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Welcome to the newsletter for October 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER: **Committee Meeting** 28th October, 1.00pm in the club room.

Monthly Meeting 6th November, 1.00pm in the club room.

Hare & Forbes Demonstration Days - 14th, 15th & 16th November.

FUNCTIONS: **End of Year Dinner**, 7th December. 6.30 pm in Function Room at OCF.

Gala Day, 8th December. 2.00 pm in Function Room at OCF.

GALA DAY PREPARATIONS.



With our **Gala Day**, on the first Sunday in December, fast approaching, we have only a few weeks left in which to finish the toys that we will give away to local welfare organisations. Our finishing room, a busy place all year, is buzzing with activity now. **Peter Angwin** managed to get our attention for few minutes, in order to take this photo.

Above from left are **Richard Gething, Oscar Ordenes, George Young, Elsie Hoare, Bob McArthur, Wayne Lucas, Russell Owen, John Damon & Ken Whitefield.**

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

28th October

GENERAL

6th November

SPEAKERS ETC

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FARMERS' MARKET

26th October

9th November

Committee of Management:

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President	Len Preece	59405564
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Monthly demonstrations - *Vacant looking for help*
 Functions Coordinator - *Vacant*
 Newsletter Editor – *Elsie Hoare*
 Public relations – *Len Preece*
 OCF Contact group – *Len Preece*
 Toy Coordinator – *Ken D. Barnes.*
 Machinery maintenance supervisor. - *Brian Crowe*
 Health and Safety Coordinator – *All committee members.*
 Member’s welfare coordinator – *Ken Whitefield*
 Kits for kids coordinator – *Ken Whitefield*
 Farmers Market Coordinator – *Martin Van Diemen & Paul Ryan*
 Special interest group coordinators – *To suit group*
 Librarian – *Keith Towe*
 Exhibition and Show - *John McMahon*
 Gala Day coordinator - *Len Preece*
 Our Lease - *Chris Drysdale*
 Screws – *Martin Van Diemen*
 Paint – *George Young*
 Timber coordinator – *Martin Van Diemen*
 Equipment authorisation approved members. - *Len Preece, Brian Crowe, John Damon, John Membrey and Bill Bradshaw.*
 Mens' Shed coordinator - *Wayne Lucas.*

All material for the Club’s monthly publication is to be submitted by e-mail ricels@bigpond.com by hand, or by phone to the editor by the 15th of each month: Letters to the editor must be sent to the committee.

PLEASE NOTE: Those members wishing to use the workshop on Saturdays other than Farmers’ Market Saturdays must make private arrangements with a key-holder. For safety reasons, there must always be two members present in the workshop whenever it is being used.

Membership Fees:
 Individual Joining Fee - \$40.00
 Single Membership - \$65.00
 Family Membership - \$100.00
 No Attendance Fee.
 Tea & Coffee complimentary.

Workshops & Meetings:

Weekly	Hours	Activity	Leader
Monday Morning	9.00 am – 2.30 pm	Toys -	Eric Guthrie
Tuesday Morning	9.00 am – 2.30 pm	Toys -	Ross Blackwood.
Wednesday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	General -	Bill Bradshaw
Wednesday Evening	5.00 pm - 9.00 pm	General -	Bill Bradshaw
Thursday Morning	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	Fine W/work -	Brian Crowe
Friday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	General -	Len Preece
Saturday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	Farmers' Market supervisors -	Martin Van Diemen and Ken Whitefield or by prior arrangement on other Saturdays.

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Berwick Woodworkers wish to thanks **Gary Maas MP** State Member for Narre Warren South, and his staff for their support in printing this newsletter for us. 9704 6055.

Berwick Woodworkers also acknowledge with gratitude the generosity of **Ephraim Finch** who has supported the club for many years with donations of top quality timber. Without Ephraim's gifts, the work we do for local underprivileged children would be considerably curtailed.



UPDATE ON APPROVED 'GO TO' MEMBERS. The line-up of club members who are authorised to give assistance, when a problem with a machine arises, has changed slightly. New posters around the workshop now show **Bill Bradshaw** has stepped in to take the place of **Bob McArthur**, who is no longer able to get to the club as often as he'd like.

APPROVED 'GO TO' MEMBERS

when in need of assistance or advice on using any machine.



Len Preece



Brian Crowe



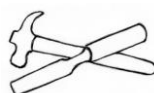
John Damon



Bill Bradshaw



John Membrey



PESIDENTS REPORT

Jack Croucher is **STILL** waiting to have his hip operation; we hope that Jack can receive the attention he desperately needs and we hope it will be sooner rather than later.

We were all sorry to hear that **Ian Chong** had had a stroke and is now recovering in the Caulfield Rehabilitation hospital, and expected to be there for some weeks. **Oscar Ordenes** has also had a fall at home and has a fractured skull just above his eyebrows, we wish these members a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them back at the club.

It has been very pleasing to hear the comments from our many visitors and potential members as to the cleanliness of the workshop, congratulation to all members.

We ask all members to remember to open and close the vents on the dust extractor before and after using the machines. Members are also asked to wear **hearing** and **eye** protection when working in the workshop particularly in the breezeway, these are provided by the club for your benefit, and are located just inside the back door above the grinders. We will also be replacing the blade on the draw saw as soon as it comes back from being sharpened hopefully next week.

The suspended power points around the walls have been replaced with double power points fixed to the walls. The door between the lunch room and the workshop, and the exhaust fan in the paint shop are works that will be completed within the next couple of weeks - the builder has been given approval. We have now completed all the forms for Telstra to connect the telephone very shortly.

A retractable air hose has been fitted to the end of the storage racks near the door to the breezeway. Nail Guns have now been located in the draws near the drills and have been colour coded, and the compressor has now been set at 100 psi.

Finally the club now has in stock a range of sizes of Club Polo shirts and Jumpers, and has more Turning Smocks on order see notice on notice board for prices.

Len Preece - President



Some members still need to pay their annual membership fees. Although we're happy to see you as a visitor to the clubroom, non financial members are not covered by the club's insurance and are not permitted to use the machinery.

OCTOBER SHOW & TELL. Chris Drysdale has made the swordfish below, using his CNC machine on plywood and finished with specially dyed Livos oil.



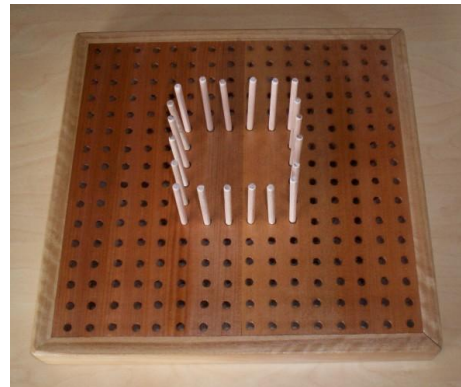
Below is a lidded box made from pine by **Pat Mahoney** during his lessons with **Bill Munt**. Pat's 17 year old granddaughter used Mandala dot-art to finish the box.



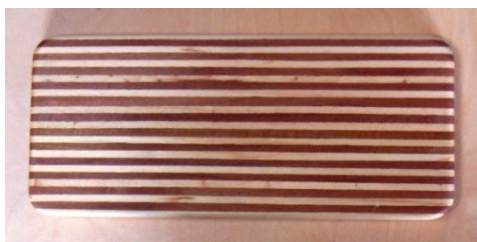
The red gum box at left and bowl below are by **Paul Ryan**.



David Murden has been busy working on his Christmas gifts for friends and family. The bird house at left is for David's Mother's birthday while the crochet blocking board below is for her Christmas gift. David tells me there are 230 holes in the board.



David enjoys experimenting with off-cuts and recycled wood both for the challenge they represent as well as the financial saving; here and on the next page are David's chopping boards that were presented for Show & Tell and are destined for the Christmas stocking of his friends and relatives.



More of David Murden's chopping boards for Show and Tell, made from salvaged scraps and displaying his experiments with end grain patterns.



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MEN'S SHED GATHERING

Following his visit to the **Labertouche and District Men's Shed** gathering on September 19th, **Wayne Lucas** has passed on some of the details.

During the course of the meeting the gathering heard a report from each of the sheds present, outlining some of their activities. **Berwick Woodworkers** were able to report on our recent successful **Kits for Kids** program.

SPEAKERS FOR THE DAY:

VMSA President **Lindsay Oates** introduced the subject of **Men's Problems**, both physical and mental. Audience members were urged to **seek help early** if they suspect something is wrong as many illnesses, especially cancer, have a greater chance of cure if they are caught early.

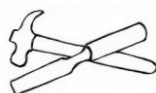
David Mudge, of Druin Men's Shed, himself a cancer survivor, spoke about his own experience.

Warwick Potts from **Lifeline Gippsland** spoke about the **RUOK** program.

There are important issues in a man's world and so many men struggle with problems in the mistaken belief that **'taking it like a man'** is the way to go.

The antiquated idea that a man should **'soldier on'** no longer applies. You have mates that care about you. Once again the message is **seek help**. For too many years the **'strong silent type'** has been his own worst enemy.

Another guest speaker at the meeting was **Lisa Giblin** from the **'not-for-profit' Gippsland Rhythm & Wings** who spoke about the organisation's support for families whose children suffer serious health conditions.



While on the subject of health, Club President **Len Preece** has asked me to remind members to wear safety goggles and hearing protection when using the club's machinery. There are several ear-phone type protectors available in the workshop. Even for those who already have some hearing loss, it is still important to protect the hearing that you have left. One of the saddest conversations I have had was with one of our members whose very expensive hearing aids were not helping him at all. "It's my own fault," he confessed, "We were provided with hearing protection at the factory in which I worked, but I couldn't be bothered to go up to the office to get them."

Severe loss of hearing can make life very lonely.

DOVETON SHOW. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the event this year but I'm told it was a marvellous success. Berwick Woodworkers drew a lot of attention. As usual the little animals that are cut out on the scroll saw were very popular, with many show patrons electing to buy them rather than accept them as a gift.. **John Damon** took this photo of **Peter Angwin** busy at the scroll saw.

For the curious, the young man in the photo working on the stall next to Peter was a very clever sketch artist.

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PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Club members have been offered the chance to stretch their imagination and turn this bundle of dowels and rods into something. Rules are as follows:

1. All 10 pieces must be used.
2. At least 75% of each piece must be used.
3. Other timbers may be introduced.
4. Article cannot have any more than three other pieces of timber.
5. Article must comprise of no more than 25% of other timbers.

Judging will take place at Welcome Back Barbeque in January next year.

CLUB NEWS:

We have received an offer of 7 packs of pine and other timber as a donation. This is a great saving for the club.

The next **Hare and Forbes** demonstrations will be on the 14th, 15th and 16th November. They would like us to do a specific project and show the whetstone grinder.

The Club's open weekend is planned for May 2nd & 3rd. This will be a sales opportunity for club members as well as a display of the club's operation and facilities. See **John McMahon** if you are able to help.

The new order for club badges will be cut from Clyde Rd. oak and elm.

We have received an order from OCF staff for 2000 Christmas tree decorations e.g. baubles, trees, stockings and stars, for children to paint. **Chris Drysdale** has offered to make them using his CNC machine. Many thanks, Chris.

As a safety precaution, the on/off switch on the Triton saw bench has been relocated to the front of the machine to make it more easily accessed.



The club will run a twilight Farmer' Market on December 23rd from 4.00pm to 7.30pm this year instead of the 4th Saturday market scheduled to be held on 28th December, which will be cancelled. Flyers will be printed to let the public know of the change.

Part of the proceeds from the October door prize collection and the monthly sausage sizzle were donated to the **Wolfdene Foundation** to assist with the drive by **Blairlogie Living & Learning Inc.** to provide independent housing solutions for people living with disability.

Best Wishes

Unfortunately a number of our members are on the sick list. While we don't always get to hear about you we wish all our unwell members a speedy recovery to the best of health. At present we're especially thinking about **Ian Chong, Oscar Ordenes** and **Phil Willems** and wishing them all the best.

Condolences

This is a painful time for **Brian Crowe** following the loss of his brother **Gary**. Club members offer their sympathy and Best Wishes to Brian and his family.

Berwick District Woodworkers Club. **Minutes Monthly Meeting 2nd October, 2019.**

Meeting Commenced 1.00 pm

Welcome to Members - President Len Preece welcomed 23 members.

Apologies

Ian Chong, Brian Crowe, Bert McGinty, Maurice Dunn, Martin Van Diemen, Ken D. Barnes, Keith Towe, Oscar Ordenes and John McMahon.

Ian Chong is in hospital and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Minutes of previous monthly meeting. – 4th September 2019.

- In Newsletter.

Motion to accept minutes. Proposed – Ken Whitefield. Seconded – Wayne Lucas. Motion carried.

Business arising from previous meeting

- The Doveton show went well. Thanks to all who helped.
- The power point alterations are complete except for one in the finishing room.
- The plumber inspected the roof leaks and will return to complete the work.
- The lights in the walkway and our meeting room had sensors added. Some work still needed to complete.
- The phones will be ready soon. We will go through Telstra via the Casey Council service.
- The Hare and Forbes demonstrations will be on the 14th, 15th and 16th November. They would like us to do a specific project and show the whetstone grinder.
- We are waiting for a contractor to install our new doorway and ventilation.
- The two nail guns will be separated into their gauges (16 mm and 18 mm) and kept in different areas. Could we reduce to one gauge to lessen confusion?
- We will replace the jockey wheel on the trailer to make it easier to move.
- We have received an offer of pine and other timber as a donation. We will relocate the trailer to make room for the timber to be stored.
- The new retractable air hose and reel has been installed. When using it keep the walkways clear with temporary supports etc.
- The open weekend will be held on the 2nd and 3rd May, 2020.
- The brochure for the club is almost finished. Thanks Chris Drysdale.

- Approximately 2100 decorations have been made by Chris.
- We have received a brochure from the City of Casey about the Wolfdene Foundation. They are seeking donations to build community housing. (See motion below.)
- The President's Challenge is underway.
- Thanks to Ken Whitefield for organising the timber donation.

Correspondence.

- A summary of correspondence from last Committee meeting was read.

Motion to accept correspondence. Proposed – Chris Drysdale. Seconded – Ross Blackwood.
Motion carried.

President's Report.

- The switch on the Triton router will be changed to make it more accessible.
- A dust port has been added to the small belt sander.
- Thanks for parking in a different area today to help the OCF.

Motion to accept the President's report. Proposed – Pat Mahoney. Seconded – Ross Blackwood.
Motion Carried

Treasurer's report.

- As attached.
- Balances are good and will cover our expected costs.
- A member has paid a subscription that was not receipted. Does any one know who it might be?
- The Farmers' Market income has been affected by the weather but is still good.
- We will receive a good income from the Christmas decorations. Thanks to Chris Drysdale.
- Payments were made for the club clothing and timber pack.
- Thanks to all for keeping the machinery safe.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Proposed – Ken Whitefield. Seconded – Paul Ryan.
Motion carried.

Farmers' Market.

- The second December Market will change to a twilight market from 4.00 pm to 7.30 pm on 23rd December and the December 28th market will be cancelled. We will distribute flyers at the next markets to give notice.
- We are looking for more stall holders for the second market. We would like 30 to 35 stalls.
- Akoonah Park will have twilight markets but it shouldn't affect us.

Functions

- We are looking for someone to organise our lunches and dinner for next year. Please see Len Preece if you can help.

Demonstrations.

- The committee needs help to organise our demonstrations. Please let us know if you can help or have suggestions. We would be pleased if someone could take it on.

Newsletter.

- Thank you, Elsie Hoare.
- If you have any items for the newsletter please pass them on to Elsie.
- We currently have 72 paid up members. Some still need to pay and we will follow up with a reminder.

General Business.

- Len Preece has items of club clothing for sale and will organise more as needed.
- Oak and elm blank name badges have been made and will be engraved.

- Would a speaker from the VMSA be suitable for our sessions? Wayne Lucas will check.
- We could use someone from Pop's Shed or Carbatec as a speaker.

Door Prize.

- Won by Jim Graham.

Motion that we donate \$100 from our door prize and sausage sizzle money to the Wolfdene Foundation. Proposed- Ross Blackwood. Seconded – Bill Bradshaw. Motion carried.

Show and tell.

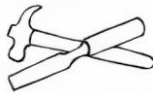
- Presented by Mark Bellis.

Meeting closed at 1.50 pm.

Next meeting Wednesday 6th November, 2019 at 1.00pm.

President - Len Preece

Secretary – Richard Gething.



The Farmer's Lament - from Pat Mahoney. (this explains everything)

"It all started back in 1966 when they changed from pounds to dollars an' me overdraft doubled. I was just getting used to that when they brought in kilograms instead of pounds, an' me flamin' wool clip dropped by half. Then they changed the rain to millimetres an' we haven't had an inch o' rain since.

So what do they do? Bring in a thing called Celsius an' the temperature is usually around twenty degrees. Must be less than freezing. No wonder me wheat won't grow.

As if this wasn't enough they change us over from acres to hectares an' I end up with half the flamin' land I had. Well I reckoned with this daylight savin' I was working seven hours a week extra for nothing, so I decided to sell out. I'd just put the place in the agent's hands when they changed from miles to kilometres an' now I'm too far out of town for anybody to buy the bloomin' place.

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A man hates his wife's cat and decides to get rid of it once and for all.

He drives twenty blocks away from home and drops the cat there.

The cat is already walking up the driveway as the man approaches his house.

The next day he decides to drop the cat forty blocks away but the same thing happens.

He keeps on increasing the number of blocks but the cat keeps on coming home before him

At last he decides to drive a few miles away, turn right, then left, past the bridge then right again and another right and so on until he reaches what he thinks is a perfect spot and drops the cat there.

Hours later the man calls his wife at home and asks her. "Jen, is the cat there?"

"Yes, why do you ask?" answers the wife.

Frustrated, the man says, "Put that cat on the phone, I'm lost and I need directions!"

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You know you're a bad driver when Siri says, "After 200 metres, stop and let me out."



That's all from me until next time.



More a reality than a joke.