

# NEWSLETTER



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Australian  
Men's Shed  
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Vice President  
Clare and her  
newly finished  
garden seat

Christmas  
2021

## Aims of the association:

1. To provide members with the opportunity to meet & exchange ideas with other woodworkers.
2. To promote a greater understanding of all aspects of woodworking, old and new methods.
3. To provide a **safe** and friendly woodworking workshop for the members of the association.
4. To provide local woodworkers with the opportunity for wider recognition of their work.
5. To assist members to recognise local trees and the sources of local wood.
6. To encourage and implement the safe and responsible use of hand tools and power tools.
7. To be a positive contributor to the Men's Shed movement and the Benalla community.

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## Coming events

**\*Subject to the latest COVID-19 restrictions and cancellations**

### December

**Wednesday 15th** Christmas lunch at the Goorambat Railway Hotel starting at 12.30pm. There is a normal pub menu so choose and pay for what you want for lunch. All members spouses and families are invited. See the article on page 5

**Sunday 19th** Last workshop day for 2021

### January

**Wednesday 5th** First workshop day for 2022

**Wednesday 26th** January General Meeting



## President's Comments

Well another year is almost done, and what a year it has been. We have been impacted by the pandemic, like everyone else. Workshop sessions, meetings, the market day, election of a new committee, have all been cancelled and/or postponed. We have had to limit numbers, wear masks, sign in with a QR code and taken a bit of a financial hit. Again like everyone else. However we have come out the other end with a positive outlook and a stronger club and we even picked up some new members too!

Thanks to a few hard working members, the back store room has been cleaned up, giving us much more space to work and store timber in. The outside hasn't been forgotten either with the timber pile being reduced, some burnt, and all tidied up a bit too. More is still to be done out there, but it's a start. Check out the photos on page 6.

Our end of year dinner will take place on Wednesday 15th at 12:30, (see page 5) the workshop will be opened up that morning beforehand for those desperate for a woodworking fix. Sunday 19th will be our last workshop day for the year - probably a clean up day. We return on Wednesday 5th January next year.

On a bright note, Ray Berthun has had successful surgery to remove a growth behind his face and is now making a good recovery.

On behalf of the committee, I would like to wish all our members a really happy Christmas and a safe, enjoyable New Year. See you back in 2022 - hopefully our best year yet!

*Steve Johansen*



## October Show & Tell



John's burl bowl and chess board

Steve's toy Jeep



Les gave us a demonstration of chisel sharpening on his Tormek grinding station

From the Herald Sun of 24th October 2021 comes the headline -

### New trees are 'weeds'

A tree species labelled a noxious weed has been planted in the CBD under a City of Melbourne revegetation plan.

Dozens of camphor laurel trees have been planted along Exhibition St to replace London plane trees to cope better with climate change and reduce allergic reactions.

But the NSW government classifies camphor laurel as a noxious weed and warns that eating a lot of its berries can cause nausea and vomiting. Its roots are also known to block drains and crack concrete.

The council said the species was not listed as a weed in Victoria.

Thanks to Doug for this exciting tidbit - as you may know camphor laurel is also an excellent woodworking timber.



Here Brad is putting the finishing touches to the repairs to the Broken Creek school's playground seating. The seats were in a very poor condition so the repair turned out to be a complete rebuild. Thanks to Brad's efforts the students will have outdoor seating for many years to come. Well done Brad!



Bob's beautifully carved Indian chief's chair and quite creepy log faces



Errol's bowls



Robin's intricate and detailed model of a grader



Steve's used tea bag bowl with squeezer and...

bandsaw children's name puzzles for a member of the public.

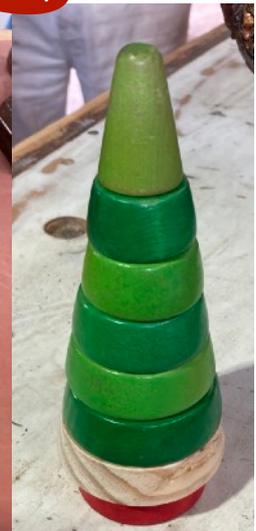


A clock hub we created for John from "Knock on wood" in Smythe St.





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Les carved this burl and repaired a Christmas tree stacking toy



Brian had lots of stuff:-  
Tapestry frames, a saw handle, an old cutting tool and a repaired side table (not assembled yet as the lacquer was still tacky).



## Christmas Dinner

Our end of year Christmas lunch is at the Goorambat Railway Hotel on Wednesday 15th December, starting at 12:30pm.

Standard pub meals are the order of the day, so you can order and pay for what you like from their extensive but not expensive menu.

Spouses and children are very welcome to join us. Please put your name on the whiteboard in the shed so we can let the hotel know roughly the numbers attending.

The Hotel has informed us they can only serve double vaccinated patrons, so proof of status will be required.

This Hotel has supported us during the year with the purchase several redgum picnic tables, so we are happy to support them on their long journey back from lockdowns.

Mark and Jacqui welcome you to

## Goorambat Railway Hotel



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## Around the Workshop

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New member Dennis is hard at work with a hand plane creating replacement timber legs for his coffee table. So much more satisfying using the traditional hand tools!



As part of our spring clean up we burnt off lots of scrap wood (with a permit of course) on Wednesday 12th November. This curious little Kookaburra hung around the whole day looking for toasted delicacies fleeing the heat. Some of the timber that has been languishing outside since we moved into this workshop three years ago will be cut into firewood sized pieces. The plan is to clear up the outside before the fire danger period, limiting the places snakes could hide as well as freeing up more space for parking. We also called in the scrap metal merchant to take away a truck load of metal waste that was taking up so much valuable space inside the workshop - especially some old air conditioner units we inherited with the shed.





# November General Meeting

24th November 2021

## Welcome by the President:

**Present:** Les MacLean, Bob Preece, Brian Beckie, Bras Lewis, Robin Tonks, Alan Beaton, Doug Robinson, Don Varcoe, Dennis Ball, Henry Noble, Clare Whitehead, John Shannon, Leo Ginnivan, Errol Cotton Stapleton, Steve Johansen.

**Apologies:** Ray Berthun,

## Minutes of the previous meeting:

*Moved:* Les MacLean

*Seconded:* Brian Leckie

*Carried:*

Business arising from the minutes.

President Steve gave a progress report on shop clean up and outside area and waste metal removal.

## Correspondence:

In:

Bendigo Bank confirmation of term deposit.

Hare Forbes catalogue

Council flyer.

Aus. Mens Shed Assoc. AGM 2021

Emails

Council of Woodworking

Wangaratta woodworkers N/L

Michael Vale rates

Janet Symes Community Directory.

Aust. Mens Shed Grants for funding

Knox Woodworker N/L

Shepparton Woodworkers N/L

Consumer Affairs annual statement

Helen Haines Stronger Communities Programme

Out:

Janet Symes. Club information for Community Directory

*Moved:* John Shannon

*Seconded:* Don Varcoe

*Carried:*

**Treasurer's report:** Errol presented a detailed description of our healthy financial status and was received

*Moved:* Errol Cotton Stapleton

*Seconded:* Brad Lewis

*Carried:*

**General business:**

End of year Dinner. Numbers required. Names to be placed on whiteboard

Open / close dates. To be posted on whiteboard

Ray Berthun. report/card

Steve gave an update on Ray's health and a card was circulated to be signed by members in attendance.

Club premises:

There was discussion of our present location and arguments for / against and alternative sites.

Steve will speak to Michael Vale re the future of our present site.

Band saw mill:

Robin Tonks reported that the band saw motor had reach the end of its useful life.

A new motor is included in a grant under consideration at the moment.

It was moved

If the grant should be unsuccessful the club purchase a new motor from our funds.

*Moved:* Alan Beaton

*Seconded:* Don Varcoe

*Carried:*

There will be no formal meeting in December it will be replaced by the Xmas dinner.

**Meeting closed:** 11:15. am.

**Next General Meeting:** Wednesday 26th January 2022



Our resident family of ducks on the road outside the workshop

