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Welcome to the newsletter for November 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting - None prior to AGM

Monthly Meeting - AGM 1st December - 1.00pm in clubroom.

Welcome Back Dinner - 17th January 2022. Farmers Market - 11th December, Craft Market, 27th November & 18th December. Note: **There will be no Twilight Market this year.**

Toy Sorting Day - 26th November. - Deadline for toys to be at the club for sorting is **25th November.**

Wood Working Expo. Warratina Lavender Farm - New date: 12th February to 27th February.
105 Quayle Road, Wandin Yallock. Vic.

CATCHING UP



Berwick Woodworkers were able to welcome a visitor to the club on Friday November 19th. Catching up after a 2 year absence, due to Covid restrictions, Victorian State Labor MP **Gary Maas**, who has always been a strong supporter of Berwick Woodworkers, was pleased to be able to see the club's progress. Taking a tour of the workshop, Gary is seen here with Club President **Len Preece** and **Martin Van Diemen** as he stopped to watch **Bill Bradshaw** at work.

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

GENERAL

SPEAKERS ETC

FARMERS' MARKET

-- AGM 1st December.

-- Craft market 27th November & 18th December
Farmers market 11th December.

Committee of Management:

<i>Contact Details</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
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Committee

Martin Van Diemen	0418 316 867
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Colin Ellard	8770 0149
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Monthly demonstrations - *Vacant looking for help*
 Functions Coordinator - *Ken D. Barnes*
 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 - *Ken D. Barnes*
 Our Lease - *Chris Drysdale*
 Screws - *Martin Van Diemen*
 Paint - *George Young*
 Timber coordinator - *Martin Van Diemen*
 Equipment authorisation approved members. - *Len Preece, Brian Crowe, Bill Bradshaw, Ross Blackwood & Don Buchanan.*
 Mens' Shed coordinator - *Wayne Lucas.*
 Web/WebMaster - *Jack Croucher.*

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.

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	4.30 pm - 8.00 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.
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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.



ALL HANDS ON DECK, or as many as possible, on **Friday 26th November**. This is the day that we have been working towards all year. On that day we sort and allocate the toys into groups that will be handed on to the various recipients. **BUT FIRST**, we need all those toy-making members who have been beavering away at home, to deliver the results of their labour to the club from the **22nd** and no later than the **25th** of November. There will be a craft market on the **27th** so we will have no opportunity to do much that day. The charities will be coming to collect the toys on Monday the **29th** November. We were pretty pleased with our efforts last year, when, despite being unable to get into the club workshop, club members produced 840 toys for local charities.

At right, **Gary Maas MP** is seen chatting with **George Young** in the club's finishing room



With the toys due to be given away at the end of November the finishing room is at its busiest. Don't forget we need all the toys, that you have been working on throughout the year, to be delivered to the club by November **25th**.

A note from Ross Blackwood, Acting Secretary.

THE WELCOME BACK DINNER: will be held on Monday the 17th January 2022. Cost \$25:00
Venue will be the "Old Cheese Factory" Members welcome from 6:00pm. Dinner will be at 7:00pm BYO Alcohol, Soft drinks will be provided.

Annual General Meeting: By now everyone must have received notice of the AGM for 2021. Following is a reminder:

This is to advise you of the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Berwick District Woodworkers Club Inc.

The meeting will be on Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 1.00 pm, preceded by the usual Sausage Sizzle lunch. The meeting will be held at the clubrooms, Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick, Vic, 3806.

Please note only financial members can vote at this meeting.

From Warratina Lavender Farm: Wood Working Expo. New date: 12th February to 27th February.

We wish to invite you again to participate at next year's Expo & make it another success. Proceeds from the entry will go to our local CFA in Wandin. The Eastern Wood Turners have kindly offered to be demonstrators on the weekends of the Expo.

As per previous correspondence a charge of \$1 per exhibited item will be charged. There will be NO commission charged on sales. Keep working on your items.

Please re-confirm your attendance. Email: info@warratinalavender.com.au

President's Report,

The AGM will be held On Wednesday 1st December at 1.00pm preceded by a BBQ.

We were able to have the Farmers Market on second Saturday of each Month as it is classed as an essential service We have had enough members that were able to attend and we had some great markets over lockdown with some good results; unfortunately our last one was not so good because of the weather. Our first craft market was not well attended by patrons, I think we had more members there than customers thanks to the weather, our next craft market will be on Saturday the 27th November and hopefully the weather will be kind and as the market reverts back to a full craft market they are expecting much bigger crowds.

As we are now back in normal operation again please remember when finishing work for the day please make sure **all work benches are cleaned off**, ready for the next person to come in.

The area in front of the switch board must be kept clear at all times.

In order to update our records every member will be approached by a member of the committee to update our records on usage of machines, to ensure every member is covered by insurance.

Finally please be advised that Membership fees are now due and payable see the bank details on page 2 of this newsletter.

Len Preece - President.

REMINDER: With the reopening of the club, now is a good time to refresh ourselves with the correct operation of the club's machinery. It is easy for seasoned woodworkers to become complacent when using machines with which they are familiar and for beginners, full knowledge of how a machine should be operated, is essential. This month we're starting with the Drum Sander.

DRUM SANDERS

Know and follow the general safety rules for operating power tools.

Remove all loose knots from the stock before sanding.

Do not sand stock shorter than the distance between the centres of the in-feed and out-feed rolls. This is usually about 12 inches (300 mm), or more.

Never stand directly behind a board being surfaced. The stock could kick back and cause an injury.

Never look into the surfacer while the cutter-head is rotating.

Make sure one face is flat before you surface a board. NOTE; USE A HAND PLANE OR THE 'TORQUEMASTER'" TO MAKE THE CONVEX SIDE FLAT.

Place the flat face against the sander table.

Locate the highest point of the piece under the FIRST drum and raise the table until the drum just contacts the abrasive belt. Set the digital height gauge at zero.

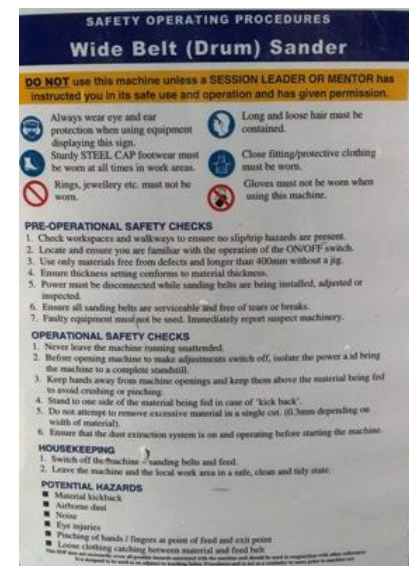
If a board does not feed through the sander, turn off the power. Wait until the cutter-head stops completely. Then lower the table and remove the board.

Keep your hands away from the areas around the feed rolls. You could easily pinch your fingers in these areas.

Feed the stock with the grain. Otherwise, the stock can chip and break. The pieces can then be thrown from the sander.

The above safety directions can be found on the club's website under *The Club* then *Workshop*, or attached in the form of the notice at right, on the side of the machine.

As usual, if in further doubt, ask one of the club's authorised 'Go To' members.



NOT ONLY WOODWORK: It's no secret that Berwick Woodworkers has some talented, artistic members as we see regularly in the club's Show & Tell time at club meetings. Occasionally, however, we stumble upon unexpected interests apart from Woodwork. Visiting the home of **Richard & Dianne Gething** recently I was delighted to discover that Dianne, who is known in the club for her work on the scroll saw, also likes to paint. Dianne has joined with some friends who are donating 100 library bags filled with toys, games, books and pencils for underprivileged children. Dianne says, "A few people, with lots of spare time, took on the challenge of brightening up the bags with craft paint."



Below, **Dianne** took her paint brush to this small wheelbarrow made by **Richard**. Not forgetting her skill with the scroll saw, Dianne has created the family of foxes below right and the partridge with pears in the wreath below.



At right, from **Brian Crowe**: "I decided to have a go at intarsia, this is the result. The dark wood is blackwood and the white wood is camphor laurel with pine as the background, it was a lot of fun."



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS.
 We look forward to a happy association with the following new members.

Martin Vella, Jason Curtis, Simon King.



From the club's Facebook page some more of John McMahon's work:
" Eucalyptus burl of some sort gifted to me by my friend Jack Croucher. It could be stringy bark or ironbark but I'm not sure. I do know that it's pretty hard though. Some great character in this piece. Approx 230 mm across, 90mm tall."



" Finally finished another piece that was meant to be a demonstration at our club exhibition but I ran out of time. Messmate vase approx 110mm diam 185mm tall. Stained, pierced, pyro'd & coloured with Aldi craft gel pens. Gloss poly top coat."



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REMINDER: Just in case you've forgotten, as I had, after so long away from the workshop: **Bill Bradshaw**, as he walked past me while I was working at the table-saw on my first day back, noticed that I was standing in a great deal of sawdust. It was obvious to Bill that I had forgotten to open the dust collector's slide. Bill quickly flicked the slide open for me. Thanks Bill. Berwick Woodworkers has a top class dust collecting system which is there to keep the workshop air as clean as possible but it only works when we open the dust slides prior to using the machines. Closing the slide when we finish ensures that the strength of dust collection is at its best for other machines that need to use it.



Copies of the above notice feature throughout the workshop as a reminder for us all.

AUTHORISED 'Go To' club members. These are the club members who are authorised to keep an eye on the club's machinery to see that it is being used correctly and to provide advice and assistance when club members need it.



Len Preece



Brian Crowe



Ross Blackwood



Bill Bradshaw



Don Buchanan

MANY THANKS TO THE MEMBERS OF PAKENHAM PATCHWORKERS & QUILTERS GROUP

Once again Berwick Woodworkers has received a gift of patchwork quilts, from the **Pakenham Patchworkers & Quilters**. The quilts, 54 in all, are made especially for the beds and bunks that are part of the collection of toys that we give away each year. Each quilt is a perfect little miniature, beautifully crafted by these generous workers. Many of the quilts have hand embroidery or appliquéd pictures such as the bears in the photo below. For those who don't know about the craft of appliqué, each colour change in the picture has been cut separately and hand stitched in place.

Each quilt has a gift label stitched to the reverse side.

A truly generous and admirable gift.



Best Wishes To Judith and Russell Owen who celebrated their 52nd Wedding Anniversary early in November. At left is a photo of the happy couple taken on a pre-Covid Cruise in 2019.

Best Wishes also, to those of our members who are on the sick list. We hope it won't be long before you are feeling well again.



JUST ROOM FOR A SMILE:

The new CEO starts his first day on the job at an international manufacturing company and wants to show he is going to take a tough line on slackers. He goes down to the factory floor and immediately notices a young, scruffy looking bloke leaning against a wall.

The room is full of workers and he wants to let them know he means business.

He asks the guy "How much money do you make a week?"

A little surprised, the young man looks at him and says "I make \$400. a week, why?"

"Wait right here "the CEO says. He walks back to his office, comes back in two minutes and hands the young bloke \$1,600 dollars in cash.

"Here's four weeks' pay "the CEO says. "Now, get out and don't come back."

By now the factory floor is silent and all eyes are on the boss.

Feeling pretty good about himself the CEO looks around and asks "Does anyone want to tell me what that young slacker did here?"

From across the room, someone finally speaks up, "he's the pizza delivery guy".

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I got myself a seniors' GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination, it tells me why.

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That's all for now. Until next time stay safe.