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Welcome to the Newsletter for October 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER Committee Meeting – Wednesday 12th November, - 1:00pm in clubroom. **General Meeting** - Wednesday 17th December 2025. 1:00pm in clubroom. As always it will be preceded by a free BBQ lunch at 12 noon. Hope to see you there.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.



Hi to all members. We have had a busy time this last week and I would particularly like to thank the members who have helped out for five days in a row.

Our numbers were down a bit for our gala dinner but I'm sure the ones who attended had a good night.

Most of the toys have now been picked up and were much appreciated by the charities.

Only nine members turned up to help with the parking for the Kid's Day. A bit disappointing but thanks to those nine. We don't get paid much but it all adds up to help with our costs, so a bit of help for the Bunnings evenings would be appreciated.

We only have two markets to go before Christmas so please keep them in mind.

Regards **Ian Deans**.

KID'S DAY: As Ian has already mentioned, it was a busy day for those gallant nine members who offered their traffic directing talents to the Old Cheese Factory on Thursday 23rd October. Here is what they accomplished. No mean effort. Well done to those members.



CLUB INFORMATION

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

Wednesday 12th November. 1:00pm

GENERAL

Wednesday 17th December 1:00pm

MARKETS – Volunteers needed

Saturday 8th November - Farmers Market

Newsletter Contributions

All material for the Club's monthly publication is to be submitted by e-mail to ricels@bigpond.com, by hand, or by phone to Elsie Hoare the editor by the 15th of each month. Letters to the editor must be sent to the committee.

Committee of Management:

Position	Name	Phone
President	Ian Deans	0403 419 774
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Contacts

Equipment authorisation approved members – *Ian Deans, Don Buchanan, Simon King and Ron Bolton.*

Health and Safety Coordinator – *Ron Bolton*

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

Timber Coordinator – *Ken Whitefield*

Screws – *Ken Whitefield*

Paint – *Ken Whitefield*

Toy Coordinators – *Ian Dean & Julie Robinson*

Functions Coordinator - *Don Buchanan*

Gala Day Coordinator – *Ian Deans*

Annual Expo - *John McMahon & Jayne Worthington*

Farmers Market Coordinators – *Ian Deans & Don Buchanan*

Public Relations - *Don Buchanan*

OCF Contacts – *Ian Deans & Ron Bolton*

Webmaster - *Ron Bolton*

Newsletter Editor - *Elsie Hoare*

Members' Welfare Coordinator - *Ken Whitefield*

Men's Shed Coordinator - *Wayne Lucas*

Membership Fees:

	Joining	Annual
Individual	\$50.00	\$75.00
Family of 2	\$75.00	\$115.00
Family of 3	\$75.00	\$138.00
Family of more than 3 please enquire.		
No Attendance Fee.		
Tea & Coffee complimentary.		

Paying your Membership Fees

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.

Safety First

For safety reasons, there must always be **three** members present whenever the workshop is being used.

Clubrooms and Workshops Open Hours

Weekly	Hours	Leader
Monday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Ron Bolton
Tuesday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Michael Berry
Wednesday	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Don Buchanan
Wednesday Evening	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Bill Bradshaw
Thursday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Brian Crowe
Friday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Ron Bolton
Saturday	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Ron Bolton

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



CLUB ACTIVITIES:

They were there to help out at the Spring Children's event that was held at Bunnings, Clyde North on 20th September but, obviously the temptation to play some of the games was too hard to resist. That's **Peter Mason & Peter Ball** at right. Below are **Ian Deans** and **Ron Bolton** and below far right are **Don Buchanan** and **Julie Robinson**.



ON A MORE SERIOUS NOTE: School's in for the **Resuscitate a Mate** lessons held at the club on October 1st.

That's Jaimee, a representative from Life Saving Victoria (centre) in the picture below. Jaimee took us through a comprehensive session, explaining the subject of CPR and giving us the opportunity of trying out the chest compressions for ourselves on individual dummies.



Of course, there's always the class clown.

That's **Rick Hoare** at right, who will have to sit on the naughty step for allowing himself to become distracted.



GALA DAY PREPARATIONS: Honing her turning skills, **Julie Robinson** is seen rounding the end of small sections of dowel to become 'flashing' safety lights on top of the tip-trucks.



Michael Berry who worked with her, reminded me that Julie also cut out some of the side panels, the roof panels and sanded and painted some of the truck parts.



On his best behaviour in the finishing room, **Rick Hoare** is seen painting the prams that he makes for Gala Day.



Below, here is **Jayne Worthington** working with pyrography to finish off the small trucks. With a club secretary whose name is **Don** and was once a butcher, who could blame her for the inscription she has added to this truck.



Some of us take the job seriously, that's **Brian Crowe** and **Ken Whitefield** at left, discussing a procedure for one of Brian's masterpieces.



Finally, the big weekend arrived, with Friday morning spent dressing the dolls beds, cradles, bunks and beds with quilts supplied by **Pakenham Quilters and Patchworkers** and dolls and teddys donated by **Heather Buchanan, Julie Irvine and Val Pakenham**.

The stalwart team of club members then spent Friday afternoon and Saturday morning setting up the function room for the dinner that evening and the Gala Day on Sunday.

A gold star goes to all who helped to make the weekend a success. Thank you everyone.



Saturday 25th: At last, we could all relax and enjoy the end-of-year dinner. It was a delightful meal with seconds for those who wanted to top up. The free raffle was a pleasant bonus, with several members finding themselves the lucky recipients of one of the prizes offered.



Sunday 26th, Gala Day: We were pleased to welcome honoured guests from Government representatives and Casey Council as well as from the charities that we support.

The inclement weather didn't dampen the pleasure of listening to the choir from Berwick Primary School who treated us to a range of songs from their repertoire. Following the performance, each child received a small gift to take home.



SOME REMINDERS: In order to extend the life of our **sanding equipment**, we are reminded to clean the **sanding belts and discs** during and after use. Otherwise, it is someone's unpleasant job to douse them in nasty chemicals to clean them.

Our **vacuum cleaners** do a great job until they are choked beyond their capacity when they will, simply, not pick up anything. Please check the cleaner you are using and empty it if necessary.

The club's **suggestion box** awaits your bright ideas. If you have some thoughts about some things you would like to see done, please drop a note in the suggestion box so that the committee can see them.

The **firewood bags** are not for collecting rubbish. We sell bags of firewood at our monthly markets and we want to give good value. That means **no tiny scraps, no painted offcuts, and no plywood.**

Kay Zimmerman has suggested an event that sounds like a good day out. The Melbourne Guild of Fine Woodworking is holding a Hand Tool Event and Open Day Weekend on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd November. 10am – 4pm each day. 14 Cottage St, Blackburn. Vic. Entry is free. Check the following link for further details. <https://www.mgfw.com.au/>

Welcome to new member, **Selena Sparkes**. We hope you settle in quickly, Selena, and enjoy your time with us.

Best Wishes: To those of our members who are unable to join us at the club, due to their own ill health or that of a partner, we send our best wishes for a swift recovery. We hope to see you again soon.

SHOW & TELL for October. **Aaron Zong** showed us his pens made from a burl and one shaped like a golf club.



John McMahon's bowls are an iron bark textured bowl, a square edged bowl and a wobble bowl, both in ash.



David Macgregor showed his first bowl, made from Huon pine. **Brian Crowe** made the red box bowl as a gift for the widow of his brother-in-law. The abstract butterfly plaque is by **Chris Drysdale**.



Ross Blackwood used the club's 3D printer to make his yarn spinner for Marge whose conventional spinning wheel could not handle the thick yarn she wanted to create. Ross pointed out that the base, at least, is wood. **Lance Baker's** jewellery box is a gift for Matilda's 16th birthday. The wood is red box and kauri.



Alexander Drysdale showed us a couple of jarrah chalices; one made by Alexander and the other by past member, the late **Ces King**. Unfortunately I was not able to photograph them but it was a happy reminder of Ces who was a staunch club member for many years.

Time out for some fun: That's **Peter Mason** at right, reliving his childhood, trying out one of **Ken Whitefield**'s hobby horses, and below, in the children's toy shop in the OCF grounds on Sunday morning, during a break in Gala Day preparations.



Some faces we haven't seen for a while. I'm told **Margaret and Bill Clayton** are due back sometime in November. It will be nice to see them again. So close to Christmas, Bill could be in demand for an important seasonal role.



Once again we thank our sponsors whose support is so valuable to us.



Ross Blackwood and Ron Bolton made the following observations:

Electricity Bills Be Like:
usage: \$40.21
distribution fee: \$152.30
processing fee: \$75.92
accessing fee: \$45.21
transmission fee: \$34.50
fee fee: \$15.80
fee fi fo fum fee: \$17.75
might as well fee: \$5.00
WTF you gonna do fee: \$3.00
Another dollar won't hurt fee: \$1.00

If it wasn't for that nice man who invented electricity, we'd all be watching television by candle light.

That's all for now until next time. Many thanks again to **Carol Goddard** for help with proof reading this newsletter.