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Welcome to the newsletter for **May 2021**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Committee Meeting Tuesday 25th May - 1.00pm in clubroom.  
Monthly Meeting 2nd June - 7.00pm in clubroom. **Note: this is an evening meeting, see President's Report for details.**

#### GUEST SPEAKER FOR MAY MEETING:



Nobody would have guessed that the speaker who stood before us at this month's meeting, had suffered a stroke some eight years earlier. Toni Arfaris, pictured left, was in her early 40's back then and had no idea what was happening to her. Mistakenly believing that she'd be OK soon she carried on for another 3 days before finally going to hospital.

It was an event that was to change her life dramatically, prompting her to share her experience in order to raise stroke awareness. The results of her stroke are invisible but they have affected her life, daily for the past eight years. Many simple tasks had to be re-learned and she is still unable to drive. Toni's message is: "Stroke is always a medical emergency. Call triple zero (000) at the first sign of stroke as every minute that passes causes damage. Brain cells die quickly when they don't get enough blood. Up to 1.9million

brain cells may die every minute.

The **good news** is that prompt action can reduce damage considerably.

Symptoms that indicate you could be having a stroke or **TIA** are: dizziness, loss of balance, vision failure, headache, difficulty swallowing.

**TIA** is a transient ischaemic attack which happens when the blood supply to your brain is blocked for a short time. A **TIA** has the same signs as a stroke but the signs go away on their own, often lasting only for a few minutes.

**TIA is a warning and should never be ignored** even if the signs go away and you feel better. Call triple zero (000) immediately as quick action has an 80% chance of preventing a stroke from following **TIA**.



Signs to indicate someone has had a stroke:: **Face** - check their face. Has their mouth drooped? **Arms** - can they lift both arms? **Speech** - is their speech slurred? Do they understand you? **Time** - time is critical. **Call triple zero (000) now if you see any of these signs.**

**CLUB INFORMATION:**

**MEETINGS:**

**COMMITTEE**

**GENERAL**

**SPEAKERS ETC**

**FARMERS' MARKET**

25th May

2nd June

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12th June.

**Committee of Management:**

<i>Contact Details</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
President	Len Preece	59405564
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**Committee**

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 John McMahon 9796 1097  
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 Colin Ellard 8770 0149  
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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 – *MartinVan 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](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.



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

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.

A reminder to all members that the next general meeting of the club will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.00pm; this was decided at the last committee meeting and advised at the last general meeting this is to try and meet the needs of members who are in the workforce and unable to make the daytime meetings. 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.**

On a sad note, **David Norman** passed away on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May and his funeral was on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May, it was great to see almost 20 members present at the funeral. Dave was an Honorary Life Member and he gave a lot of time to the Club in the early days.

Last week **Martin, Bill, Ross and Peter Ball** picked up another load of pine and with the help of a few other members were able to stack it in the workshop. This has made a shortage of storage for toys, we will look at ways in which we can remedy this and possibly build some more shelves in the paint shop, breezeway and the workshop. This will take a little time and I ask for your patience while we arrange for these shelves to be completed.

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 memberships at a reasonable level and keeps the club operating.**

**Len Preece - President.**



### SHOW & TELL for MAY 2021:

**John McMahon** showed us his bowl, turned from Clyde Road elm ( left) also his lidded bowl from Olive. The finial on the lid is cypress, finished with boot polish. John's Tree bowl is turned from claret ash and his 'Thingamy' at right, is turned from calistamon. John noted that although it was turned from fairly green wood it has not lost much shape.





**MORE SHOW & TELL:** **Bill Bradshaw** showed us the 'Bambi' plaque at right. No Bill didn't make the plaque, it is the first time effort of Bill's neighbour following Bill's gift to him, of a scroll-saw. Using only scroll-saw, chisel and Dremel the neighbour carved the plaque for his little granddaughter's bedroom. I wonder what he might produce once he becomes proficient.



**Mark Bellis** made the band-saw jewell boxes below, using black butt and jarrah.



The carved boxes below are by **Phil Willems**, using Clyde Road elm and his CNC machine.



Also carved using a CNC machine are the plaques below by **Chris Drysdale**. The sea horse is red gum and the owl is Clyde Road oak. Chris is also carving a sign for the club.



**David Murden** has made the bird boxes, shown here and on the next page, as a gift for his Mother. The window and door on this birdhouse are inlaid and the roof tiles are individually cut and applied.





**SHOW & TELL  
CONTINUED:** Another bird box for **David Murden's** Mother is shown below. David cut the shingles individually and carved the figures for each side of the box. David will be leaving us very soon to take up his position as Animal Technical Officer for Rivalea Australia in NSW. We wish him well and hope he will continue with his woodworking.



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**AROUND THE WORKSHOP:**

Not all the work that take place in our workshop is creating something new. Here is Don Buchanan restoring an old Queen Anne side-table.



And below, something that should have happened but didn't. Despite repeated requests to keep the workshop clean, the last person to use this machine left it in this mess, meaning that another club member had to clean it up. If you make a mess, **Please clean it up.** Don't leave it for the next person.



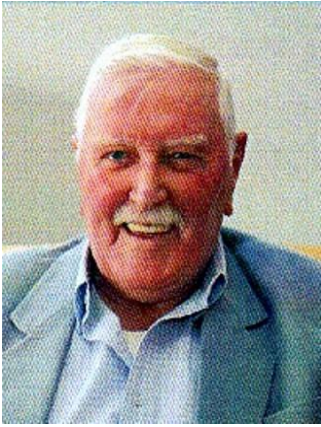
**THE VERSATILITY OF WOOD:** Peter Angwin shared some of his holiday photos. Note the comparison between this photo and that of the roses at right. The roses are also made of wood, finley shaved and curled into a rose shape. Sprayed with rose scented perfume they even smell like roses. Purchased at a market in Wonthagi, they were a gift from my grandson, Jake, to his mother on Mother's Day.



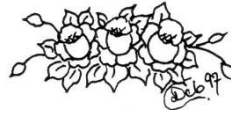
Inside the wheat storage shed (the Stick Shed), built 1920s for grain storage, at Murtoa, Vic. Largest in Australia at the time!



## GOODBYE OLD FRIEND.



**James David Norman**, always known to us as **Dave**, passed away on May 9th, peacefully, with family members by his side. He was 93  
Dave was a talented and very active club member. Ever ready to pitch in when work on the premises was needed. Cheerful and good natured.  
An honorary Life Member Dave maintained an interest in the club although he had been unable to attend for several years.  
Dave leaves behind many pleasant memories.  
Our condolences and best wishes go to Dave's family.



## WOODWORKING DISPLAY & EXPO.

Our club's first ever exhibition of members' work is to be held over the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in the clubrooms and workshop. Hours are Friday 9<sup>th</sup>: 5pm – 8pm with a formal opening, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>: 9am – 5pm. The exhibition will dovetail into both the July Farmers' Market and the annual Casey Winter Arts Festival. The purpose of the exhibition is to highlight the varied range of woodworking interests and the differing levels of experience among our members, so we hope to get lots of entries at all levels of expertise.

Members should already be getting stuck into making their exhibition pieces if they haven't already finished them. You will have the opportunity of offering your pieces for sale if you wish, but that is not mandatory. There is no cost to enter, and no limit on the number of pieces you can enter (the organizing committee may limit some exhibits if the numbers are too large). All sales will incur a 10% commission to offset the costs of the exhibition, so set your prices to account for this.

Entry forms are available in the clubrooms & a copy is attached to this newsletter. To facilitate the recording of sales, security of the pieces, and an orderly return of pieces to members at the end of the show, every piece in the exhibition must be registered on your entry forms.

In the lead-up to the exhibition there are a number of critical dates that members should be aware of:

Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup> & Friday June 25<sup>th</sup>: A "dry run" setup of the clubrooms & workshop will be conducted in order to ensure our proposed arrangements are satisfactory. On the Thursday there will be no general member access to the workshop, but access to the clubrooms will be as usual. On the Friday, workshop access will resume, but access to the clubrooms will be restricted.

- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June: Closing date for lodgment of entry forms.
- Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July: Delivery of exhibition pieces to clubrooms between 9am and 11am on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday.
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July: Workshop & clubrooms will be unavailable for general member access throughout this time to allow for setting up, conducting, and dismantling the exhibition.

There's a lot of work required to set up & run the exhibition, including manning the many demonstration stations that will be run in the workshop throughout. We also need lots of help to spread the word in the lead-up to the exhibition, by distributing our advertising flyers beforehand. To manage this, a number of volunteer rosters covering the various activities will be placed on a board in the clubrooms, and members are asked to indicate where they can help.

Looking forward to a great exhibition with lots of member participation.

Regards, - **John McMahon**, for the Expo Organising Committee.

**Berwick District Woodworkers Club Monthly Meeting MINUTES 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

**Meeting Commenced**

Meeting commenced at 12:30 pm.

**Welcome to Members -**

The club President welcomed 22 club members to the meeting.

**Apologies –**

Peter Angwin, Paul Parer, Alexander Drysdale, Paul Ryan, George Young

**Minutes of last monthly meeting. – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2021**

- In the April newsletter.

**Motion to accept minutes.**

Proposed – Ross Blackwood

Seconded – John Damon

**Business arising from previous meeting**

- Nil

**Correspondence.**

- Email from Club Treasurer concerning club finances and rosters for discussion. This discussion will be held over to the June meeting due to time constraints.

**Motion to accept correspondence.**

- Proposed -John McMahon
- Seconded – Martin VanDieman

**Presidents Report.**

- A trial of 3 evening monthly meetings will go ahead this year with the first evening meeting occurring on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. This will assist members who are in full time work.
- Farmer's Markets require consistent help from members, please add your name to the market volunteer list as regularly as possible.
- Micronair has serviced the dust extraction system today – no problems identified.
- Following the breakage of the large bandsaw blade while attempting to cut a 3" diameter circle it is requested that the appropriate bandsaw is selected to make your cuts. If in doubt please consult the club designated machine experts for assistance.
- The drum sander requires care in use, please use the slowest speed i.e. #1 and take "small bites" at each pass to avoid

clogging of the sander and excessive heat build up on the drum.

- The additional security camera covering the club's porch will be placed on the back burner due to high cost and will be considered again later in the year.
- The club trailer will be stored in the adjacent Casey Council shed during the forthcoming club exhibition in July.
- The next collection of timber from Ephraim Finch will occur next Thursday and the timber will be stored on the pine lining rack in the workshop.

**Motion to accept the President's report.**

Proposed – Ross Blackwood

Seconded – John McMahon

**Treasurer's report.**

The treasurer's report was not available at the time of the meeting.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report.**

Proposed –N/A

Seconded – N/A

**Farmers' Market.**

The Farmer's Market is proceeding well. There is an ongoing issue with the supply of a signage permit from the City of Casey but it is expected that the issue will be resolved soon.

**Functions.**

A club luncheon was held at Pine Grove Hotel last month and was enjoyed by club members who were able to attend.

**Demonstrations.**

A presentation from the Stroke Safe Foundation occurred after this meeting at 1:45pm. The presentation was informative and expertly delivered. It is proposed that the SES will give a demonstration after our next monthly meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The secretary will follow up and restart the arrangements with demos from the RACV which was cancelled last year. The demonstration time will be notified via email, newsletters and the club noticeboard when the times are locked in.

**Newsletter.**

All in good order thanks to Elsie Hoare. However there are problems with group emails "bouncing," A new arrangement for the delivery of the news letter via the club website will be trialled and a few hard copies of the newsletter will be made available in the club rooms.

### Woodworking Display and Expo.

Arrangements are progressing well for the club exhibition scheduled with the Casey Winter Arts Festival during the 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> of July. All club members can submit work of all standards for both display and/or sale, all pieces will be catalogue and marked with an I.D. sticker.. The club will receive a %10 commission on sales. All entries must be received by June 30<sup>th</sup>. 2,500 flyers have been printed. Assistance will be required to distribute the flyers around local businesses. A dry run will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of June to check display layouts and the workshop will not be available during this period. In mid June many volunteers will be required to assist with rosters

### General Business.

- The request from South Gippsland Shire Council for the BDWWC to make supply 50 wooden pens has been fulfilled. The treasurer has forwarded a club invoice to the South Gippsland Shire as requested by the South Gippsland Shire recently.
- The requirement for more shelving for toy storage in the finishing room was identified.
- If workshop hours are to be extended a list of key holders and possibly a roster of key holders may need to be instituted to allow access to the workshop.
- A key is not required to lock up the workshop and club rooms but the security alarm will need to be turned on via the security code and pad. The blinds in the clubrooms will need to be closed and lights turned off.
- A discussion re: cleaning rosters, key holder rosters, go to member contact numbers and first aid rosters was deferred until the next monthly meeting.
- The fitting of “air” switches to all club machines is in hand.

- A QR Code for Berwick District Woodworkers Club has been received for use primarily for visitors and club members may also use it, however club members will still have to sign in in the usual way for insurance purposes.
- A bypass switch may be fitted to the breezeway drop saw and is in hand.
- It has been noted some of the dust extraction ducting and isolation slides have some exposed corners that are an impact hazard especially associated with large thicknesser and the jointer/planer, some members have “bumped” heads and shoulders on the ducts when vacuuming around the equipment. Work on suitable modifications to prevent injury will be carried out and is in hand.

### Door Prize

The door prize was won by Keith Towe

### Show and Tell.

Show and Tell was presented by Brian Crowe

See the May newsletter for details and photos of the items presented.

### Meeting closed –

- Closed at 1:45pm.

### Next Meeting

- **June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm (Evening meeting)**

**President – Len Preece  
Secretary – Mark Bellis**

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That's all for now until next time.

Just think, today is the tomorrow that you worried about yesterday. Was it worth it?



