

NEWSLETTER



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Australian Men's Shed Association
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Bob receiving a rebuilding cheque at the Benalla Bowls Club presentation evening on the club's behalf

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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Purchasing	Graeme Dosser	0427 272 179
D&I kids	Don Varcoe	0409 274 027



Coming events

June

Wednesday 28th June General Meeting

July

Wednesday 26th Annual General Meeting

We need to elect a new President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and general committee members. Please consider putting your hand up for any of these roles - getting involved in the running of your club is very rewarding and satisfying. You won't be thrown in the deep end and will find that the demands on your time will not be too great at all.



President's Comments

Welcome to the Winter edition of your newsletter. It's been an eventful few months as can be seen in the following pages.....

Cover: Bob and I were invited to the Bowls Club to pick up a cheque for \$1400 - that the Bowls Club kindly donated to help us repair our flood damaged motors.

Page 3: We hosted the D&I kids for an end of term workshop session on Wednesday 26th April which, unfortunately, meant we had to run the May General Meeting on the following Sunday.

Page 4: Eleven of our members attended the North East Gathering of Woodworking Clubs, held in Alexandra this year. Next year is our turn to host the event in Benalla however at the May General Meeting it was decided we postpone our hosting and ask another club to take it on. We just do not have the premises or facilities to successfully run the Forum in 2024.

Page 5: Clare finally finished her barn doors, and is now starting to construct a wooden wagon wheel. She always tackles the easy jobs!

May's General Meeting saw a router table demonstration from Les and only a couple of Show & Tell items, from Graeme & Steve.

Page 6: Your esteemed Secretary Les and his wife Robin toured India and returned to us in mid May - here they are blending in with the locals.

Finally, from June 15th I will be stepping down from the Presidential position and will have moved back to Melbourne (Croydon North).

Vice President Bob takes on the role until July when the Annual General Meeting will see the election of a new committee for the 2023/2024 club year. Please do all you can to support Bob during this time.

So for the last time as President, remember to get into wood, it's good....

Steve Johansen



April D & I kids

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Above: on 26th April we again hosted the D&I kids in a workshop session. They each made a wooden flower pot cart to give to their mums on Mother's Day. Don was, unfortunately, unable to attend and lead the group but we carried on anyway and the kids enjoyed their time with us.

April General Meeting

Right: Mike gave us a demonstration of his recently modified barbecue trailer that he has made for his car club. Nice job Mike!





North East Gathering

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The North East Gathering of Woodwork Clubs on May 13th was well attended by eleven of our members. These pictures show some of the interesting demonstrations, Leo presenting our club's Show & Tell, Steve accepting the "baton" for us to host the 2024 event and in the centre..... the baton itself.



May General Meeting

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Top left: Les gave a demonstration of the new router table setup and operation - he made it look too easy!

Top right: Graeme showed off his newly completed bandsaw box - nice work Mr Dosser.

Above: Steve brought in a Presidential antique turned "throne"

Left: Clare has finally finished her giant shed doors.

Child included for size comparison - and 'cos she's so cute! (Photo with permission from parent)



Around the workshop (and beyond)

Picked up a lightly used cordless drill with bits and case for \$5, but I can't figure out where the battery goes!



Steve recently turned and fitted the missing top rail detail for this antique chair for Sandy - another happy customer



Les and his wife Robin were recently in India - here they are looking the part and embracing their inner Sikh