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Welcome to the newsletter for December 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting - 30th January, 2017. Monthly Meeting - 2nd February, 2017.

COMING EVENTS: Welcome Back BBQ Wednesday 18th January 2017, 5.30 pm at Old Cheese Factory, BYO drinks and meat. **Australia Day Celebrations** at Pioneer Park, Berwick.

IT WAS ALL 'GO' ON OUR GALA DAY WEEKEND

With an early start and many hands to make a quick job of it, the setting up was finished by lunch time. Here's how the morning progressed.



Sorting toys



Allocating toys to their recipients



Toys set out in their place and tables set up for dinner that evening.



CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE	GENERAL	SPEAKERS ETC
30th January	2nd February	--

FARMERS MARKET

21st December, twilight (Rotary)
14th January (BDWC)

Committee of Management:

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Committee

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Monthly Meeting Speaker Coordinator – *Ken Humphries*

Functions Coordinator – *Rick Hoare*

Newsletter Editor – *Elsie Hoare*

Public relations – *Len Preece*

OCF users group – *Len Preece*

Toy Coordinator – *Ken D. Barnes.*

Machinery maintenance Supervisor – *Jack Croucher & Brian Crowe*

Health and Safety Coordinator – *Whole committee*

Members' welfare coordinator – *Ken Whitefield*

Kits for kids coordinator – *Stewart Moyes & Brian Crowe*

Raffle Coordinator – *George Young & Gary King*

Farmers Market Coordinator – *Martin Van Diemen*

Special interest group coordinators – *Depends on group*

Librarian – *Keith Towe*

Screws – *MartinVan Diemen*

Paint – *George Young*

Timber coordinator – *Martin Van Diemen*

Web/Web master – *Jack Croucher*

Mens' Shed coordinator - *Gary King*

Great Art Show - *John McMahon (with sub-committee)*

All material for the Club’s monthly publication is to be submitted by e-mail ricels@bigpond.com by hand, or by phone to the editor by the 15th of each month: Letters to the editor must be sent to the committee.

PLEASE NOTE: Those members wishing to use the workshop on Saturdays other than Farmers’ Market Saturdays must make private arrangements with a key-holder. For safety reasons, there must always be two members present in the workshop whenever it is being used.

Workshops & Meetings:

Weekly	Hours	Activity	Leader
Monday Morning	9.00 am – 2.30 pm	Toys -	Eric Guthrie
Tuesday Morning	9.00 am – 2.30 pm	Toys -	John Damon
Wednesday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	General -	Bob McArthur
Wednesday Evening	5.00 pm - 9.00 pm	General -	Martin Van Diemen
Thursday Morning	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	Fine W/work -	Maurice Deeker
Friday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	General -	Richard Gething
Saturday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm on market days or by private arrangement on other Saturdays.		

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Berwick Woodworkers wish to thanks **Judith Graley MP** State Member for Narre Warren South, and her staff for their continued support in printing this newsletter for us. 9704 6055.

Berwick Woodworkers also acknowledge, with gratitude, the generosity of **Ephraim Finch** who has supported the club for many years with donations of top quality timber. Without Ephraim’s gifts, the work we do for local underprivileged children would be considerable curtailed.





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The work team that made it all happen relaxing at last for a well deserved morning tea.



ANNUAL RAFFLE WINNERS.

1 st	1879	Robyn Harris	Rocking Horse
2 nd	0350	Rebecca	Toddlers Rocking Horse
3 rd	1625	Scott Harris	Coffee Table
4 th	0129	Lucy Marshall	Clock
5 th	1664	Nada Malaeb	Cutting Board
6 th	0787	Leanne Smith	Wooden Toy
7 th	0384	M Crowe	Wooden Toy
8 th	1573	Lee	Wooden Toy



2016 Raffle prizes.



GALA DAY CELEBRATION.

Once again we were entertained by the choir of Berwick Primary School who gave us a number of Christmas songs and some old favourite tunes. In the absence of **Casey Mayor Sam Aziz** who had been going to open the proceedings, we were pleased to have **Cardinia Mayor, Brett Owen** step in to officiate. As Club President, **Len Preece** was unable to attend on the day, **Club Vice President, Elsie Hoare** took charge of the event.

Our toys were officially handed to their recipient organisations by **Member of Parliament for Narre Warren South, Judith Graley**, seen at right with her husband **Steve** and club Vice President **Elsie Hoare**.

Organisations receiving toys were, **Pakenham 4 Cs Information Support Service, Cranbourne, Windermere. Information Support Service, Narre Warren, Migrant Resource Centre,**

In addition we gave toys to **Anthony Byrne MP, Jason Wood MP, Brad Battin MP, Luke Donellan MP, and Casey Mayor, Sam Aziz** all of whom were unable to attend, and **Judith Graley MP and Cardinia Mayor Brett Owen**.

We finished the afternoon with afternoon tea .



The display table of work by club members attracted a fair amount of attention and there were some enquiries, regarding club membership, by members of the public who ventured in to have a look at our work.



FARMERS' MARKET. Our last market for the year was a pleasing success with comfortable weather and a festive mood. We were, once again, well supported by club members who turned out early in the morning to set up our display table and tents and act as car-park attendants. Many thanks to those members. We start again on Saturday 14th January 2017 at 8.00 am.



At far left are Ian Chong, Elsie Hoare and Bill Bradshaw, manning one of the gates, while Lance Baker and Pat Mahoney look after the other gate.

Rotary will hold their final market for the year as a twilight market on Wednesday 21st beginning at 4.00 pm.

Best Wishes

We notice when regular club members are not able to join us in the clubroom. We are always interested to know how you are getting on if you are not well and our best wishes are always coming your way. Please let us know if you are on the sick list, just in case there is something we can do to help out. **Ken Whitefield** is our Members' Welfare Co-ordinator and can relay a message to us. Ken's phone number is 9704 9701, or you can leave a message for him at the clubroom on 9702 1814.

This month our thoughts are with **Joe Kleinekoort** who has been unwell for some time but is 'holding up' according to his wife Boukje. Despite his illness, Joe presented us with a number of toys to help fill our Gala Day toy list. Many thanks Joe and best wishes from us all.

Another prolific toymaker, **Stewart Moyes** was also taken ill earlier this month and spent a few days in hospital. Stewart is home again now and hopefully will benefit from a few days rest over Christmas.



LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE LADIES.

Every year, following our Gala Day program, we all enjoy afternoon tea. Club members bring along plates of goodies which are laid out on a table and cups of tea, coffee and soft drink *magically* appear on the hatch counter in the Function Room kitchen.

I'm advised by those with greater experience than mine, that it is unwise to name names when handing out thanks to volunteer workers, due to the risk of someone's name being missed. Usually a blanket "*thank you to all those who helped*" is offered to avoid giving offence. This year, rather than the blanket '*thanks*' I want to acknowledge the regular afternoon tea hostesses - club members' wives and partners - who, each year, roll up their sleeves and get into the kitchen, sorting cups, organising tea & coffee, collecting used crockery and washing dishes; some have been quietly doing it **for years**. I'm told that there were many offers of help this year, as used cups were collected and tea towels put to work to dry dishes. To those helpers, thank you for getting it all rolling for another year. Many thanks to **Cath Guthrie, Joyce Hayes, Val Moyes, Elise Barnes, Brandy Rogers, Anne Whitefield & Marilyn Crowe** and special apologies to anyone I may have missed.

MEANWHILE BACK AT THE WORKSHOP. Woodworking goes on. Members are planning which toys they will do next year and pieces are already being cut.

It's still a woodworking club and lots of private projects are on their way too.



Here's Mario Santomaggio with a windmill he is making for a friend who is not well at present.

AN UNEXPECTED VISITOR. I'm told past member, Bob Daw dropped in for morning tea on Tuesday 13th. Bob left us a few years back, to go and live in Lilydale. It was nice to catch up. Just to jog your memory, that's Bob on the left.



APOLOGY Due to an oversight which I will blame on a prolonged '*senior moment*' I forgot to take my camera with me on our Gala Day weekend and therefore cannot show you pictures of the dinner. For the photos that I have published I have **Gary King, Russell Owen** and John **Damon** to thank. Thank you for rescuing me Gary, Russell & John.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The new hats, caps, polo shirts and fleecy lined jumpers have arrived and are still available, so if you have not ordered one and are interested in getting one then please see Len, Richard or Peter with your request. The Cost are Fleecy lined Jumper \$31.00 Polo Shirts \$21.00 Caps \$11.00 Bucket Hats \$14.00.

Don't forget the Welcome back BBQ Bring own Drinks and meat Wednesday 18 January 5.30pm.

I would like to thank all members for their contribution over the last twelve months it has been a fantastic year with many highlights, the farmers market has continued to grow and 900 toys completed again this year, and a great result with the raffle these things don't just happen they a great deal of work, many thanks to all.

Finally I would like to wish every member and their families a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS and a wonderful new year. Hope to see you all on the 18th January if not earlier.

Many Thanks, Len Preece - President

That's all for now until next time. I too would like to will you all a Happy Christmas and the very best of everything for the new year. - Ed.