it and then gently tap the edges with a hammer."

Thinking he's done all he needs to do to resolve Jane's problem, Bill gets on with his busy schedule.

However, within minutes, he gets another message from Jane, which reads, "The computers really messed up now!"



A man visited his doctor, and the doctor checked him over before saying "You obviously get a lot of exercise."

The man replied, "Oh yeah, in fact, just the other day I walked 5 kilometres over rugged terrain as I climbed over rocks and trees. I also waded along the edges of a lake, pushing my way through tall thistles and sliding down sandy slopes whilst getting sand in my eyes."

The doctor was quite impressed, "Well you are certainly a dedicated outdoor enthusiast."

The man replied, "Not really doctor, I'm just a really bad golfer."

Many thanks to **Brandy Rogers, Michael Berry, Ross Blackwood and Simon Robbins** for keeping me supplied with something to smile at.

Bye for now. Until next time stay well and happy.