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Welcome to the Newsletter for September 2025

DATES TO REMEMBER Committee Meeting – Wednesday 8th October - 1:00pm in clubroom. **General Meeting** - Wednesday 22nd October 1:00pm in clubroom. As always it will be preceded by a free BBQ lunch at 12 noon.

Resuscitate a Mate program for Wednesday, October 1st at 1.00 – 2.30pm.

Open Studios Weekend Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th. October. **Club open on those days.**

OCF Kids Day, Thursday 23rd October. **Club closed all day.**

Gala Day Weekend, October 24th, 25th & 26th.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.



Hi to all members, I hope this report finds you all well, if not then a speedy recovery. We had a successful Farmers Market last weekend and thanks to those who attended and helped out on the day.

Welcome to the new members that have joined recently. There is quite a few of them who are interested in joining the toy making group so we will endeavour to keep them busy.

A reminder about the **Resuscitate a Mate** course coming up. There is no online component and there is no cost, but we do need to know our numbers in advance so please consider it. We only have 5 weeks to go until our Gala weekend so please remember if you are finishing any toys that time is slipping by quickly.

Peter Ball and **I** will be attending a meet-the-funders evening on your behalf and we hope this will be beneficial to the club. We will report back if we are successful.

That's all for now many thanks **Ian Deans**

COUNT DOWN TO GALA DAY.

As Ian has already mentioned, the club's Gala Day, scheduled for Sunday October 26th, is fast approaching. The early date has come about by the proposed demolition and re-construction of our usual venue, the Function Room in the Grounds of the Old Cheese Factory. Club members have taken the altered date in their stride and our collection of toys to be given away to local families experiencing hardship, is coming along nicely.

It is heartwarming to see how many people (non club members) feel moved to add to our gifts with contributions of their own. Recently we were given two parcels of lovely hand knitted toys to add to the dolls beds, cradles and prams that we make. Many thanks, **Julie Irvine** and **Val Pakenham** from Hunters Green Retirement Village in Cranbourne. There they are below, Julie's gifts are on the left, Val's are on the right.



CLUB INFORMATION

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

Wednesday October 8th, 1:00pm

GENERAL

Wednesday October 22nd, 1.00pm

MARKETS – Volunteers needed

Saturday October 11th - 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:

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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 Deans and 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.

The club's calendar has been full of red-letter days this month, beginning with Fathers Day demonstrations at Bunnings in Narre Warren and Cranbourne. **Carol Goddard** snapped the picture at right, of the team that attended the Narre Warren Store. That's **Ian Deans, David Macgregor and Berend Gort**, standing, and **Peter Ball, Simon King, Ron Bolton, Wayne Lucas and Colin Ellard** seated.



Following an invitation from Hunters Green Retirement Village, a group of club members visited the community for an inspection of two of the houses, a tour of the grounds and the facilities, followed by light refreshments. At right are **Ron Bolton, Don Buchanan and Ken Whitefield** checking out the workshop.



Below, sharing a cup of tea or coffee with sandwiches and cookies gave us a chance to think about and discuss the style of retirement living offered by the community.



TIMBER TOOLS VISIT: We have also been invited to Timber Tools in Bayswater on Wednesday 19th of November. The visit has been arranged to start around 2.00pm. There is a limit of 20 members. So first in – best dressed! A register will be at the club shortly.

Back in the club workshop after recovering from her recent illness **Leah Bolton** is seen working on the lathe. **Ron** says Leah is making a round twig out of a square stick.



At left is a display board that **Simon King** made to display a 21st key. The key was made about 50 years ago by John Murray one of our generous supporters, who has donated a large amount of cedar to the club. John made the solid brass key for his then girlfriend for her 21st birthday. Shortly after that they wed.

The board will now be used as a perpetual 21st birthday board for all of John and his wife's family. Plaques will be added over time to record the 21st birthdays of each family member.

At right is a variation of **Katerina Zorin's** pencil holder. This time Katerina has used the idea to make a pair of book ends.



THE KIMBE PROJECT NEWS: From time to time over the past several years, Berwick District Woodworkers has been collecting tools and machinery to donate to the Kimbe Project. We first learned of the project through a visit from Barbara & Adrian Corkeron who came to tell us about a school in Kimbe, Papua New Guinea, that they support. The school was an empty building, supplied by the Papuan Government to the people of Kimbe. Efforts by various supporters have since supplied the necessary school equipment. Donations are packed into shipping containers and transported to New Guinea, where they are unpacked and distributed under the watchful supervision of Barbara & Adrian who travel to meet the container upon its arrival. Following are some excerpts and photos from the latest Kimbe Project Report with news of Container No. 9.

"We opened the container on Saturday 30 August and then started to sort out the contents. We sorted the boxes into groups of primary schools, individual high schools, health clinics and parishes.

For interest, the container was loaded with 1390 boxes of books, 20 x Kindergarten tables and 40 chairs, walking frames, 250 Days for Girls Kits, crutches, a sewing machine, 9 x "All in One" computers, a pallet load of tools for the Tech School and a statue for the new St. Joseph High School at Valupai (a village). All in all it was a good trip, very satisfying and the people were extremely grateful."

Photos below show Barbara with some of the PNG team and the newly arrived container plus pictures of the students loading the boxes onto the Tech School truck assisted by the school principal (in dark blue trousers).



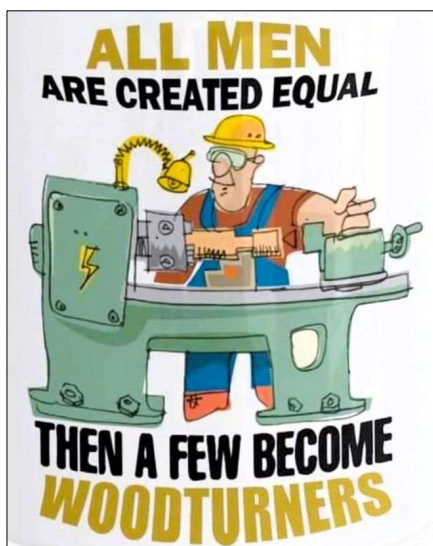
NEW MEMBERS: This month we extend a warm welcome to **Liz Plail** and **Elias Haddad**. We look forward to getting to know them and hope they soon settle in.

ON THE SICK LIST. To those of our members, or their loved ones, who are unwell at present we send our Best Wishes. We recently heard that **Ron Young** has had a nasty fall and has been very poorly over the past 4 months. We hope you get well soon, Ron.
To **Cliff Harris, Pat and Sue Mahoney, Beverleigh Preece and Gordon Ham**, Best Wishes to you all.



Don't forget **Resuscitate a Mate** day 1st October.
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A note of thanks to our sponsors for their continued support.



If you get a loan at a bank, you'll be paying it back for 30 years.
If you rob a bank you'll be out in 10 years.

Follow me for more financial advice.

Apparently exercise helps you with decision making.
It's true. I went for a run this morning and decided I'm never going again.

That's all for now. With thanks once again to **Carol Goddard** for help with proof reading. Until next time, stay safe and stay well.

