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Welcome to the newsletter for October 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting to be advised.

Monthly Meeting to be advised. Craft Market to proceed for months of October, November & December - fresh goods only at the October market, no craft.

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

FUNCTIONS: To be advised.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING.

Some of Berwick District Woodworkers added another skill to their repertoire, this month, when they held the club's October meeting by Zoom. It was good to catch up with each other and the meeting was a productive one, slightly less formal than usual and fun (someone wondered if they could get their hair cut via Zoom).

Thanks **Ross Blackwood** for the photo below which shows, from top left **Don Buchanan, Ross Blackwood, Ken Whitefield, Erol Perera, Paul Ryan, Brian Crowe, Ken D. Barnes, Russell Owen, Rick & Elsie Hoare, Peter Angwin, Len Preece, Peter Ball, Chris Drysdale, Wayne Lucas and John McMahon.**



CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

GENERAL

SPEAKERS ETC

FARMERS' MARKET

To be advised.

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23rd October

13th November

Committee of Management:

Contact Details	Name	Phone
President	Len Preece	0408 365 970
Vice President	Brian Crowe	0438 012 155
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Treasurer	Peter Angwin	0400 221 581

Committee

Martin Van Diemen 0418 316 867
 John McMahon 9796 1097
 Ken Whitefield 0402 256 134
 Ken D. Barnes 0419 114 738
 Colin Ellard 8770 0149
 Don Buchanan 0431 313 998

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 - *MartinVan 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.
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.

Once again we are in Lock-down and unable to meet; the club is closed to all members until further notice. I hope everyone is in good health and been able to keep busy during this time if any member is experiencing problems please call another member or myself. Let us hope that Dan's next message will be positive.

The AGM has been postponed until further notice. We had a reasonable show for the Zoom Meeting on the 6th October with only 16 members logging in. At this meeting it was decided have a questionnaire completed by all members to find the members' interest in the frequency of meetings in the coming year; please complete and return it to Ross, Myself or Brian. The questionnaire is further on in the newsletter.

We were able to have the Farmers Market on second Saturday of each Month as it is classed as an essential service. We had enough members that were able to attend and we had a great market with approx 1000 patrons attending on Saturday 9th October. We will also be doing the entrance gates collection of the Gold coin donation and the car parking for the craft market on 23rd October which will not have any craft only fruit and vegetables so they are not expecting a big crowd as they would normally get.

When we do get back and start working 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

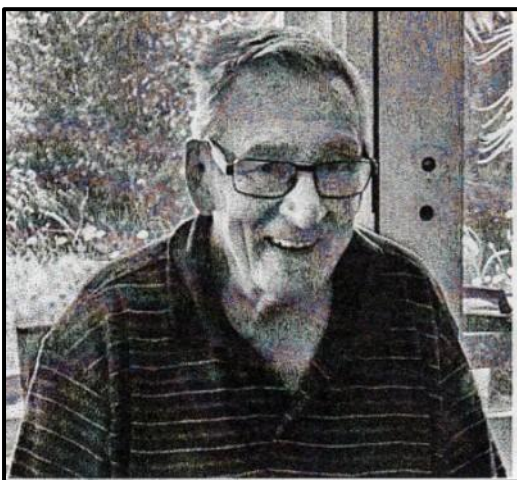
Finally please be advised that Membership fees are now due and payable - see the bank details on page 2 of this newsletter.



Len Preece - President.

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Lois Berglund-Dack has sent a page from **The Village Bell**, a community newsletter from Upper Beaconsfield, in which the following obituary appeared for popular club member, the late **Doug Hughes**. Lois thought you might like to see the article.



Vale Douglas Swayne Hughes

of Upper Beaconsfield, Australia and formerly of Rhyl, Wales, where he was born and grew up, passed away peacefully on 16 August, 2021, aged 78. Loving husband of Lesley, father to Neil and Leigh and Taid to Dylan, Ryan and Casey. Douglas began his working life at Hawker Siddley aircraft factory in the UK and spent a period in the 1960s building Mirage Jets at Avalon aircraft factory in Victoria. Returning to Wales where he met his future wife Lesley. They and their young family emigrated to Australia in 1978. Douglas was a talented sportsman, artist and craftsman, being a member of Upper Beaconsfield RSL, The Men's Shed, Woodworkers & Blacksmith groups and a founding member of the Upper Beaconsfield Cricket Club. Douglas will be deeply missed by all who knew him.



We had no formal Show and Tell during the club's Zoom meeting but members have still been busy. Here are some photos that have been sent to me.

From **Len Preece**: *"This sign is Clyde Road Elm and for the fence near the woodwork sign. A car in progress main body in pine guards in black wood."*



Coffee table Clyde Road Elm Top and redwood legs and base."



From the club's **Facebook page**: (my entry) **"Rick Hoare** took pity on my arthritic thumb and put a handle on my crochet hook. So much easier to use."



John McMahon.

"I needed a larger steady rest for the new lathe. Being in lockdown I had plenty of time so decided to make one from offcuts & bits I had on hand. Also had to allow for the fact that the spindle centre point is offset from the centre of the lathe bed, which adds a little complexity."



Simple old blackwood bowl approx 210mm diam 40mm tall.



Left: This is one of a few pieces that I planned to demonstrate piercing, pyrography & texturing with at our recent club exhibition, which was successfully held on the only weekend between our most recent Covid lockdowns. Unfortunately I was too busy to do the demo so I have finished it at home in lockdown. Messmate, approx 110mm diam 200mm tall. U-beaut wood dyes and pyrography. The base is textured cypress with Nugget boot polish.



Ash textured rim bowl approx 195mm diam 50mm deep."





Left are some goblets by **Paul Ryan** seen on the club's **Facebook** page. *"Some more firewood. Recycled Jarrah bed leg with Ubeut food safe finish."*

Chris Drysdale's salt and pepper mill is at right and below is Chris's fountain pen enhanced with Celtic knots.

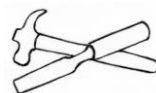


David Murden sent the following note from his new home in Howlong, NSW with the accompanying photos.



"I hope lockdown hasn't been too hard on you guys in Victoria, I feel a little odd being able to do so much in NSW. I've been busy the last few weeks leading a research trail on a new feed for pigs and really looking forward to when its finishes and I get to analyse the data. Anyways, I've been busy recently finishing off a project for my place as well as making a toy from a book my mum got me for Christmas."

At left is David's turned clothes stand and below is a toy truck with detachable trailer.



As **Len Preece** has already mentioned in his President's Report, the October Farmers Market was very well attended, with the carparks full and parking along the street as well. As evidence, Brian Crowe has sent the photo on the next page.



A very satisfying attendance at October's Farmers Market.

Tips for Turners from **Keith Towe**. Wandering through back copies of the newsletter I found, printed in February 2008, the following suggestion. Worth another look, I think.

Old green handled Philips head screw drivers are great for both knockout bars and as lever bars for scroll chucks.

Cut off the Philips head section with a thin abrasive cutting blade in your angle grinder, and they fit perfectly. The R3 size is ok for 100mm chuck and the R4 size for 150mm chuck.

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With our pet pooches filling in as companions for the walks that we are permitted these days it's worth reminding ourselves of the following.

DID YOU KNOW? Along with onions and chocolate, you should not allow your dog to eat **raisins, sultanas or grapes** as they are poisonous to a dog's system. While one or two aren't usually dangerous, there's one report of just five being enough to cause serious problems in a dachshund. These doubtful treats can cause problems from an upset gut to acute kidney failure leading to death. The reason is unknown but some dogs can suffer serious reactions leading to collapse within six to 24 hours of eating them. This warning includes Christmas treats such as Christmas cake, pudding and mince tarts which are usually filled with raisins and sultanas. According to British vet Maeve Moorcroft it's safer to give your pet pooch a stick of carrot or an apple as a treat.

From my own experience, you can add the common fertiliser **blood & bone** to that list. While it smells tantalising to Fido, the effect on the dog's liver can be disastrous. Caught early with a quick trip to the vet who will administer an emetic to empty the dog's stomach, the blood and bone disaster can be averted.

And while on the subject of a dog's welfare I read of a British couple who, in an effort to save their dog from the frenzy of terror usually brought about by New Years Eve fireworks, covered her ears with a pair of hearing defender ear muffs. The result: a peaceful pooch with very relieved owners.

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Special *Best Wishes* to those of our members who are not well at present.

At the last General Meeting held on Wednesday 6th October the question was raised regarding the frequency of the Club's General Meetings, with a mixture of suggestions. It was decided to put a questionnaire to the members to further discussed at the club's next committee meeting with a final recommendation to be put to the members at the next General Meeting.

Please complete the following questionnaire & forward it to the club secretary Ross Blackwood bdwwcsec@outlook.com or mail to:

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Frequency	Yes	No
Monthly		
Bimonthly		
Quarterly		
Evening on Zoom Quarterly		
Members Name		

Berwick District Woodworkers Club Monthly Meeting Minutes Oct 6th 2021

Meeting Commenced

Meeting was held on Zoom & commenced at 2:15pm

Welcome to Members -

Don Buchanan, Ross Blackwood, Ken Whitefield, Errol Perera, Paul Ryan, Brian Crowe, Ken Barnes, Russell Owen, Rick Hoare, Elsie Hoare, Peter Angwin, Len Preece, Peter Ball, Chris Drysdale, Wayne Lucas, John McMahon.

Apologies –

Collin Ellard, Bill Bradshaw, Simon Robbins, Richard Gething, Martin VanDiemen.

Minutes of last monthly meeting. – 30th June 2021

- In the July newsletter & emailed to members.

Motion to accept minutes.

Proposed – Brian Crowe

Seconded – Chris Drysdale

Accepted Unanimously

Business arising from previous meeting.

- A discussion re: cleaning rosters, key holder rosters, go to member contact numbers and first aid rosters.
Postponed to a later date.
- Fitting out of Toy Storage factory in the old tractor shed. In progress

Correspondence.

- Letter from Bill Reid Thanking John & all the members for the quality, content & the communication with members at the expo.
- Meg Larkin (Arts in Community Officer) sent congratulations for our wonderful exhibition.
- Email from Richard Watts (WA) Heard about the exposure on Australia all Over.
- Expression of interest requested for the Doveton show Sunday 19th September
- Email from Sabrina Hendricks on behalf of Rudy Hendricks. (See below)

Hello Everyone,

This is just a note from Rudy to say Hello to all of the members at Berwick Woodworkers Club and Dad hopes that everyone is safe and keeping well.

Dad also says thank you for the newsletters which he continues to receive and enjoys keeping up with the news at the Club.

Thank you again and stay safe.

Kind Regards.

Sabrina Hendricks OBO Rudy Hendricks.

Motion to accept correspondence.

Proposed – Ken Barnes

Seconded – John McMahon

Accepted – Unanimously

Presidents Report.

- Update on the cost for the camera for the front veranda is \$1123, which is the same as the original quote. Order will be placed as soon as we receive the grant money.
- Cost of replacement refrigerator estimated to be between \$350 to \$550.
- Craft Market to proceed for months of October, November & December. The

October market will be fresh goods only, no craft. Signs at entry to be changed to gold coin donation.

- Eight Travel permits have been issued for members who volunteering at the Farmers market & are outside the 15km limit.
- Members will have to be vaccinated when the club re-opens.
- Don Buchanan's draft safety document to reviewed at the next committee meeting.
- **Motion to accept the President's report.**
- proposed – John McMahon
- Seconded – Brian Crowe

- Accepted – Unanimously

Treasurer's report.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

- Number of financial members 74.
- Paint Rite have still not sorted their accounting problems & supplied an invoice. Estimated amount owing is \$1000. Members need to supply a name to the sales staff at Paint Rite when booking up purchases to the club account.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report.

Proposed – Don Buchanan

Seconded – Ken Barnes

Accepted – Unanimously

Farmers' Market.

- No Issues

Functions.

- Farmers' Market Saturday 9th October
- Craft Market Saturday 23rd October
- Farmers' Market Saturday 13th November
- Craft Market Saturday 27th November
- Gala Night Dinner: Saturday 27th November: Cost \$25. - Pending
- Gala Day: Sunday 28th November. Pending.

Newsletter.

- Elsie to add a "Safety Corner" section to the newsletter to promote the correct operation & safe use of a different machine each month.

Woodworking Display and Expo.

- A review of the last expo will be done when the club resumes.
- How & when another expo will be done, is to be discussed after the review.

General Business.

A discussion was held regarding changing the frequency of general meetings from monthly to quarterly, biannually, etc. Len to create a questionnaire to be published in the newsletter to obtain members views.

Meeting closed –

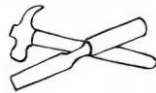
- Closed at 3:32pm

Next Meeting

- To Be Advised.

President – Len Preece

Secretary – Ross Blackwood



JUST REMEMBER:

Some days you're the pigeon and some days you're the statue.

Always keep your words soft and sweet just in case you will have to eat them.

Birthdays are good for you. The more you have, the longer you live.

The second mouse gets the cheese.

Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their Maker.

That's all for now. Until next time, may all your splinters be little ones.