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Welcome to the Newsletter for August 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER Committee Meeting – Wednesday 10th September - 1:00pm in clubroom. **General Meeting** - Wednesday 22nd October. 1:00pm in clubroom, preceded by a free BBQ lunch at 12 noon. **Father's Day** at Bunnings, Thursday September 4th at Narre Warren & Clyde North stores. **Club Luncheon** Thursday September 11th, Settlement Hotel, Cranbourne, **Open Day**, Hunters Green Retirement Village, Friday September 12th. **Resuscitate a Mate program** for Wednesday, October 1st at 1.00 – 2.30pm.

OUR NEW COMMITTEE

Following the Annual General Meeting, held on Wednesday 20th August, Berwick District Woodworkers Inc has a new committee for 2025/26. The line-up of Committee Members is shown below. Notable changes are that of Club President, who is now **Ian Deans**, plus the addition of **Peter Mason** and **David Macgregor** as ordinary members. Past President **Brian Crowe** has stepped down after 3 years in the chair. Many thanks for a job well done, Brian. Many thanks also to Past President **Ken Coleman** who, once again, took the chair to conduct the elections.

In his first message to us Ian had the following to say:

“Fellow members I would like to just send a final thank you to Brian for his service to the club, and I am glad we are not losing him completely.

Welcome to the new committee members and I am sure they will fit in well and be assets to the club.

Many thanks, Ian Deans.”



**Ian Deans -
President**



**Ron Bolton -
Vice President**



**Don Buchanan -
Secretary**



**Peter Ball -
Treasurer**



Carol Goddard



**David
Macgregor**



Simon King



Julie Robinson



Ken Whitefield



Michael Berry



John McMahon



Peter Mason

CLUB INFORMATION

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

Thursday 10th September 1:00pm

GENERAL

Wednesday 22nd October 1:00pm

MARKETS – Volunteers needed

Saturday 13th September - 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
Vice President	Ron Bolton	0413 152 391
Secretary	Don Buchanan	0431 313 998 email: bdwwcsec@outlook.com
Treasurer	Peter Ball	0425 725 875

Committee	Phone
John McMahon	9796 1097
Ken Whitefield	0402 256 134
Michael Berry	0466 812 717
Peter Mason	0419 531 524
Simon King	0477 831 318
David Macgregor	0490 897 630
Julie Robinson	0481 088 390
Carol Goddard	0422 395 565

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 - *Martin Van Diemen*

Screws - *Martin Van Diemen*

Paint - *George Young*

Toy Coordinators – *Ian Deans & Julie Robinson*

Functions Coordinator - *Don Buchanan*

Gala Day Coordinator – *Ian Deans*

Annual Expo - *John McMahon*

Farmers Market Coordinators - *Martin Van Diemen & Don Buchanan*

Public Relations - *Don Buchanan*

OCF Contacts – *Ian Deans & Don Buchanan*

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.





HOOROO.

Good afternoon, all, the time has come for me to stand down as president and hand the reins over to a new club president. My time has been both gratifying and fulfilling and there has been a great sense of achievement in working with our fantastic committee to attain the results that we have been able to accomplish. For the club to continue to progress we need newer thought patterns and ideas and I am sure the new committee will achieve that.

In my travels people have asked me what I have been doing since I retired, and I feel a lot of pride to say that I am President of the Berwick District Woodworking club and I will continue to have a lot of pride when I say that I am a member of the Berwick District Woodworking club as

it is an exceptional club without any peers.

On a day-to-day basis nothing much will change; I will continue as a "Go to member" and will still be active in working with **Ron** and **Simon** in machine repairs and maintenance, and working on my own projects.

It was fantastic to see so many members at our AGM on Wednesday (Maybe they had heard I was stepping down or was it Ken's sausages?) there were approximately 40, with a lot of new members in attendance.

I would love to see all members get involved in club functions and support the new committee as we are all part of an incredible organization.

Regards, **Brian**

AGM NEWS:

Due to the inevitable rise in expenses, the club has been subsidising the members by about \$35.00 each per year. To address the problem, one of the tasks for the AGM was to set the subscription fees for the next membership year that commences on 1st July 2026. At the meeting on August 20th, the new fees were agreed as follows:

Individual = \$100

Family of 2 = \$190 (\$95 per person)

Family of 3 = \$270 (\$90 per person)

Family of 4 = \$340 (\$85 per person)

Family of 5 = \$400 (\$80 per person)

Any members that were unable to attend the AGM who would like more information on the rationale behind the new fees, please contact the treasurer, **Peter Ball**.



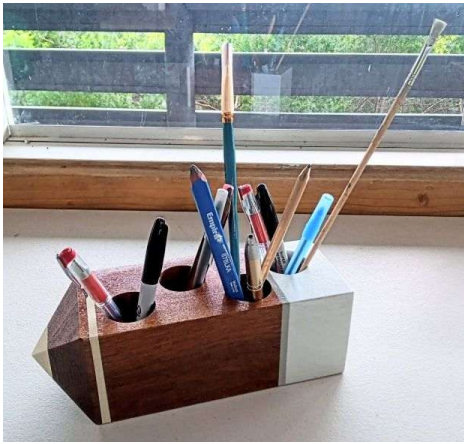
The **Life Membership Award** for this year was presented to long serving member **Len Preece**. Len held the office of Club President for ten years from 2012, with two years prior as a committee member and continuing as a committee member for a further year after stepping down as President. Len has remained an active club member while dealing with his own health problems and those of his wife Beverleigh, and is a worthy recipient of the club's recognition. Congratulations, Len.



In Lieu of Show & Tell: Two of our new members have been snapped in the workshop. **Julie Robinson** sent me this photo of **Jack Stirling** (left) working with a hand plane recently and that's **David Macgregor**, (far left) completing one of his chopping boards.



From **Ron Bolton**, **Simon King** doing a Michael Jackson impersonation, playing Snooker, using his new cue and glove that he got for his birthday.



Katerina Zorin made this pencil shaped pencil holder and demonstrates how the idea can be modified to use as a plant holder.



Brian Crowe is pressing on with the challenge of restoring the model of the Spanish galleon, San Felipe. The rat lines are completed and Brian is now preparing for the sails. Here she is below with a reminder of the sorry state she was in before Brian came to her rescue.



Here is a reminder to those who plan to participate in the **Resuscitate A Mate** session we have planned for Wednesday, October 1st at 1.00 – 2.30pm.

This session is for you if you have never done a first aid course, and will be a great refresher if you have. It is for all of us and your partners are welcome too.

There is no online component, no test and no certificate.

It is a practical session for all of us.

Please save the date and advise **Carol Goddard** if you would like to take part.

WELCOME. This month we are happy to welcome the following new club members: **Don Fraser, Diane Housiaux, Harvey Smith, Kim Gillam, Natalie Kenefeck, Anthony (Tony) Kenefeck, Stephen Gartlan, and Andrew Pinxt.** It's good to meet these members and to see them settling in so well.

BEST WISHES. Once again, we send our best wishes to those of our members who are not well or are caring for sick family members. Our thoughts go to **Cliff Harris, Pat and Sue Mahoney, Beverleigh Preece, Gordon Ham and Leah Bolton.** Best wishes to you all.

In case you're wondering, here are the Expo Raffle Winners.

1st: bench seat won by Terena Harris

2nd: toy locomotive won by Collette Blaszczyński

3rd: wine in gift box won by Jacqueline

4th: turned platter won by Carol Goddard

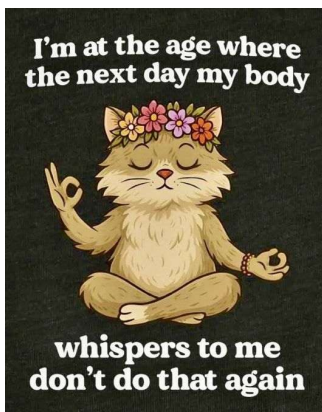
5th: desk clock won by Martin van Diemen

IT WORKS. A recent mishap with a pair of pincers, when removing a bent nail, left a nasty deep dent in my work, where it couldn't be hidden. I remembered some advice given to me years back by one of our past, very experienced, members. I'd never had occasion to try it until now. A wet cloth pressed with a hot iron over the damaged spot and Presto! the dent was gone. A little trick for new woodworkers to store in your memory until its needed.

A note of thanks to our sponsors for their continued support.



To Leave You with a Smile:



A young man bought a donkey from a farmer for \$100.00. The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day. The next day he drove up and said, "Sorry, son but I have some bad news; the donkey died."

The young man replied, "Well then, just give me my money back."

The farmer said, "Can't do that. I went and spent it already."

The young man said, "Ok then, just bring me the dead donkey."

The farmer asked, "What ya gonna do with him?"

The young man said, "I'm going to raffle him off."

The farmer said, "You can't raffle off a dead donkey!"

The young man said, "Sure can. Watch me. I just won't tell anybody he's dead." A month later the farmer met up with the young man and asked, "What happened with that dead donkey?"

"I raffled him off." Came the answer. "I sold 500 tickets at two dollars a piece and made a profit of \$898.00."

The farmer said, "Didn't anyone complain?"

"Just the guy who won," said the young man, "So I gave him his two dollars back."

The young man now works for the government.

That's all for now. Until next time, stay safe and stay well. Many thanks to **Carol Goddard** for help with proof reading this newsletter and to **Chris Drysdale** and **Ron Bolton** for the jokes.

