

NEWSLETTER



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Australian Men's Shed Association
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The chips are flying for Errol

Autumn
2023

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

April

Friday 7th **Easter starts**

Tuesday 25th **ANZAC day**

Wednesday 26th **April General meeting**

May

Saturday 13th **North East Woodworker's Forum**

This year the annual Forum of Woodworking clubs is being hosted by the Alexandra Woodies. The full agenda is on the last page of this newsletter.

Please let Steve know if you are attending as soon as possible.

Wednesday 24th **May General Meeting**

June

Wednesday 28th **June General Meeting**

July

Wednesday 26th **Annual General Meeting**



President's Comments

Welcome to the Autumn edition of your newsletter.

As you can see in the Coming Events, above, the big news for Autumn is the annual North East Forum for Woodworking Clubs, held this year in Alexandra. This event is always worth attending and a great day out with like-minded Woodworkers, plus good lunch too! Our club will be hosting the event for the following year - 2024. Check out the full agenda on the last page of this newsletter. Please let me know if you would like to attend so I can inform the Alexandra club for catering purposes.

Also coming up, in July, is the Annual General Meeting. All the executive committee positions (President, Secretary, Treasurer) will be vacated so a new committee can be elected in to take the club into the 2023/2024 club year.

You are probably aware that your President and First Lady are moving back to sunny Melbourne in the near future to be closer to family. We have recently sold our house in Benalla and are now in a temporary rental (still in Benalla) until we find our new place. Doing a reverse tree-change, a city-change? Until we actually make the move I will still attend to all my Presidential duties before passing the mantle to our esteemed Vice President, Bob. It has been a real pleasure to be a member of the Benalla Woodworkers as President for 2021-2023, and 2017-2019, Secretary for 2019-2021, and Treasurer for 2013-2015 (also editor since 2015 too!) This club has been a major part of my life and I will miss all the friends I have here tremendously.

Steve Johansen



February Show & Tell

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Left: Mike Kyval's band-saw man & dog / lady & cat figurines.

and....

His family tree heart board (work in progress)



Below: Brian Leckey's ladder and repaired kneeler stand





February Show & Tell

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Above: Les Maclean's kid's table and chairs



Left: Graeme Dosser's band saw box, turned box with lid, camphor laurel box and inserts and lid, vic ash man & dog band saw figurines.

Below: Errol's turned medallion stand

Below left: Leo's lined boxes





Above: Les Maclean gave us a demonstration of how to cut out circular and curved profiles with a router on a rotatable arm. He pointed out where this had been used on the kid's table above. The table and chairs featured in the previous month's Show & Tell.

Left: Steve Johansen showed us the completed armour stand, constructed for a customer. The stand is used to hold heavy fire-fighting armour and helmet and needed to be de-mountable to carry in a vehicle. The upright can be easily removed from the cross leg base as it is secured on a large diameter pin.



Around the workshop

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Brian drilling



Gary on the lathe



Nathan planing his table's legs



Mike scroll sawing



Around the workshop



Ken assisting Elliot in completing his pyrography



Robin replacing thicknesser blades



Clare and Ray bandsawing



North East Woodworker's Forum

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Agenda Saturday 13 May 2023

Alexandra Community Shed, McKenzie Street, Alexandra

9:00 am to 10:00 am - Registration - Raffle ticket and meal ticket purchase (**EFTPOS available**)
(There will be a prize for meal ticket number - so hang on to your tickets!!!)

Tea & coffee

Commercial sales -

- "Screw it Screws"
- Alexandra Community shed - wood sales, tool sales, lathe equipment sales

10:00 am - Welcome to the Forum - by Alexandra President James Richardson

Club reports from the Club Presidents, or their representatives

11:00 am - Morning tea and tours through Alexandra Community Shed's facilities

Jim Whelan will demonstrate how to cut log on bandsaw and/or pocket hole joinery

12 noon - Show and Tell – (one delegate from each club will present)

Door prize ticket drawn

12:30 pm to 1:30- Lunch – more Commercial Sales

1:30 pm - Alexandra demonstration on lathe work and lathe jig plus lathe accessories and a demonstration of milling with a chainsaw

2:45 pm - Afternoon tea, more Commercial Sales

All gathered - Speaker for 10 minutes and then a Q & A session

3:15 pm - Hand over the Baton to Benalla for next year's Forum

Raffle Drawn

Final sales, farewell and a safe trip home

Participants are welcome to bring partner or a friend along too

NUMBERS ARE NEEDED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS NOW FOR CATERING PURPOSES

Make this a fantastic day out with lots to see and do and a great sharing of ideas and tips

The Alexandra Club will follow up with further information, meal prices and mud map

Any questions don't hesitate to ring me on 0419 653 991 or by email arthurmay2@bigpond.com