



Benalla Woodworkers Association Inc.

NEWSLETTER

Summer 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

President Mike's report

Well, we have made it to Christmas and what an eventful year we have had, floods, robbery, sickness and back to health for our members and a huge chance to get a new shed and location for our small but dedicated club.

I am very happy to let you all know that Errol is now very much back on the road to recovery, which is wonderful news.

D & I kids with Don Varcoe's guidance is going great guns and our work with the Scope and Brick by Brick members is still going strong and contributing to our community in Benalla.

I would like to finish this year with a huge shout out to some special people in this club at the risk of embarrassing them. Bob for the enormous support he has given me in my first year as President cannot be measured and I thank him from the bottom of my heart. Next, Les' skills as a craftsman are very well known and rightly so, as can be seen at our show and tell days, plus

the huge contribution he has given the club with his donated goods, which have been so in demand at our market stall both as sale items and as prizes in our raffles. Robin is another who works tirelessly for the club. I have yet to see Rob make anything for himself. He is always helping and making items for others. Thank you for your great efforts. I also want to publicly say that the work our committee is doing in the background never stops. Mike as Vice president and now also assistant Treasurer. Dennis is doing a great job being the Secretary and Ken getting into the Treasurer's job, which is never easy especially with Errol being so unwell this year.

Thank you, guys, for a job well done. This is a club that works for the community and for each other and I am very proud to be part of it.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL FROM
THE PRESIDENT**

Day at the Market



Our market day went extremely well and I think made it our best financial result so far. So many people to thank for this result. Firstly, all those who made items to sell, then the many members who were able to run the stall and sell raffle



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tickets, which we were drawn at our Christmas lunch, and then the clean up afterwards. Overall, it was a fantastic day and a very good fundraiser for the club.

Show and Tell



Robin's finials for client and Dennis's Resto



Garry's handmade bead necklaces and Graeme's turned bowl beautifully finished.



Cat run that Mike K made for a customer.



Les standing proudly beside his beautiful blanket box for which he received best woodwork and best overall prize at the Benalla show.



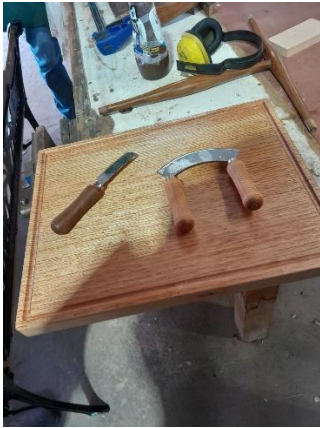
Les's restored desk



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Les's Cutting board and tools and Leo's cutting boards.



Bob's restored garden seat.



Robin made some wooden Christmas trees for each of them and also 2 for the teachers which they loved receiving.

D&I kids

The D&I kids had their last working day for the year and finished the Wheelbarrows they had been constructing and then built "merry go rounds"



The Benalla Woodworkers Christmas Lunch

The Christmas lunch was well attended and enjoyed by the members and their wives and partners, we started about 12 noon and didn't conclude till 3:30 pm which showed how well we all enjoyed the beautiful lunch and the company. It was so good to see us all mixing socially with our partners and enjoying each other's company including our past president Steve, who came up from Melbourne with Sue, to join us.



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Mike welcomed us all and discussed the new shed project. He also presented a model display of the shed designs on the scale drawing of the land that we have secured through council.

The Frank Wilcock award was presented to Bob Preece for his untiring work with the club and the support he has given the two Mikes, Ken and Dennis since they were elected into the executive of the committee. Thank you Bob.



Robin Tonks also received the Frank Wilcock award for his huge efforts around the club maintaining our machines, helping numerous people around the club and also the many projects he has done to raise funds for the club. Robin unfortunately was not able to be present and was presented with the award at the club rooms the following Sunday.

The raffles were then drawn by Dennis's Sister Ingrid visiting from England and the winners notified by Les, all prizes will be picked up on Wednesday and Sunday before Christmas, the financial gains for our club for the raffle has been very good and makes all the work worthwhile. While we all contributed to the raffle prizes a special mention must be made for the work Les McLean put in creating some beautiful items,

which were very sought after, as well as Dennis Ball's Hall table, which was a superb contribution to the prize pool.

The club will close for Christmas and we will return on 10 January 2024

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL AND
YOUR FAMILIES AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

