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Welcome to the newsletter for December 2020

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Committee Meeting - Monday 18th January - 1.00pm in club room.  
Monthly Meeting - AGM Wed. 3rd February. 1.00pm in club room.

**FUNCTIONS:** - none until further notice.

## **Congratulations Berwick Woodworkers.**



This crazy year has kept us shut out of the club workshop and confined to our homes, yet club members, working from home, have exceeded all expectations and produced another bumper crop of top quality toys.

Following the welcome announcement of the club's reopening on Wednesday November 25th, there has been a steady flow of toys entering the storage at the Old Cheese Factory. On Friday 27th and Saturday 28th, club members gathered to sort and allocate toys in groups, ready for local welfare organisations to collect. As club members emptied their home workshops, garages, lounge rooms and spare bedrooms of the work they had been doing all year, the treasure trove grew, resulting in a colourful, heart-warming display of over 850 items, equal to any of our Gala Day events. **Well done and thank you everyone!**



**CLUB INFORMATION:**

**MEETINGS:**

**COMMITTEE**

18th January

**GENERAL**

AGM 3rd February

**SPEAKERS ETC**

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**FARMERS' MARKET**

12th December.

**Committee of Management:**

<i>Contact Details</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
President	Len Preece	59405564
Vice President	Brian Crowe	0438 012 155
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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:**

<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.

**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.

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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.



**REGULAR STAND-BYES:** When its a case of, 'the more hands on deck the better', **Elise Barnes** (Mrs Ken) at right, can always be replied upon to pitch in and help with the toy sorting. Although she is not a woodworker, Elise has been a valuable member of the sorting team for many years.

**Stewart & Val Moyes** have long been regular attendees at Gala Day events, Val being known for the afternoon tea contribution of her *ginger fluff cream sponge*, which is a favourite of many visitors. Stewart, a long standing club member, has been producing his toys at home in his shed for many years. As he was unable to get to the club for this special weekend, this trailer load of Stewart's work was picked up and transferred to the OCF by **Matin Van Diemen** and **Peter Angwin**, to add to the collection.



### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

I hope this finds all members and their families in good health. It is great to be able to get back to some sort of normality and be able see our friends again after the long shut down, remember masks are still to be worn indoors and please remember to sanitize hands and sign the book with your contact number, these are required by law.

The Farmers' Market will held again on the 12<sup>th</sup> December **Martin Van Diemen** will be organising this market with Geoff Rankin; I would appreciate members coming and giving a hand as many hands make light work. It will also be an opportunity to do a little work in the work shop. The last market was very successful with just on 750 people attending the market giving the club a great result.

Finally a reminder that our Club fees are now over due 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 is now planned for Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 1.00pm and the AGM agenda and details will be sent out shortly.

The welcome back BBQ will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 5.00pm details will be sent out later.

Finally, I wish all members and their families all the very best for Christmas and the New Year. Stay safe and drive carefully over the holiday period.

**Len Preece - President.**



### PAKENHAM PATCHWORKERS & QUILTERS:

Although, like us, these busy ladies have been unable to get into their clubroom, they have, once again, taken care to supply us with an armful of colourful, patchwork quilts with which to dress the doll's beds, bunks and prams. Just a few are pictured below right. A printed label is stitched to the back of each little quilt bearing a gift message from the maker. Beautifully made quilts, like these, have been generously donated to us by Pakenham Patchworkers & Quilters for many years. Each quilt is a small masterpiece making a valuable addition to the dolls beds. Berwick Woodworkers are very grateful for this ongoing support.



**REOPENING DAY:** The club's workshop has benefitted from some maintenance during the lock-down and was waiting in top form for club members to return.

**IN THE FINISHING ROOM:** That's **Wayne Lucas** and **George Young** discussing painting (below left) while **Eric Guthrie** (centre) **Oscar Ordenes** at right and **Greg Hoodman** bottom left, get on with the job.





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We had little trouble recognising those who wore masks. That's **Bernie Zhang** at right. Below **Brian Crowe** stopped by to talk to **Bill Bradshaw** as he was giving new member **Lauraine McDonald** some tips on the rocking horse she is planning to make.



**VIRTUAL SHOW & TELL:**

Things have been quiet on the club's Facebook page but **David Murden** has been busy making this sturdy little truck as a Christmas gift for his nephew.



**Just a thought:**

It's not hard to meet expenses.....they're everywhere.

**Just wondering:** How long did the 100 Years war last?  
Which country makes Panama hats?

From which animal do we get catgut?  
In which month do Russians commemorate the October revolution?  
From what is a camel's hair brush made?

**Sign on a repair shop door:**

We Can Repair Anything. (please knock as the doorbell doesn't work.)

I thought the cartoon at left might strike a chord with some of our members.



Well that's just about all for now. It just remains for me to wish you all a Happy, Safe and Peacefilled Christmas and Richest Blessings for the coming year.

