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Welcome to the newsletter for November 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting 23rd November.
Monthly Meeting, None until further notice.

FUNCTIONS: None until further notice.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

I hope this finds all members in good health. At last I can give you some good news; at the committee meeting on Wednesday 11th the committee set a plan into action that we are hopeful of opening the club as from the 25th November (If everything goes well with the government over the next couple of days). There are a number of changes we have to do and to that end we have prepared a **Covid Plan**, a copy of which is attached to this newsletter.

Also, finally, our club lease is nearly there we hope to have a final copy in the next couple of days.

Another sound Farmers Market was held on the 14th November.

Martin Van Diemen has organised it with **Pat Mahoney, Bill Bradshaw, Colin Ellard** and the **committee members** to assist, with a couple on the gate and a couple to look after the car parking. It was a very successful market with approximately 750 people attending, giving the club a great result.

Finally a reminder that our Club fees are now overdue and can be paid directly into our bank account at Westpac BSB 033609 a/c No 416074 and be sure to add your name in the comments area. Alternatively you can send a cheque by mail to the club addressed to the Treasurer at Post Office Box 921 Berwick 3806.

The Club's Annual General Meeting has now been put back further, more details later.

At present we are unable to have any general meetings; the committee is having zoom meetings regularly and will have another on Monday 23rd November. We will keep members informed by the newsletter of any changes or email if it is urgent.

My wife has had all her Chemo treatment now, she is at present in hospital and has spent the last 6 weeks there, receiving treatment for the after effects.

I wish all members and their families the best of health and until next time please stay fit and healthy and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Len Preece - President.



CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

GENERAL

SPEAKERS ETC

FARMERS' MARKET

23rd November

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12th December

Committee of Management:

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President	Len Preece	59405564
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Secretary	Richard Gething	9704 5417
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Treasurer	Peter Angwin	5941 1272

Committee

Mark Bellis 0439 991 134
 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.*

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.

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.
 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.

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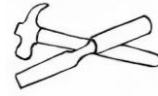
Berwick Woodworkers wish to thanks **Gary Maas MP** State Member for Narre Warren South, and his staff for their support in printing this newsletter for us. **8783 6959.**

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.

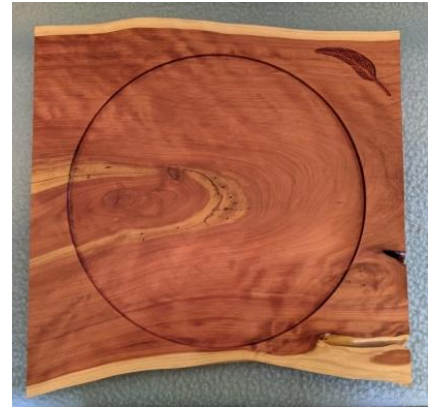




VIRTUAL SHOW & TELL Once again I have raided the club's Facebook page to show you some of the work that members are doing at home. And just in case you've forgotten what the clubroom looks like, here's a tiny reminder.



From John McMahon: "Covid No. 47: Domestic duties have curtailed my lathe time lately, but I have managed to slowly add to my covid collection. Here's the next one. Juniper natural edge platter approx 400mm square 35mm thick. Embellished with a recessed leaf motif."



Bernard Zhang has been busy building storage space for his collection of planes. "Just finished carcass of a cabinet. Top layer is a shelf that I've already filled up. Bottom two will be for drawers I will make and fit soon. And I have been flattening sole of a plane to get it 'flatter'. Got some proper sand paper that lasts a bit longer. Plane leaves a good finish on ironbark."



A member who has an enviable talent for finding a bargain, here's what Bernard has to say about his latest acquisition:

"Happy end of 25km restriction. Picked up a stack of USA oak from my favourite timber yard. He saved this stack of oak for me since the start of stage 4. But I haven't been able to go over. I need to go up again to get some blackwood from him. Today's haul was on the house.



He's moving to Qld in two weeks so I need to pop over a few more times to take advantage of my last free timber hauls!

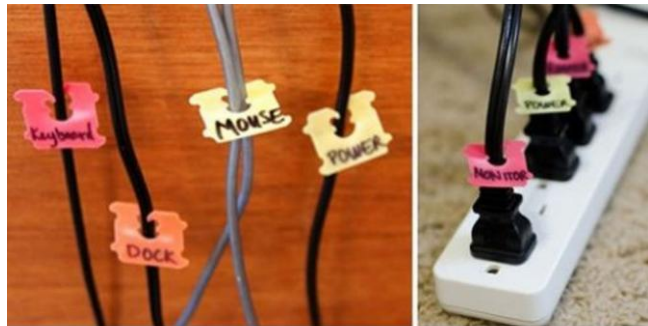




Rick Hoare has been experimenting with pyrography and has made the wall plaque of a lighthouse. In a whimsical frame of mind, Rick abandoned the more serious forms of turning to create this Covid Safe Snowman. You know how it is when your sister sees something you've made and she absolutely must have one like it. Rather than repeat the snowman Rick made a little Covid Safe Santa for her. Rick has also tried baking, another boredom buster adopted by many of us during the past months of lock-down. This tray of rock cakes was the result.

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FROM THE INTERNET: It's an electronic world these days, with many of us having to deal with the tangled web of power cords that run our lives. A solution to the problem is suggested at right, using bread bag clips to label the cords. It works for me.



Cath Guthrie found the following note in a newspaper.

A new and easy test for Covid 19 is doing the rounds. Take a glass and pour a decent dram of your favourite whisky (or gin or rum), then see if you can smell it. If you can then you are halfway there. Then drink it and if you can taste it then it is reasonable to assume you are currently free of the virus. I tested myself nine times last night and was virus-free every time, thank goodness. I will have to test myself again today though, as I have developed a headache, which can also be one of the symptoms.

The recycling suggestion at right might help to deal with the build-up of empties that occur when employing the above test.

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By now, those members who have an email address, will have received a copy of the club's **Covid Plan**. A copy is attached on the following page as a reminder.

It's a different kind of normal but we'll get used to it and it will be nice to get together again after such a long time.

Bye for now, best wishes until next time.



Berwick District Woodworkers Club Inc.

Notice to all members

Our Workshop and Club Rooms will reopen for normal group activities on Wednesday 25th November at 9.00am. There will be restriction on numbers in any one space and mandated requirements around social distancing and hygiene which we have all come to see as the new normal. A shed safety officer is required by law and this will be Club President or his deputy. He or she will be required to enforce the rules. Please abide with the directives, they are there to keep us and those that we hold dear safe.

Following is the “**Covid Safe Plan**” mandated by Law and your Committee of Management. Please read it carefully.

You will see these signs at the entrance door to the shed

STOP

Please read and comply with the following notice

Before entering this workshop all members and visitors are required to read the

COVID PLAN

- 1: Use the hand sanitiser provided at this entry station.
- 2: Be wearing a closely fitted face mask that covers the mouth and nose. (Scarves, Bandannas, face shields on their own are not permitted)
- 3: Sign in on the official register. This must include your time of entry and exit. Use your own pen wherever possible.

In addition, all visitors must record a current contact phone number.

4: If you feel unwell, have had contact with a known Covid case, have been overseas, or have tested positive to Covid-19 in the past 28 days you must declare that and stay away. You are then required to undergo a Covid test, isolate at home until your results are known before venturing out into the community.

5: In the workshop observe all social distancing, strict personal hygiene, surface cleaning and disinfection rules.

At the Club Rooms entrance you will see this sign.

STOP you are now entering a high-risk area

Please read and comply with the following

- 1: Use the hand sanitiser supplied at this station
- 2: Observe all required social distancing, personal and surface hygiene rules.
- 3: Wash all cups, plates and eating utensils in hot water and detergent. Allow to drip dry in the sink drying rack. Wash your hands with soap/detergent thoroughly before putting the cups etc. away in the cupboard at the end of each session.
- 4: Wipe down all contact surfaces with the detergent spray, disinfectant spray and the paper towel provided.
- 5: Face masks are required except when eating or drinking. Seems like a bit of a nanny state, but these rules are put in place to protect us, are mandated by law, and we have to respect them in order to protect our families and our work-mates. The news on the vaccine front is very encouraging and this gives us hope that we may see an end to this terrible pandemic that the people on our planet continue to endure. We are so blessed that we live in Australia.

We realise that you have not had much of a return for your subs this year but we still have to pay our insurance that represents almost half of your \$65.00 we have had about 55 members pay so far. Subs were due in July 2020. Be aware that our insurance costs are based on our financial membership. If you have not yet paid your subs please do so because if you are not financial you are not covered by club insurance if you use the club's facilities or undertake club activities, and you do not get a vote at the AGM. Your Club's future direction depends on your ability to have your say. Your vote is so important as world events has shown us in the past few weeks.

Len Preece. - President