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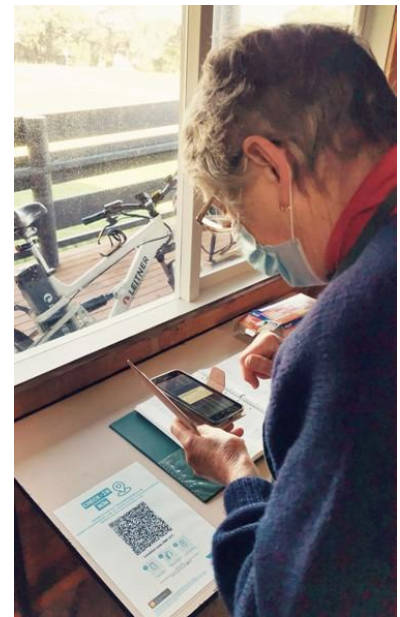
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Welcome to the newsletter for June 2021 **ANNUAL FEES DUE.**

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting - 22nd June. 1.00pm in clubroom.
Monthly Meeting - 30th June, 1.00pm in clubroom.

OUR PRESENT NORMAL.

QR codes, hand sanitising and masks? Many of us wonder if things will ever be the same as they were in 2019 but until it's safe to do otherwise we have rules to which we must adhere. Like many of my vintage I was dragged kicking and screaming into the digital age and it's demoralising to have a phone that's smarter than I am but it's amazing how quickly we adapt. Let's face it, as woodworkers we all use tools that our grandparents couldn't have imagined existing. So with trepidation I downloaded the app. and learned to use it. That's me at right checking in with the QR code. However not all of us use mobile phones and so we can still sign in and include our phone number. In fact, as **Len Preece** has mentioned in his report, we've got to do that anyway, because we need a club attendance record for insurance purposes. So please, after you've used the QR code, don't forget to sign in with your phone number.



There's **Ross Blackwood** at left, using the hand-sanitiser at the front entrance to the club-room. There is another one in the breezeway at the club-room rear door.



One of our wittier members thought QR meant Queensland Railways and was looking forward to a trip.

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

22nd June

GENERAL

30th June

SPEAKERS ETC

Demo. from S.E.S.

FARMERS' MARKET

10th July

Committee of Management:

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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.*
 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	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.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well we are back again after Lock-down number 4, I hope all members and their families have coped with this latest lock-down and that we will all be able to catch up again. When you return please refrain from parking on the grassed areas, please use the Farmers Market parking areas and do not park around the back of the workshop until further notice. When entering the parking areas use the road areas only **DO NOT CROSS THE GRASS AREAS.**

We do have a number of our members not in the best of health at the time being and unfortunately two of our members **Maurice Dunn** and **Lois Dack** are unable to return, **Mike Kingett** is on the improve and will be returning to the club in the near future. To other members who are not in Good health we wish you all the best and we look forward to seeing you again in the near future.

When attending the club please remember to be Covid safe, sign in with telephone number, (this is required by law). Hand sanitizers are located at the main door and at the lunch room door, and please scan the **QR** code on the table inside the front door which is now compulsory by law.

A reminder to all members that the next general meeting of the club will be held on **Wednesday 30th June at 1.00pm**, we will have a demonstration from the **SES**. It was decided at the last committee meeting and advised at the last general meeting to try and meet the needs of members who are in the workforce and unable to make the daytime meetings, therefore we will be having 3 evening meetings per year, this is not to be taken as permanent and effectiveness will be monitored.

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.**

The Farmers Market is still going well, it would be great if a few more members could make themselves available even if it was only for an hour or so to give someone a break for a quick coffee or something. Many thanks to **Martin Van Diemen** for his work in keeping the market going. **Remember it is the Farmers Market that keeps our membership fees at a reasonable level and keeps the club operating.**

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.

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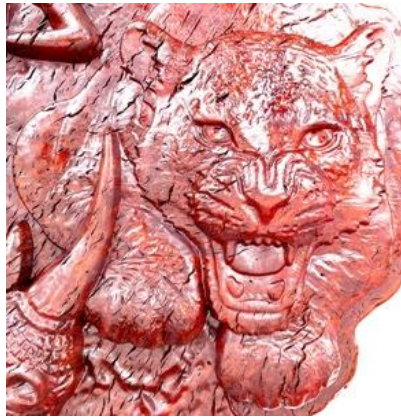
Katerina Zorin has spent some of her lock-down time decorating her band-saw cut-outs with beach combings.



Chris Drysdale has been working with his CNC machine to make this wall plaque. Close-ups of each animal are on the next page.



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The animals in Chris Drysdale's wall
plaque.



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GUESS WHO?

Even masked up its
easy to identify these
club members. That's
Rick Hoare at right,
attaching wheels to the
prams he makes for
the club's toy program.
And Rick again at far
right checking to see
that the wheels run
true.



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Trivia Question: from Ken Barnes.

Q Antarctica is officially considered to be a Desert True or False? See answer on the last page.



There's **Don Buchanan** at left, using the drill press and **Wayne Lucas** with his latest doll's house at right.

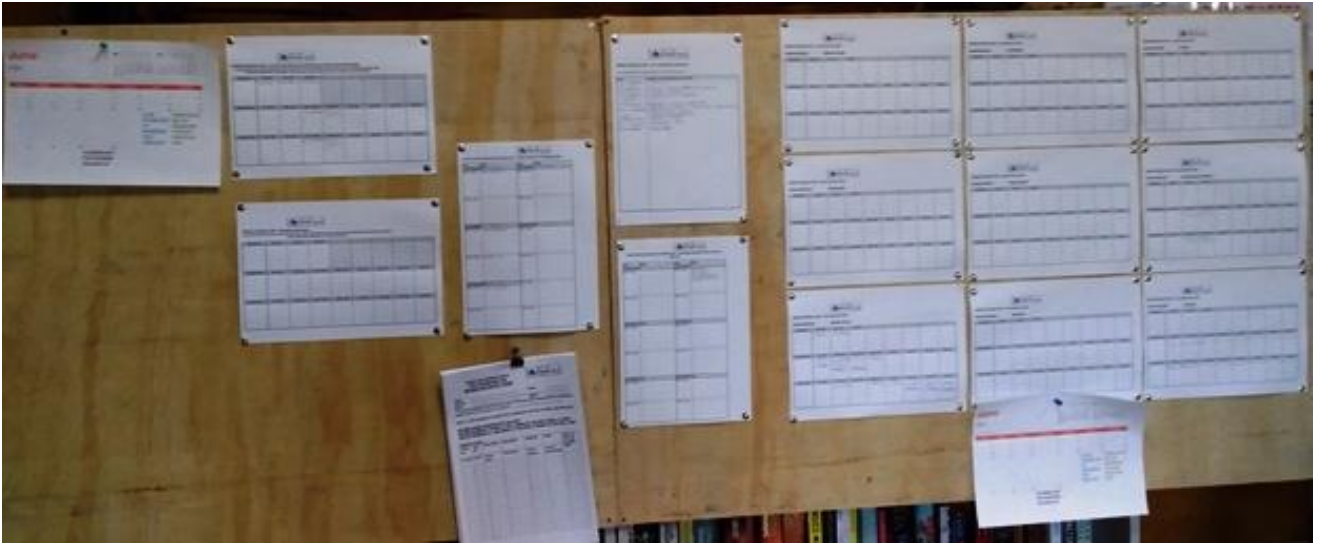
Below left is **Russell Owen** at the belt sander.

No need for a mask in the photo below right. **John McMahon** is working at home, preparing for the club's Woodworking Display and Expo in July.



As the time is drawing closer to the Woodworking Exhibition, following is a reminder of the change in club conditions in the lead up to opening night and some suggestions of the ways you can help.

- For the Friday night official opening: Could members bring a plate please.
- A clean-up working-bee is to be held on Saturday 26th June, including a barbeque lunch. We would like as many members as possible to be there
As many volunteers as possible will be needed from Wednesday 7th July – Monday 12th July to set-up, run the exhibition, & pack up afterwards. The rosters on the board in the club room are waiting for volunteers to add their name..
- Entry forms need to be lodged by Wednesday 30th June. A tray is on the table alongside the sign-in book at the front door of the clubrooms for this purpose.
Actual delivery of the exhibition pieces will start on the following day, Thursday 1st July & can be dropped off any day from then until Monday 5th July, between 9am & 11am each day.
- In the workshop (Thursday 24th June) & clubroom (Friday 25th June) access will be curtailed to conduct a dry run. General member access & use of equipment will be restricted on these days and from Wednesday 7th July to Monday 12th July for setting up & running the exhibition.



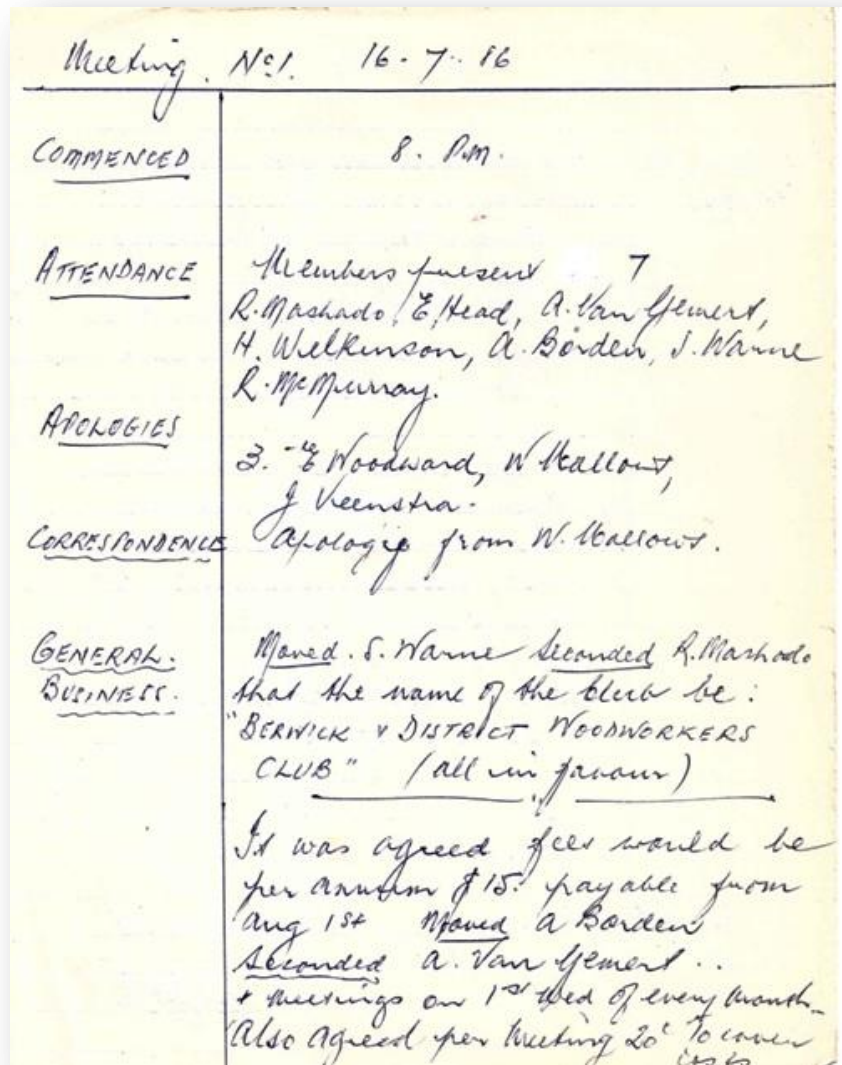
Above is the roster board showing the program for the Exhibition weekend. Members willing to help make the venture a success may add their name to the appropriate list.

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A check back through my records shows that this is quite a significant year for Berwick District Woodworkers Club Inc. We are 35 years old in July 2021. The first Club Minutes, written in July 1986 were vastly different from those we see these days. See for yourself in the photo here and on the next page.

Note the annual fees and the door fee.



Page two of the first club minutes, written in July 1986.

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Answer to trivia question:

A True. To be considered a desert it has nothing to do with sand. It is all about rainfall. The rainfall must be 0.02m per year or less. The Sahara has approx. 0.02m P/Y. Antarctica has approx. 0.01m P/Y.

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From Ross Blackwood.

An old physician, Doctor Gordon Geezer, became very bored in retirement and decided to reopen a medical clinic.

He put a sign up outside that said: "Dr. Geezer's clinic. Get you treatment for \$500 - if not cured, get back \$1,000."

Doctor Digger Young, who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.

Dr Young: "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

Dr Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

Dr Young: 'Aaagh! -- This is Gasoline!'"

Dr Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

Dr Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Dr Young: "Oh, no you don't -- that is Gasoline!"

Dr Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500"

Dr Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr Young: "My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see anything!"

Dr Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, "Here's your \$1000 back" (giving him a \$10 bill).

Dr Young: "But this is only \$10!"

Dr Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! That will be \$500."

Moral of story -- Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an "old Geezer"

You only need two tools in life - WD40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use the WD40. If it shouldn't move and does, use the duct tape.

That's all for now until next time.

