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Welcome to the Newsletter for October 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER Committee Meeting – Wednesday 6th November - 1:00pm in clubroom. **General Meeting** - Wednesday 27th November - 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.



Good afternoon, all,

It's so nice to see some sunshine at last, and it reflected on our patrons at the farmers market on the weekend, with many quite happy to stroll around and enjoy their day.

The continual growth of our club and the speed at which it is growing is of some concern.

The congestion of work areas on certain days is a serious safety issue and at some stages members are unable to access certain machines, so it has been decided to put a cap on our membership of 180. As we are already there, no new memberships will be accepted at this stage.

We don't wish to discourage people from filling out membership applications, so a waiting list

will be established and as a vacancy becomes available they will be contacted with the option to join. Refusal would put them on the bottom of the list.

There has been some discussion of extending opening hours of the club to facilitate our increased membership so if any members have any suggestion or preferences in this area, please let us know.

In the monthly newsletter there will be a list of important upcoming events and it is substantial, so I would ask all members to consider giving some time to assist in these events, even if it is just for an hour or two. We cannot continually rely on the small handful of members to attend. As these events benefit the club in general, we should be attempting to share the workload.

The ground at the rear of our workshop has firmed up so we can now use this area for parking, and be aware that on Thursday the 24th due to a children's day at the Old Cheese Factory, all members who attend on that day will be required to park at the rear of our workshop.

We are at the business time of the year for the toymaking group, so any member who requires assistance to complete their toys, let any of the GOTO members know so help can be provided.

I was very disappointed when I arrived at the workshop on Monday morning, two of our bandsaws were left in a very dirty state, with scraps laying on the floor from use on Saturday morning. It is a fairly selfish attitude to leave any of the machinery in this condition for the next user to clean up, so if you use a machine, please consider other club members and clean it when you are finished.

That's about all from me, until next time stay safe,

Brian Crowe



Another lovely day at the Farmers Market.

CLUB INFORMATION

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

Thursday 6th November - 1:00pm

GENERAL

Wednesday 27th November - 1:00pm

MARKETS – Volunteers needed

Sunday 27th October Farmers Market

Saturday 9th November Farmers Market

Sunday 24th November Farmers Market

Saturday 14th December Farmers Market

Sunday 22nd December 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.

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Health and Safety Coordinator – *Peter Shuttleworth*

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

Timber Coordinator - *Martin Van Diemen*

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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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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 – 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
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.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.

- Children's Day event on Thursday 24th October from 9am to 1pm. Car parking marshalling. **Club workshop closed for the day.**
- Open Studios display at our club on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th October.
Note Sunday Farmers market on the same day (27th).
- Bunnings Halloween events (At both Fountain Gate and Clyde North stores) on Thursday 31st October from 6pm to 8pm.
- Hare and Forbes Demo Day – Friday 8th and Saturday 9th November.
- Farmer Market on Saturday 9th November.
- 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.
- Gala Dinner is on Saturday 30th November.
- The actual Gala Day event is on Sunday 1st December.
- 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.



SEEN ABOUT THE WORKSHOP: Don Buchanan and Julie Robinson, ever busy with their cameras, snapped these photos of **Michael Henderson**, at the lathe. When I wondered what Michael had been doing to create this ghostly image, I learned that he is turning a resin egg with a dragon inside. Michael must have enjoyed working with the resin as he sent a couple more photos with the following explanation.

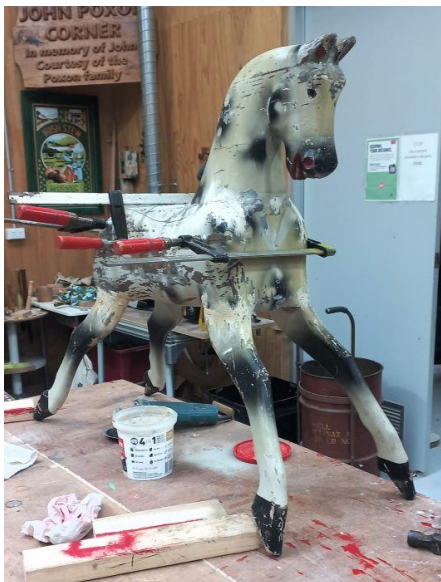
"I have been recently turning some resin and wood. Here is a photo of the finished product.

The bowl is made of Iron Bark Burl with black resin. I have also included a photo of a Red Mallee Burl bowl that I turned in the club over the school holidays."



At right is **Anees Koya**, working on another two of his drums. Anees uses the drums in the musical group to which he belongs.

The horse below is yet another challenge for **Bill Bradshaw**. Although Bill has many times declared that he has retired from horse restoration he has agreed to breathe new life into this one. It turns out that the horse has a special history, having been made by the late **Les Elliott**, famously known as 'The Rocking Horse Man.' Bill studied the craft with Les Elliott some 30 years ago so this will be a trip down memory lane for him.



Another memory is the train below. This one has been made as a special gift to the Guthrie family. Late past member **Eric Guthrie**, who was one of the club's founding members, spent many years of his membership working on the trains as part of the club's toy production for local charities. In honour of Eric, this year's trains are to bear Eric's name.



At left is **Michael Berry** working on one of this year's trains, in the finishing room

Simon Robbins has been turning some tool handles pictured below. That's a 20c coin pictured with them to give an idea of the size.

Top to bottom.

1. Long handled sphere cutting lathe tool
2. E A Berg (Swedish Steel) 50 mm chisel
3. Long Handled bamboo design screw driver



A note from Colin Radley.

I get to the Club most Wednesdays but by the time I leave work I don't get much time there.

It's mainly a chance to catch up with Bill.

Over the last few weeks Simon & I have been having a Show & Tell session.

It started with wood planes, then I brought down a collection of adjustable spanners, this week it was a few more planes. A plough plane & rebate plane that belonged to my Dad plus some Pope Falcon planes in different sizes and a Carter router plane.

For years I used to go to the Dandenong Trash & Treasure market but unfortunately it closed a while ago. The problem was if there was a tool for sale at a reasonable price I couldn't resist ! I keep saying I'll start going to the Wantirna Trash & Treasure but I know it will just 'feed my habit'.

I did sell some planes a while ago, there's still a No 4 and a No 4 1/2 surplus to requirements, sharpened & ready to go. I'm still looking for a No 7 or No 8 plane, I have most of the other sizes. Yes, I use them, but not as often as I'd like.

There are still a few more unusual planes to take down for Show & Tell..... Colin



A GENEROUS GIFT:

With our Gala Day fast approaching we have once again been presented with some beautiful patchwork quilts, 64 in total, made for us by the **Pakenham Patchworkers and Quilters**. Each quilt is a perfectly made little miniature which will dress the beds, bunks, and cradles that the club makes each year.

As a personal touch, each quilt has the message below, stitched to the reverse side.





More generous gifts came to us from an unexpected source, when **Julie Robinson** mentioned our Gala Day to her hairdresser, Mandy. It seems Mandy has a client who enjoys doing patchwork and was delighted with the thought that she could give some gifts to underprivileged children. The client presented us with six beautiful quilts for our beds, cradles etc. Preferring to remain anonymous we know her only as **Debbie**. Since this photo was taken Debbie has sent us another 18 quilts, bringing her gift to a total of 24 quilts. a wonderful effort for which ‘thank you’ seems inadequate. **Thank you very much, Debbie.**

It doesn't stop there. Julie's hairdresser has donated nine **Careflight** bears that will go with our doll's beds. The bears are pictured below with some crocheted covers that were also given to us.

As Julie explains, *“Careflight is a charity that provides critical medical care and retrieval via air all over Australia. My hairdresser donated to Careflight and received the bears, and she has passed them on for donation via our club. The bears are dressed as different occupations. So in short it's a story of spreading the word and of lovely people wanting to give and help spread joy. Great to experience generosity and spirit of community from people who are willing to give to help others for nothing in return.”*

Best Wishes: To those of our club members, or their partners who are dealing with health issues at present, we send our best wishes and hope that you will be well again soon.



MANY THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS: Berwick District Woodworkers Inc. are grateful to the sponsors, listed below, who support us throughout the year.



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Unit 80/82 Osborne Ave.,
Springvale



Unit 1/3 Vesper Dr., Narre Warren.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS. This month we are happy to welcome **Les Jacobs, Raghav Karnay** and his children, **Dhairav Karnay** and **Dhanvi Karnay**, **Rosemary Duncan** and welcome back, **Jo Atkinson**. We hope you will settle in and enjoy working with us.

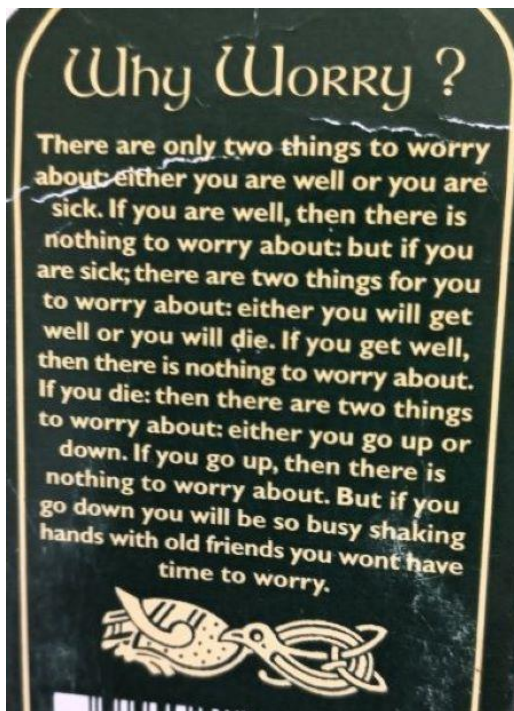


Here is one of **Chris Drysdale's** drink coasters, done on his CNC machine.

Chris has sent me the latest copy of *Shoulder to Shoulder*, which is a newsletter put out by UK Men's Shed's Association. It's an interesting read. You can find it at the following link, if you are interested.

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

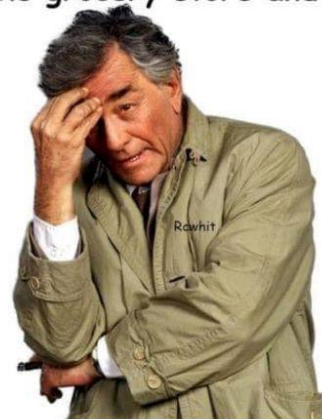
You can check on the Victorian Men's Shed Association with the following link. <https://www.vmsa.org.au/news2/>



Recently, a friend gave me a small, round, smooth piece of Connemara stone, from Ireland. Called a 'worry stone,' some people like to carry one in their pocket. Touching the stone is intended to soothe away worries for a while. Mine came with the verse at left, which you've probably heard before but it made me smile.

Thanks, **Ross Blackwood**, for the following cartoons.

So let me get this straight, I go to the grocery store and buy:



A pound of sliced ham in a plastic bag, a loaf of bread in a plastic bag, a gallon of milk in a plastic jug, a pack of napkins in plastic wrap, a store-made salad in a plastic tub, a plastic bottle of mustard and ketchup, but they won't give me a plastic bag to carry it home because the plastic bag is bad for the environment?



That's all from me for now. Thanks once again thanks to **Carol Goddard** for help with proof reading this newsletter. Until next time, keep well and keep safe.

