



# Benalla Woodworkers Association Inc.

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## NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2023

### Aims of the association:

1. To provide members with the opportunity to meet and exchange ideas with other woodworkers.
2. To promote a greater understanding of all aspects of woodworking, including 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 Benalla community.

### Committee 2023 - 2024

**President:** Mike Kyval - 0497 559 677

**Secretary:** Dennis Ball - 0423 374 741

**Treasurer:** Ken Grace - 0466 585 747

**Vice President:** Mike Hillenaar - 0466 723 293

**Committee** Robin Tonks, Graeme Dosser, Don Varcoe, Bob Preece

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### President's Comments

Firstly, I would like to thank the club members for having the confidence in me to perform the role of President for this amazing club.

Then I want to say what a wonderful job Steve did in his role as president and the multitude of roles he performed during his 2 year stint at the club. I also want to acknowledge Les and Errol who performed totally professional jobs as secretary and treasurer for the last 2 years. I only hope I can do as good a job during my tenure.

We now have a new team. Myself as President, Mike Hillenaar as Vice president, Dennis Ball as Secretary and Ken Grace as Treasurer. Please make them welcome and give them your full support as we are all very new to the roles we are doing.



**Please keep in mind the Market day will be on us before we know it**, so we must all start creating beautiful things to display and sell to raise funds for the Benalla Woodies Club.

Since our robbery, I have pursued Mitre 10 to assist us in replacing the Dewalt tools that were stolen and they went in to battle for us. This resulted in a box full of drills, power saws, grinders, batteries and chargers, free of charge to our club PLUS Mitre 10 has donated a swag of smaller items themselves. So a huge thank you to Mitre10 Manager Stacey and 2IC Barbera for their fantastic efforts fighting for us.



Cheers

Mike Kyval



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### D & I Kids project

Don Varcoe runs our D & I children practical learning classes, where children start to learn how to co-ordinate their skills to build things from wood. Some of the kids have learning difficulties or are a little slow with hand eye coordination and the classes encourage them to achieve what they normally wouldn't.

Don sets up projects to allow kids to measure up, drill, saw, drive nails etc. into timber, then assemble into gifts for themselves or family. It gives them satisfaction and pride in what they can achieve. In these pictures he showed them how to build a tiny wheel barrow to present to their parents.



### Show and Tell after General meeting on 27 September 2023

After the September general meeting we had a "show and tell", where some of the members show off their craft work.



Graeme Dossier showing his new creation, a wool bowl, very nicely made and shiny finish, which will last for years and Bill Forest displaying his lovely mirror frame and a clever Anzac sunrise, which he intends donating to the Mansfield RSL.



Leo Ginnivan showing his Redgum Chopping Block and a very nice Pen pencil box, made from Redgum offcuts.





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Mike Hillenaar showed one of the legs, turned from one of the table legs out the back, which he is making for bedside tables. New member Garry Faux showed a candle holder he made as a young man and still has.



And finally, Brian Leckey showing a saw clamp and several saws he restored.

Thanks to all the members who display their handywork for us

### Upcoming events:

**WEDNESDAY 25 October:** General Meeting  
**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> November:** Benalla Day in the Park. So we all have to start focusing on repairing and building goods to sell on our stalls.



Robin Tonks brought in two very cute reindeer, handmade on his bandsaw, perfect for Christmas coming up in three months' time.

