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Welcome to the Newsletter for November 2024**

DATES TO REMEMBER Committee Meeting – Wednesday 11th December 2024 - 1:00pm in clubroom.

General Meeting - Wednesday 27th November 2024. 1:00pm in clubroom. As always it will be preceded by a free BBQ lunch at 12 noon. Hope to see you there.

Gala Week-End. Gala Day partial set up on Friday 29th November. 9.00 – 12.00. **Gala Dinner** is on Saturday 30th - 6.00pm. BYO glasses and drinks.

November. The actual **Gala Day** event is on Sunday 1st December 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.



Good afternoon, all,

I hope this message finds you all well and if any are unwell, I wish you a speedy recovery. Well, this year is almost done and I must say what a year it has been, with changes to our club, increased membership, community-based projects, Expo, the list goes on and on and is too great to itemize without writing a short story, needless to say a very successful year.

We have some challenges to face in the next few months, the biggest is the lack of supply of pine for our toy making program, the free pine from the coffin makers has ended as they now outsource their coffins. Their support for our club has been nothing short of exceptional and I thank them sincerely for their support

We have been able to find a short-term solution thanks to **Martin Van Diemen** who has arranged a purchase from a supportive local timber supplier. However, we need to find a long-term solution. We may have to look at alternatives, utilizing different timber, downsizing the size of the toys or dropping the manufacture of some altogether. We will be working through a solution at the next committee meeting. Our Gala weekend is almost upon us, we will be moving all of the toys to the function room on Friday the 29th and allocating them to each of the charities, so if you can spare some time, it would be greatly appreciated. Saturday evening is our Gala Dinner and on Sunday we hand the toys over to the charities. This is a fantastic day for our club, as we know that some child will receive a toy that we made at Christmas, it makes you proud to be part of the club.

There is still some damage being done to some of our machines through incorrect usage, so if you are not sure, please ask one of our GOTO members for assistance. Your safety is our concern, so don't be afraid to ask.

The concrete apron in front of the roller door has been completed at last, which should make moving our trailer a bit easier, remember it is not a car parking space except for those with mobility issues.

That's about all from me.

Until next time, Cheers, **Brian**

CLUB INFORMATION

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

Wednesday 11th December 1:00pm

GENERAL

Wednesday 27th November 1:00pm

MARKETS – Volunteers needed

Sunday 24th November Farmers Market

Saturday 14th December Farmers Market

Sunday 22 December Farmers Market

Committee of Management:

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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.

Contacts

Equipment authorisation approved members - *Brian Crowe, Don Buchanan, Simon King and Ron Bolton.*

Health and Safety Coordinator – *Peter Shuttleworth*

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

Timber Coordinator - *Martin Van Diemen*

Screws - *Martin Van Diemen*

Paint - *George Young*

Toy Coordinators - *Simon King & Ron Bolton*

Functions Coordinator - *Ken D. Barnes*

Gala Day Coordinator - *Brian Crowe*

Annual Expo - *John McMahon*

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

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Webmaster - *Ron Bolton*

Newsletter Editor - *Elsie Hoare*

Members' Welfare Coordinator - *Ken Whitefield*

Librarian - *Simon Robbins*

Men's Shed Coordinator - *Wayne Lucas*

Membership Fees:

	Joining	Annual
Individual	\$40.00	\$65.00
Family of 2	\$60.00	\$100.00
Family of more than 2 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 – 4:00pm	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
Sunday Farmers Market	10:00 am – 1:00 pm	TBA

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.





Katerina Zorin has sent the following photos of the club's display for Casey's Open Studios Weekend. Katerina is calling it our Mini Expo.



Examples of woodwork and pyrography by our members were displayed, in our clubroom, along with paintings by members of the Berwick Artists Society.



Bill Bradshaw's painting was confined to finishing the Christmas Chair for Bunnings, while **John Damon** applied his painting skill to the club's cricket bats.





UPDATE on the Les Elliott rocking horse which **Bill Bradshaw** has been restoring. Here it is, finished and ready for a new lease on life. Santa's chair for Bunnings is now finished. **Ross Blackwood** and **Margaret Clayton** are seen here giving the chair a trial run.



Restored to its former glory is the chair at left, which belongs to **Jason Wood MP**. The transformation was achieved by **Margaret Clayton** who tells me she had help from other club members.

HARE & FORBES DEMONSTRATION DAYS.

John Damon took a moment to snap this photo of club members demonstrating various machinery for Hare & Forbes at their recent open day. That's **Sophie**, John's partner, watching proceedings while **Adrienne Harrell** uses a scroll saw. **Don Buchanan** is being helpful while **Margaret Clayton**, at far right, uses the wood-lathe.



John snapped this photo, at left, of **Leah Bolton**, tackling the acrylic shavings created by **Michael Henderson's** turning session.



Our long-awaited concrete parking apron outside the West-facing roller door has been completed. **Brian Crowe** photographed the work being started.

We can now be sure of a secure surface underfoot when loading or unloading vehicles.



COUNT DOWN TO OUR GALA WEEK-END.

With just a few more days to go, the toy team members are preparing for the day for which we have been working all year. Final tallies and last-minute touch-ups are being done and lists made. Below is an example of some of our work from previous years.



Important Dates for the rest of the year.

- Farmers market on Sunday 24th November.
- General meeting on Wednesday 27th November. Last one for this year.
- Gala Day partial set up on Friday 29th November 9.00am – 12.00noon.
- Gala Dinner is on Saturday 30th November – 6pm. BYO glasses and drinks.
- The actual Gala Day event is on Sunday 1st December 2.00pm – 4.00pm
- Toy pickup day is on Monday 2nd December.
- Bunnings Christmas Night events on 5th December – 6pm to 8pm. More details to be confirmed.
- Farmers Market on Saturday 14th December.
- Farmers Market on Sunday 22nd December.



SAD NEWS.

We have recently learned of the passing of Honorary Member, **Joyce Hayes**. Though not a woodworker, Joyce was an active contributor to the club, helping at club functions and supporting her husband **James Hayes** who was club secretary for fourteen years.

Following the passing of James in 2014, Joyce maintained an interest in the club, until recent years when she was no longer able to attend.

Joyce passed away some weeks ago. Our condolences go to her family.

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Cutting Plywood.

When cross-cutting a plywood panel, the bottom layer of veneer often splinters out along the cut line. But there are steps you can take to prevent this.

Perhaps the easiest way to avoid splintering is to use a blade that's made just for cutting plywood. These blades have lots of teeth (typically 80), and the teeth are ground in a pattern that creates a clean, shearing cut.

But what if you don't want to spend the money for a single purpose, rarely used saw blade? There are a few tricks you can use to get a clean cut with a combination blade.

First, if the blade is crusted with sawdust or pitch, clean it before cutting the plywood. Sometimes, however, even a clean blade will splinter the veneer. There are two reasons for this. One is that a combination blade has fewer teeth than a plywood-cutting blade, so it doesn't cut as cleanly.

The other reason is that the cutting edge of the teeth may be pushing the veneer down rather than slicing it off. One way to avoid this is to change the cutting angle of the teeth by raising or lowering the blade. If your panel is splintering on the bottom, lower the blade. If it's splintering on the top, raise the blade.

The most common way to get a clean cut is to score the panel along the cut line before making the cut. To do this, cut through the veneer layer with a sharp utility knife.

While this method works, it's sometimes difficult to line up the saw blade with the scored line. An easier way is to score the panel is to use the saw blade itself. The idea is to make the cut in two passes. On the first pass, set the blade just high enough to cut through the veneer layer. Then raise the blade to finish the cut on the second pass.

Another way to keep the veneer from splintering on the bottom is to use a backer board. This is a piece of plywood or Masonite that's placed below the workpiece when making the cut. This way the veneer layer is fully supported and the plywood can be cleanly cut.

Last week, I mentioned several ways to cut plywood cleanly on a table saw. Several members of this group wrote to suggest another good technique that I left off the list: covering the cut line with masking tape or 1" wide clear cellophane tape.

The idea is that the tape holds the wood fibres in place so they don't splinter out during the cut. They're right, this works well.

The reason I didn't mention it is that you have to remove the tape after making the cut. And if you've ever had the TAPE pull off a splinter or two (as I have), you'll understand why I'm not so enthusiastic about this technique.

I think the important lesson here is that if you use this tape technique, remove the tape immediately after making the cut.

Best Wishes. To those of our club members or their partners who are coping with ill health at present, we send kind thoughts and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Some Web links that you may like to check out -

[Newsletter Archive](#) | [Men's Sheds Association](#) | [UKMSMA \(menssheds.org.uk\)](#)

Victorian Men's Shed Association. <https://www.vmsa.org.au/news2/>

Council of Woodwork Clubs (for an up-to-date list of woodwork events)

<https://www.councilwoodworkclubs.org/events>

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So Daffy Duck and Elmer Fudd break into a distillery. Daffy turns to Elmer and says, "Is this whiskey?"

Elmer says, "Yeth, but not as whiskey as wobbling a bank."

I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom, until they're flashing behind you.

Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

I'm great at multi-tasking--I can waste time, be unproductive, and procrastinate all at once.

Television may insult your intelligence, but nothing rubs it in like a computer.

That'll do for now. Many thanks, once again, to **Carol Goddard** for her help with proof reading. Until next time, stay safe and stay well.

