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Welcome to the newsletter for September 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting - in abeyance until further notice.

Monthly Meeting - 6th October - 2,00pm, on line by Zoom.

Warratina Lavender Farm Woodworking Expo. **date change 30th October – 14th November.** A charge of \$1 per exhibited item will be charged. There will be NO commission charged on sales. Please confirm your attendance: www.warratinalavender.com.au P: 03 5964 4650 F: 03 5964 4658 M: 0417 589 231

FUNCTIONS: - None until further notice.

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 message on Sunday 19th will be positive.

The AGM has been postponed until further notice.

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 800 patrons attending on Saturday 11th September.

I must also congratulate **Keith Towe** who did a wonderful job in preparing a wonderful tribute to **Doug Hughes**, which was played at his funeral service on line.

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.



Doug Hughes



Keith Towe

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE GENERAL SPEAKERS ETC
-- 6th October on line by Zoom --

FARMERS' MARKET
9th October.

Committee of Management:

<i>Contact Details</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
President	Len Preece	0408 365 970
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 Ken Whitefield 0402 256 134
 Ken D. Barnes 0419 114 738
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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. **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.



FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION - Here's news that I know all club members have been awaiting, **Brian Crowe** has sent the results of the club's footy tipping competition.

" It is hard at any time to predict winning sides but was made extremely difficult this year because of Covid and even harder to mark the cards, special thanks to **Colin** and **Wayne** for their effort.

1st **Jack Croucher**, equal 2nd **Pat Mahoney** and **Eric Guthrie**, 3rd **Len Preece** and 17th was **Richard Gething**

Cheers Brian."

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS. Over the past year, despite several lock-downs the club has been able to welcome many new members who have settled in and, on the occasions that we have been able to attend the workshop, become familiar faces. Following the club's Expo in July we gained another 14 members who we look forward to meeting, they are:

Owen Burton, Elias Cavalieros, Mark Cooper, Robert Coster, Godfree Fernandos, Gordon Hams, Peter Johnson, Jo Johnson, Ted Kentd,

David Lamble, Peter Mason, Wayne McKenzie, Melinda Wallis, Stratos Zissis, Alan Poole.

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SHOW & TELL: Although we have not been able to attend the club workshop, it's good to see that some members are continuing with their woodwork projects

Paul Ryan used the clubs Facebook page to display the work below, labelling it: "*a selection of my firewood.*"



Below is **Peter Ball** who has finished off his bench at home.



Katerina Zorin continues using her cut-out shapes. At right are some of Katerinas's key rings.



John McMahon's workshop is always busy. Here are some of John's photos that I found on the club's Facebook page. *"Small hinged lid box from an old redgum house stump. Approx 60mm diam 60mm tall."*



"Elm crotchwood bowl (right) with great grain & a significant bark inclusion. Much trepidation & significant amounts of coffee grounds, CA glue & duct tape were consumed in its making. Approx 280mm diam 55mm tall."



"Shallow Blackwood bowl(below) approx 255mm diam 40mm high."



"Kauri bowl with pyro'd rim approx 295mm diam 40mm deep. The last piece of kauri left over from making my rocking horse a few years ago."



"Elm semi-enclosed bowl. Some nice grain and chatoyance in this piece. Approx 240mm diam 50mm tall."



TOY MAKERS - by Noel Stephenson. A memory from the club's **September 2000 Newsletter.**

The group continues to sand, screw, and paint with great enthusiasm and much laughter -- in fact, the unstructured light-hearted gathering is what makes it quite attractive to some of us -- enough perhaps to encourage new participants!

This, of course, all leading up to the great finale, viz, the Gala Day on 10th Dec. This will be most exciting -- a children's choir, the Mayor of the City of Casey & his Councillors, a BBQ & plenty of room for our kids and any that are not Club members -- to join in the fun. The recipients of the toys will also be there for the Christmas distribution. The "score" is not known yet, but there are batches of 10, 20 or 30 in each class of toy. The finished articles are largely stored in the homes of members but with the new shed nearing completion we hope that this will soon not be necessary.

The shed looks great and should give a lot more space in the Club rooms -- to inevitably fill with something else (Parkinson's Law, I think) Congratulations & thanks to the members of the club and others who organised and built the shed.

(Noel, a valued club member, was also a local doctor in Berwick.)

Mind teaser from Simon Robbins.

I'm at the beginning of the end and the start of eternity, at the end of time and space, in the middle of yesterday but nowhere in tomorrow. What am I? (Answer at bottom of page.)

SOME COVID ADVICE:

Step 1. Pour a glass of wine and try to smell it.

Step 2. If you can smell the wine then drink some and see if you can taste it.

Step 3. If you can smell and taste it, you can confirm that you don't have Coronavirus.

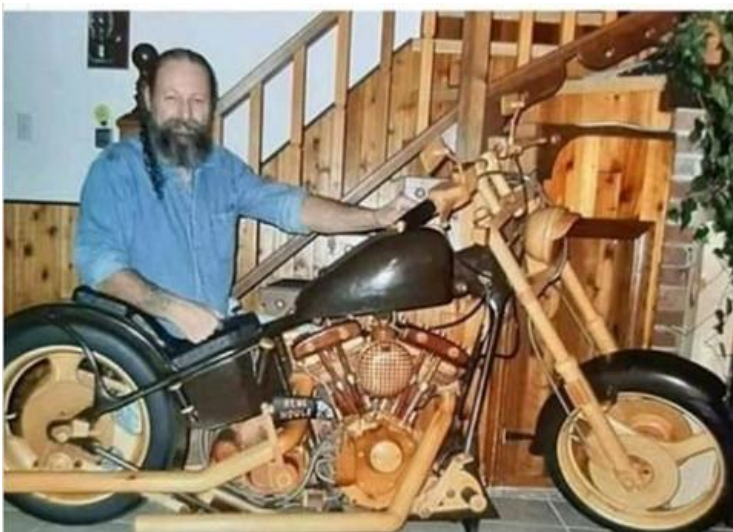
Last night I did the test 9 times, and all were negative.

Tonight I'm going to take the test again, because I woke up this morning with a headache and feel like I'm coming down with something.

I'm so nervous.

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It's got a wooden frame, wooden engine, wooden wheels, and a wooden gas tank. Did he ride it? No, wooden start...



They say every piece of chocolate eaten shortens your life by two minutes.

I've done the math - it seems I died in 1537.

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Answer to Mind teaser - I am the letter E.

Bye for now and until next time, keep safe.