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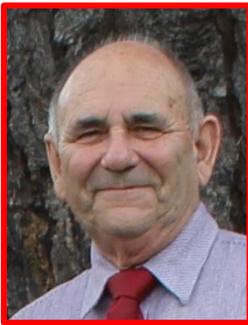
The Berwick District Woodworkers Inc  
PO Box 921, High Street, Berwick, Victoria, 3806

**Location:**

The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road Berwick, 3806  
Inc. No A0012122U

Welcome to the newsletter for April 2020

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Committee Meeting. in abeyance at present.  
Monthly Meeting to be advised.  
Annual General Meeting 2nd September 2020 - 1.00pm in club room.



**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE,**

I hope this finds all members in good health and following all the Governments rules during this time of isolation. I have been here at home doing a few little things as well as doing the shopping and relevant home chores as Bev is in total isolation due to her condition and she starts her chemo treatment Monday 6th April for the next six months.

If any member wishes to contact me or any other member for a chat or request some help, you have many friends in this club and they all there to assist.

The Old Cheese Factory is in total shut down and the girls working from home; the two Scott's are there looking after the grounds and plants etc. This could be the case

now for at least the next 3 months.

Should any member wish to obtain another member's contact details please feel free to contact me or any member of the committee who will only be too happy to oblige.

We have received advice from the Government that we can apply for an extension of time to hold our AGM which we have set for the first Wednesday in September; hopefully this will be over by then. Our end of year functions such as our annual dinner and the Top Gala Day will go ahead the last weekend in November with whatever toys we are able to have ready; this will be a lot less than previous years but everyone will understand that we can only do our best. I will keep contact with the Officer Specialist School as to whether or not they will go ahead Kits for Kids program.

For now stay safe, look after yourself and above all let's keep contact with one another and make sure we are all fit and well when we can reopen the Club. I hope we can produce this newsletter at least every month or so with any updates on members health.

Don't forget to send any photos of your achievements during this period.

Until Next time stay safe.

**Len Preece - President**

**STOP PRESS:** Members wishing to collect materials or supplies from the club, that means not working at the club, we have permission from the Old Cheese Factory to do so, to be able to enter the OCF you need to ring Len on 0408 365 970 to arrange a suitable time as the OCF is still in lock down and all gates are locked.

Len Preece - President.

**CLUB INFORMATION:**

**MEETINGS:**

**COMMITTEE      GENERAL      SPEAKERS ETC      FARMERS' MARKET**

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**Committee of Management:**

| <i>Contact Details</i> | <i>Name</i>                 | <i>Phone</i> |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| President              | Len Preece                  | 59405564     |
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| Secretary              | Richard Gething             | 9704 5417    |
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**Committee**

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Mark Bellis       | 9769 9596    |
| John McMahon      | 9796 1097    |
| Martin Van Diemen | 9707 5305    |
| Ken Whitefield    | 9704 9701    |
| Ken D. Barnes     | 0419 114 738 |
| Paul Ryan         | 0400 538 577 |

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](mailto:ricels@bigpond.com) by hand, or by phone to the editor by the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.  
 Members can pay either direct at club or by EFT bank transfer to WBC Berwick BSB 033 609, Acct # 41 6074. Please remember to put your surname as a reference.

**Workshops & Meetings:**

| <b>Weekly</b>     | <b>Hours</b>      | <b>Activity</b>               | <b>Leader</b>  |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 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.  
**8783 6959.**

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.



**Dear Fellow Members.** Following my request for photographs from you, to create a **Virtual Show & Tell**, I am delighted to be able to report that woodwork is alive and well amongst many of our members. Others are busy with a variety of projects and have kindly sent me photos. Following is a selection of some of the many that I have received.

**Mark Bellis** has made another of his jewell boxes which he cuts out using the band saw.



**Len Preece** has been making some clocks, as can be seen in the photos at left and right.



**Dianne Gething** has spent some time at the scroll saw, cutting some little animals to be added to our Gala Day presentation. The painting makes them into a pretty gift.



**Simon Robbins** has sent photos of the redgum bowl he has made, finished with Supaglu, Tripple E & Shellawax.

The vase holder at left is also Simon's - Pin Oak Finished with Tripple E & Shellawax.

*"This Glass Antique Vase lost its base so I turned a holder as it has a lovely colour & form,"* says Simon.

The steel Rose is by Simon's son **Peter Robbins**. Peter made this Rose for his girlfriend's birthday. Peter is a 3rd year Apprentice Cert 111 in Engineering (Light Metal Fabrication). Peter has luckily kept his work through this difficult



time we are all enduring. The Rose can separate from the stand.

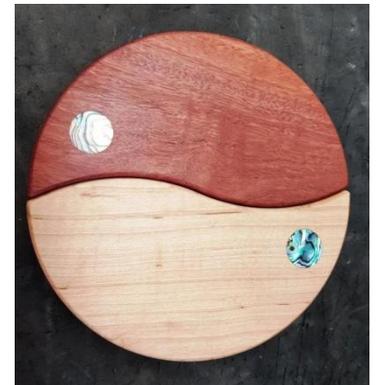
**Paul Ryan** is responsible for the next 3 items, here's what Paul had to say about them, *"The little car is for my goddaughter's new baby, the bowl is elm finished with livos, the box is some kind of wood scavenged from the club, the other two are works in progress on the lathe.*

*Have totally rearranged my shed so now I should be able to find things but we'll see how that goes over time.*

Paul also has a couple of items in progress - see them at far right.



Another club member who has mastered the CNC machine is **Phil Willems** who has sent me the following three items. The Ying and Yang board set is inlaid with paua shell.



**Katarina Zorin** has progressed from cutting out animals to toy cars, jewellery and key rings. Katarina prefers to use the band saw rather than the scroll saw.





**From John McMahon.** "I have attached a picture of a bowl that I am in the process of doing some piercing with the Dremel. You will note that I have stuck some clear tape over the inside of the bowl & marked where I want to pierce on the tape with a marker pen. I find this method easier than drawing directly on the wood, particularly when I change my mind & need to rub it out. I used to just use masking tape for this, but the clear tape lets me see the underlying grain of the wood so that I can modify the piercing if I want to retain a grain feature. This piece was partly prepared a few weeks ago, & I was intending to use it as part of my Dremel demonstration at our exhibition, but now that it's cancelled, I thought I might as well finish it now."

**Paul Parer** has returned from his holiday in time to send me these

photos. Here's what Paul says: "We have survived our 14 days isolation, since arriving home and are both OK and able to join the daily search for toilet paper and other essentials that we didn't stock up on at the end of February, before going away."

*Can't go out, can't go to woodworking, can't even help mind the Grandchildren, so what to do?*

*There is my Grandfather Clock case (photo attached), which is sorely in need of attention, but without some of the equipment at BDWWC, it will be hard work back on the hand tools!*

*Spent today digging up last year's strawberries and replanting for this year, for the BOSS, who can always find me something to do, if I look bored.*

*Then there are the bees, who know nothing about Corona Virus, so they just keep on collecting nectar."*



When **Alexander Drysdale** needed to replace his back fence, the job involved moving his shed. Unfortunately the move revealed that the floor of the shed was rotten and needed replacing. Here is a photo of the new floor which is 70mm x 35mm glued and biscuit jointed throughout so that as Alexander says, "even if the second hand pallet base collapses eventually then the floor will remain intact."

*The next picture is part of my contribution to the Christmas toys. 12 trays of bricks and the wheels are separate because I can't get the screws to fit them to the trays as they are still in the clubhouse workshop."*

Alexander has included the following ditty which he thought might give you a smile



A bunch of germs were whooping it up  
In the Bronchial Saloon.  
The bacillus handling the larynx  
Was jazzing a gag-time tune,  
While back of the tongue in a solo game  
Sat "Dangerous Ah Kerchoo."  
And watching his luck was his light of love  
The malady known as "Flu."

Those club members who like to follow Facebook might like to know that '**Berwick Woodies**' has a Facebook site which is kept up-to-date by **Wayne Lucas**. A good place for members to keep in contact and also to post pictures of how they are passing the time.

**Brian Crowe**, who is famous for Marilyn's baking, which he generously shares at morning tea time, has sent this photo with the comment, *"I suppose I will have to eat them all myself."*



**John Ostroff**, like many of us, is spending time in his garden and showed me his new vegetable patch.



**Rick Hoare** has also spent some time in the garden as well as working on his

prams for the toys for Gala Day . The potatoes above came from a self-sown plant. Rick's comment, *"Six month's work tending the plant for 3/4 kg of potatoes."*

**Ken Barnes** (left) is spending some time making wheels.



**Colin Radley** found this little gem at a Trash & Treasure market. Here's what Colin has to say about it, *"It's a New Rogers treadle scrollsaw and is about 100 years old (they were made from 1878 - 1925). Rogers was the Secretary of the Board at Millers Falls tool company."*

<https://oldtoolheaven.com/treadle-tools/treadle-tools.htm>  
*One of the castings was broken, part of the frame was missing and over the years bolts had been lost and replaced with whatever was*



*available. A friend TIG welded the broken casting, I machined a spindle for the main pulley, re-manufactured part of the frame and sourced a belt. The top & bottom beams are timber as is the link from the treadle to the main pulley, these were all re-made at the Club.*

*I'm not normally a fan of re-painting tools but this was in such a poor state when I got it I thought it needed to be done. It's missing some pinstriping on the main casting but as I've never done pinstriping before I decided to leave this off for the time being."*



**Chris Drysdale** has spent some time making these puzzles to distribute to family and next door neighbours, to idle away the time. The challenge of the puzzle is to use the pieces to make the shapes set out in the picture at right. The

solution is on the last page,

Here's what **Don Buchanan** has been up to these days, *"Firstly I have made a rocking horse for my newest grandson (born 19 March 2020). It was an old one renewed! Next I have taken some snaps of my shed. These were taken just before I cleaned it up so I could work..I hope mine isn't the smallest shed around!! But it certainly may come close."*

There's Don's rocking horse below, and his shed (Man Cave) Does it take the record for the smallest shed around?



Shapes you can make:

|            |                    |          |                 |               |             |
|------------|--------------------|----------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| The 'T'    | Fat T              | Italic T | Teezer          | Propeller     | Y Pentomino |
| Caldera    | Arrow              | Ramp     | Happy Baby      | Bowl          | Stairs      |
| 7          | y                  | Z        | Lefty Z         | Cane          | Funiculaire |
| Halberd    | Harpoon            | Sword    | Tomahawk        | Villa         | Factory     |
| Boomerang  | Hockey stick       | Golf bag | Medium Golf bag | Tall Golf bag | Putter      |
| Hand plane | Adjustable Spanner | Hammer   | Anchor          | Paperweight   | Mounted L   |



From **Keith Towe**. (self-confessed wood miser)

*"The little York Gum NE Bowl is only 2" dia. Only a scrap, but who throws away York gum? Had to do something with it. It is one piece NOT a base and top."*

Apart from his woodworking skills, Keith is known, among club members, for his interest in and knowledge of rare

and exotic wood. Keith recently tried his hand at turning some Xanthorea (Australian Grass Tree). On the following page he tells of the results of his effort.





"This an on- going project combining Hand Forged Supports for a Bowl/Base from Blackboy (naughty), should be called GrassTree.

The Bowl section will be about 180mm. dia, as yet I don't know how high it will finish.

It is terrible stuff to turn, dry as chips and so, so dusty, the dust extraction is working overtime, though I have saved quite a lot of sanding

dust to mix with Super Glue to fill some small voids of which there

is a lot. I now know why I have put off turning it. I forged the MS supports with a simple twist in the middle and will file the ends to slot into 8mm holes in the Base section.

Some photos - 1. The raw root about 200mm d. 2. The base section with button piece. 3. Supports.



The Grasstree Bowl section is part finished. Oh what a trial, wish I had thrown it in the bin at the beginning. So, So, dusty and so many voids, have run out of CA Glue."



**David Murden** is spending his lock-down time in a vastly different field. When he is not being a woodworker David has an impressive list of degrees, among them an Honour's degree in Animal & Veterinary Bio-sciences and has been working from home with the Melbourne Zoo, analysing the behaviours of both giraffes and zebras. David snapped the photo of the giraffe, the zebra photo is by Karen Croft Zoo's Victoria Services Officer.



An interesting event took place a while back when three snow leopard cubs were born. The cubs are 2 female and 1 male. Naming is open online to the public until April 24th



**Ross Blackwood** is re-discovering an old skill, saying,  
*"I must be bored. I haven't baked bread since we were on the boat."*

**Colin Ellard** has quietly turned 80 several weeks back.



No photo of the celebration but we hope you had a Happy Birthday Colin and wish you many happy returns.



Here is the solution to **Chris Drysdale's** puzzle. Coloures indicate the different parts of the T shape.

**Solutions:**

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**FROM THE INTERNET:**

Struggling to get your wife's attention?  
 Just sit down and look comfortable.

**Raw toilet paper for sale \$20**



**Some assembly required**

Single man with toilet rolls would like to meet single female with hand sanitiser for good clean fun.

To go to the grocery store, they said a mask and gloves were enough....they lied....everybody else had clothes on!

That's about all for now until next time. If you'd like to know what I've been doing to pass the time during the lock-down, you've just read it.

Cheers.