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Welcome to the Newsletter for November 2025

**DATES TO REMEMBER Committee Meeting** – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - 1:00pm in clubroom. **General Meeting** - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - 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 everyone,  
Following the hectic week leading up to the recent Gala Weekend, it has been very gratifying to receive so many positive messages of gratitude from the charities we support. I'd like to thank all the members who worked throughout year to make the day such a success.  
Simonds Catholic College in West Melbourne have very kindly donated three sturdy workbenches which you'll see in the workshop. Last year, they provided us

with the sliding panel table saw.

The Santa Sleigh being made for Bunnings Narre Warren is well underway. Rudolph and the rest of Santa's reindeer towing team will be taking it away very soon.

That's all for now. Regards, **Ian Deans**



While Christmas came early this year, for Berwick

Woodworkers, due to our need to bring our Gala Day forward, for the world outside the clubroom, the Christmas Season is yet to come. As Ian has mentioned, at Bunnings in Fountain Gate, Santa needs a new sleigh and Berwick Woodworkers now have time to make one for him. Here is **David Macgregor** trying it out for size, with **Wayne Dineen** and **Colin Ellard** watching on.

We rarely have the chance to accompany the toys to their destination, at left are **Don Buchanan**, **Peter Ball** and **Ron Bolton** who met with **David Southwick** and the team from The Mirabel Foundation Inc. (children's charity) at their offices in St. Kilda.

## CLUB INFORMATION

### MEETINGS:

#### COMMITTEE

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1:00pm

#### GENERAL

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 1:00pm

### MARKETS – Volunteers needed

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Farmers Market

#### Newsletter Contributions

All material for the Club's monthly publication is to be submitted by e-mail to [ricels@bigpond.com](mailto:ricels@bigpond.com), by hand, or by phone to Elsie Hoare the editor by the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 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*

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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.





**A NOTE FROM ADELAIDE CHRISTOU, Social Media & Events Coordinator at Windermere in Narre Warren.**

As the dust settles following our busy Gala Weekend, it's nice to get a little feedback. Adelaide Christou, has sent us this photo. That's Adelaide with club members, **Ken Whitefield, Simon King, Ron Bolton, Ian Deans and David Macgregor**. An excerpt from Adelaide's email follows:



*"We collected 34 toys this year – all small and compact in size. The puzzles, toy cars and trucks are perfect for families in temp housing or who are dispositioned.*

*I can't thank you enough for all your generosity. Truly, it means the world to us all.*

*All the very best for the end of the year.  
See you in 2026!  
Adelaide."*

**A RECYCLING PROJECT:** With so much emphasis on recycling these days, Berwick Woodworkers are right up-to-date with this new use for discarded pallet wood. The re-usable wood provides a poetic solution for housing the re-usable coffee mugs favoured by the proprietors of the Little-by-Little Café on the OCF site and the Wilson Botanical Café in Wilsons Park. Seen below are **Robyn Green**, Casey Recycling Education Officer, Sustainability and Waste, with the two owners of the Little-by-Little Café, **Brent** and **Ryan**. With them are club members **Don Buchanan** and **David MacGregor**. We are delighted, also, to welcome **Brent** and **Ryan** as new club members.

In appreciation of their work, Berwick Woodworkers were presented with the certificate shown below.



Special **Best Wishes** to those of our members who are dealing with ill health at present. Our thoughts are with you as we miss your company and we wish you a speedy recovery.



**PAKENHAM PATCHWORKERS AND QUILT ERS.** For more than twenty years this busy band of craftworkers have been making the little quilts that dress the beds, prams, cradles, and double bunks that are part of our Gala Day gifts. The work that goes into these perfect little creations is not stinted because they are for dolls; each one is a small masterpiece. The addition of the colourful little quilts adds a perfect finishing touch to our work. At right are the group's President, **Margaret Burridge**, and their Welfare Officer **Laurel Petrie**, with a turned lidded box made by **John McMahon** which is our gift to the patchworkers.



At the group's November meeting, to which I was invited, I learned that Berwick Woodworkers are not the only recipients of the generosity of Pakenham Patchworkers and Quilters, their P.I.N program is alive and very healthy.

In case your'e wondering, P.I.N stands for People in Need.

Among the organisations in this category are :

**Back Packs for Kids** – children in out of home care who are often rescued from dangerous situations with nothing more than the clothes they are wearing.

**Challenge** – children undergoing treatment for cancer,

**Impact** – mothers & children escaping domestic violence.



At their impressive Show & Tell session I saw this collection of quilts, the single work of patchworker **Lyn Knight**, which are ready for our Gala Day next year,



#### **TIMBER TOOLS CLUB OUTING – by Paul Ryan.**

We were warmly welcomed to the Timber Tools facility by Chris and Drew for an excellent afternoon of technical wizardry! First, we had a look at their showroom and a vast range of router bits, drill bits, CNC tooling, measuring tools etc. Some of us were like kids in a toy shop! They then took us into the factory and blew our minds with the many and varied machines operating. They make custom router bits and showed us the process which got all our attention! We also watched circular sawblades being sharpened on different machines. We saw huge bandsaw blades being sharpened and how CNC machines operate.

**CARBITOOL** and **Sutton Tools** were also there to show us their range of tooling and cool refreshments were supplied. Best of all, we each came away with a Goody Bag and very happy with our outing!

Seen below left are: Mark Hamilton (Carbitool), **Paul Ryan**, Trevor Patrao (Sutton Tools), **Peter Ball**, **Ross Blackwood**, **Katerina Zorin**, Drew Brodie (Timber Tools Operations Manager), **Chris Drysdale**, Chris Cheetham (Timber Tools Director), **Graeme Weatherley**, **Carol Goddard**. Not in the photo are **Keith Towe** and **Wayne McKenzie**. At right, club members inspect tools on display.







Meanwhile, club life continues. Here is the latest wood turning outcome by **Brian Roberts**, a cheese knife with blackwood handle.



A pleasant and unexpected visit from past club members **Gary and Kerryn King**. Gary left us some years back and they now live in the Bendigo area but they keep in touch with us via this newsletter. Gary & Kerryn are staying in Berwick with their daughter while Gary recovers from cochlear hearing implant surgery. Here they are welcomed by **Peter Angwin**.



**Brian Crowe** snapped this photo of **Colin Ellard** with a Magpies emblem attached to his work trolley. Brian wonders if Colin is changing sides?

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Just room for a bit of a smile before I go with thanks to **Brian Crowe & Ross Blackwood**.



Many thanks also to **Carol Goddard** for help with proof reading this newsletter.



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