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Welcome to the newsletter for February 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER: **Committee Meeting** 21st February - 1.00pm in clubroom.
General Meeting 4th May - 1.00pm in clubroom. **Craft Market** 26th February, **Farmers Market** 12th March.

FUNCTIONS: Dates of future club functions are yet to be confirmed, however, the club will continue to hold the monthly **BBQ/sausage sizzle lunch** at 12.00 noon, on the first Wednesday of the month.
Pakenham Show, Saturday 19th March. P.B. Ronald Reserve, Cnr. Henry & John Streets, Pakenham.

Australian Wood Design Exhibition - To be held in Orbost, 26th March - 19th June, highlighting the use of **Australian Hardwoods** in a variety of display items. For Guidelines for Entry see website.

<https://www.orbostexhibitioncentre.com/australian-wood-design-exhibition-22>

DATES: Entry forms in by: 5th March 2022, **Delivery of work by:** Wednesday 23rd March 2022, **Exhibition opening:** Saturday 26th March 2022., **Exhibition close:** Sunday 19th June 2022, **Collection of unsold works:** 30th June 2022.

FEBRUARY SHOW & TELL:



Peter Angwin decided to try his hand at making a frame. No this is not Peter's attempt at abstract art but a paint cleaning rag from his shed. A while back, **John McMahon** was given a lawn bowls ball by **Keith Towe**. John cut into the ball, opening it up to create a lidded container. John says the lignum vitae of the ball was incredibly hard to cut. The wood trimming is jarrah, each piece cut in a single piece.



The pen is one of a pair, depicting dogs and cats by **Chris Drysdale**. Above is the dog, the cat is on page 3. The wood is maple.

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

21st February

GENERAL

4th May

SPEAKERS ETC

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FARMERS' MARKET

26th February (Craft Market)

12th March. (Farmers Market)

Committee of Management:

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President	Len Preece	0408 365 970
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Committee

Martin Van Diemen	0418 316 867
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Ross Blackwood	- 0490 668 515

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 & Don Buchanan*
 Special interest group coordinators - *To suit group*
 Librarian - *Keith Towe*
 Exhibition and Show - *John McMahan*
 Gala Day coordinator - *Ken D. Barnes and Len Preece*
 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.





As mentioned on page one. here is **Chris Drysdale's** pen featuring cats.

Not for Show & Tell: **Len Preece** is working on this model soft top car.

Simon Robbins has made the garden table at left, using reclaimed tongue and groove Jarrah flooring with wrought iron legs.



NOT JUST WOODWORK: Simon Robbins has taken in *laying guests*. (Oops, please pardon the pun.) Pure Bred

Partridge Welsummer chooks. They are about 19 weeks & will be laying soon. Simon says "*They are good fun to watch grazing around the yard.*"



Katarina Zorin has been browsing a seaside market and was interested in some woodwork she saw there. Katarina is intrigued by the water effect created by coloured resin poured onto the chopping boards and coasters shown here.



FROM THE INTERNET: Club member **Keith Towe**, who is known by many club members, for his knowledge of wood and his ability to recognise most mystery species at a glance, has suggested the website below for our information. I looked up the site and discovered that it is a non-commercial site focusing on colour-correct pictures of exotic and domestic woods. Keith says, "*I use the site below to help identify overseas timbers and I thought it may interest some of our members.*" www.hobbitthouseinc/personal/woodpics/index.

CLUTTER CLEAR-OUT: **Ken Whitefield** is offering a solution to those members who are contemplating a shed tidy-up. Ken is collecting old circular saw blades whether rusty or damaged, unwanted auger bits, and old-fashioned drill bits. Ken has a friend who makes all kinds of sculptures from the metal.

A note from club secretary Don Buchanan: The Parklea Pakenham Show, at this point in time, will be held on Saturday 19th March. Further details will be forthcoming. So if you can make yourself available on the day that too would be appreciated.

From Don Buchanan (continued) Members are advised that they may use any timbers in the stacks for their own personal projects providing they donate some money to the club. There will be even more timber coming in the near future. The donation amount is up to the member to determine. A reasonable amount should be considered when making the donation.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.



Hello all it is good to see the warmer weather is with us again, just a reminder that our parking area during the good weather is at the rear of the workshop so could I ask members to use this area, Please.

On a sad note, the other day we were notified of the passing of ex Mayor and **Councillor Amanda Stapleton**, Amanda was a strong supporter of the club always there for our Gala day with her son Pete. She will be sorely missed by many people. Vale Amanda.

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.

With reports of a number of toy patterns not being able to be located, the committee will go through the boxes in the pigeon holes and any box that has rubbish in it will be disposed of, so please make sure you have a tag on your box and please, if using more than one box please use the two spots on each self, (that is one behind the other).

It is good to see the Craft Market will run on the 4th Saturday of each month Commencing 26th February along with our own Farmers Markets on the 2nd Saturday of each month, members are asked to spend some time at each of these markets as it is the income from these markets that keep our fees low, and allows us to keep all machinery in good working order.

The last General Meeting was an evening one on the 2nd February at 7.00pm with a sausage sizzle prior, from about 5.00 pm. It was disappointing that not many of our new members turned up and not many of the members who are unable to get to the day ones.

We will also be having the BBQ on the first Wednesday of each month at 12.00noon.

Members wishing to purchase items for use at the club, could you please check with one of the committee members first, as we have had some materials purchased when there is plenty available in stock. Members wishing to purchase materials for their own use may advise the supplier that they are members of the club and will be granted appropriate discount.

Len Preece - President.

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SAFETY NOTES - COMPOUND MITRE SAW

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

Make all adjustments while the machine is turned off.

Never reach across the path of the blade. When the machine is running, always keep your hands at least 6 inches (150 mm) from the blade.

Keep the safety guard in position at all times.

Wait until the blade is running full speed before starting a cut.

Never stand in line with the blade. If you push the blade with your right hand, stand to the left. If you push the blade with your left hand, stand to the right.

Use one hand to push the saw through the stock. Use the other hand to hold the stock against the fence. Keep both hands away from the cutting line.

Cut only one piece of wood at a time.

Feed the blade slowly.

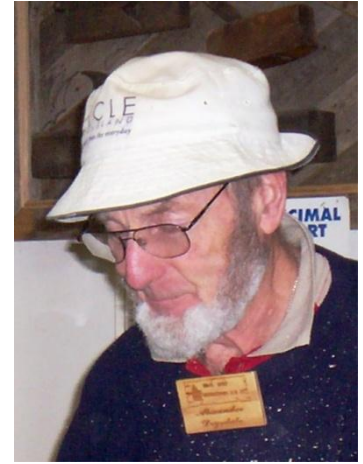


SNAPSHOT OF ALEXANDER DRYSDALE:

Don't try to change the world - just change yourself. - **Alexander Drysdale.**
A travelling lay preacher with the Uniting Church, a qualified Master Mariner, a logistics and distribution specialist and a former adult education trainer.

Now 85 and an active member of the Berwick Woodworking Club, Alexander Drysdale shows no intention of slowing down.

When COVID restrictions hit Berwick, Alexander did a charity run from Cranbourne to Shepparton for 49 consecutive Sundays. He'd volunteered to deliver the regular bread donations from Baker's Delight, which could no longer, because of Covid, be distributed to the community from the local church hall, to a Shepparton farmer to feed their cows. "It gave him a legitimate reason to be out on the roads," he said.



Alexander was born in Glasgow in 1936, as one of three children. One day his father, a strict Scottish Presbyterian asked, "What do you want to do?" Alexander told him that he either wanted to go into the Forestry Commission as a ranger or go to sea.

In 1951, his father enrolled 15-year old Alexander into HMS Conway, a full-board pre-sea training school. Two years later at the tender age of 17, he went to sea as a cadet with Canadian Pacific Steamships Ltd, and remained at sea for the next 11 years.

In hindsight it may not have been the best career because he suffered from sea sickness for the first three years until he was mysteriously cured by an anonymous passenger when she gave him "a severe talking to."

A few years later aged 23, he crossed the equator for the first time and in the tradition of the sea, he and a few other hapless souls were ceremoniously painted (by King Neptune) with a mixture of cocoa, salt and water, and then thrown into the ship's swimming pool to wash.

When he left the sea Alexander continued to work on the docks as a bulk oil surveyor, responsible for the quantity and quality analysis of oil and chemical cargos from other ships after they docked.

During the next 25 years of his career, he worked for several companies in depot management, warehouse supervision, and distribution management & logistics, before taking the giant leap from employee to self-employment, specialising in logistics and communications.

At age 53, in October 1989, he migrated to Australia. "It seemed like a good idea at the time," he explains.

Here, he relocated into the public service where he spent the next 13 years in training and employment services until his retirement age 67.

Before that though, Alexander met and married the love of his life, Jillian, a divorcee with three children. They are due to celebrate their 24th anniversary this year.

He and Jillian are both members of the Uniting Church. As a lay preacher for that church Alexander has delivered almost 270 services across Victoria.

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WELCOME BACK: Back on deck after a lengthy absence is **Cliff Harris.** Cliff has been among the missing for many months due to several bouts of surgery over the past two years. Cliff says he's feeling more like his old self these days and we wish him continued good health.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:
Newest members to join the club are **Lynne St Clair** and **Jac Bibrava** . We hope they will enjoy their time with us.

Your Club appreciates that if you use a machine then you will clean that machine afterwards. General Maintenance does keep costs down!

Berwick District Woodworkers Club Monthly Meeting Minutes Feb 2nd, 2022

Meeting Commenced

Evening meeting commenced at: 7.00pm

Welcome to Members —

Apologies —

Martin Van Diemen, Geoff Wylie, Lance Baker, Keith Towe, Ian Chong, Dianne & Richard Gething, Simon Robbins

Minutes of last monthly meeting. — 6th Oct. 2021

- In the October newsletter & emailed to members.

Motion to accept minutes.

Proposed — Alexander Drysdale Seconded — John Mc Mahon Accepted — Yes

Business arising from previous meeting.

- A discussion re: cleaning rosters, key holder rosters, go to member contact numbers and first aid rosters.
- Fitting out of Toy Storage factory in the old tractor shed.
- Lock up Procedure – to be raised at the next committee meeting
- Kits for Kids – discussion on where to store in the interim – Committee discussion item.

Correspondence.

- Letter from Old Cheese Factory advising us of upcoming events.
- Email From Sally Joustra, offering Cedar Headboard.
- Email from Australian Dept of Health, Nation Shed Development Program re: funding available for Health-related issues. Committee discussion item.
- Unreserved Clearing Sale – Realtimber Australia – Heidelberg on 1st April 2022. Catalogue available for viewing. For more information, please contact the Secretary.
- Email from John Mc Mahon regarding some stained-glass doors that someone wants to donate to the Club. For information, please contact John.
- Corporate Affairs Registration Certificate for 2022.
- Email to Peter Angwin from a person wanting a club member to make a letterbox for him. If willing to do so please contact the Secretary for contact details
- Emails from Pakenham Racing Club and Lynbrook Hotel offering grants to organisations looking for financial support. \$5,000 and \$10,000 respectfully. Further discussion on this later in the meeting.

Proposed — Wayne Lucas Seconded — Colin Ellard Accepted — Yes

Presidents Report.

- Some members are going through the crates that are stored in the workshop and sorting them out. There are copious numbers of wheels of different sizes. Those members wanting wheels for their projects please see if these wheels can be used before making new ones.
- Kits for Kids - after discussion this project may be introduced again in the future depending on current Covid constraints.
- The third bandsaw towards the back of the workshop now has a new light on top to indicate that it is running. Members should be made aware that if the light is on, the machine is still running and to ensure it is turned off before leaving it.
- A concerned member raised an issue with the location of the switch on the large table saw. You need to bend down to reach the switch which located on the underside of the table. To be raised at the next Committee meeting.
- This evening meeting had been arranged to allow members who can't make daytime meetings due to work or other commitments but none of these members were present. Another evening meeting may be arranged on another weekday, or it may be scrapped completely because of nonattendance. Further discussion at the next Committee meeting.

- If members need pine for their projects, please use the pine that is staked on top of the racks in the workshop. This will allow access to the pine lining that is at the back to be utilised.
- There has been assortment of timber that has been donated. It consists of burls and other timbers that can be used for carving and bowl making. It is now stored under the front deck of the clubhouse. If you are interested have a look for yourself. Just ask a Committee member for a key. Len is happy to face some of the items up on the torquemaster on request and when time permits.
- A phone call from Allan Rundell from a University (sorry didn't get the name). This is where we are storing a stack timber. Sometime in the future possibly bring some timber back to the club for use by members.
- Berwick Show for this year has been cancelled.
- A yearly calendar has been developed by Ross Blackwood and will be used as a point of reference for up-and-coming events. Thanks Ross
- On the days of the Framers or Craft markets, we generally get good attendance from members. But we are short of members at the very start of the day, setting up. If some members could consider starting earlier to assist in the setting up. It would be appreciated.
- Christy from the Old Cheese Factory is asking Club members to make 30 small animals and 30 boomerangs for a function they are having on the 18th February. Please see Len for further information. The café at the OCF is open.
- OCF is trying to establish a "Repair Café" where the public brings in items that require repair. They are looking for interested members for their assistance. More information coming.
- Thank you to Bill Bradshaw for repairing of a crucifix for a lady and her subsequent donation of \$30 to the club.
- Finally – Thanks to members for conforming to the current Covid rules. Double Vaxed, wearing masks, and social distancing.

Motion to accept the President's report.

proposed —Ken Barnes Seconded — Ken Whitefield Accepted — Yes

Treasurer's report.

The treasurer's report was read.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report.

Proposed —Ross Blackwood Seconded — Elsie Hoare Accepted —Yes

Farmers' Market.

- Next farmers market is on the 12th February – please consider an early start to help setting up.
- Next Craft market is on the 26th February
- All future market dates will be on the new calendar for your reference.
- If you can't get a coffee at the markets, we understand that the OCF café will be operating on market days. This is yet to be confirmed.

Functions.

- Dates of future functions are yet to be confirmed.

Newsletter.

- Elsie is looking for items to put into future newsletters. Particularly photos of member's projects. Any items of interest or humorous would be appreciated. So please help her out.
- The calendar will be in the next newsletter for your reference.

General Business.

- Elias Cavalieros requested a refund of membership fee. As he had never Attended the club due to covid lockdowns & was intending to do other activities. As a goodwill gesture the committee granted the request.
- Choices Catering invoiced us for \$250 to cover items already purchased for the January dinner that was cancelled, due to low numbers wishing to attend.
- Proposal to have a dinner or lunch in April & September. Ken Barnes to confirm dates and venue at a later stage.
- On the first Wednesday of the month there will be a BBQ /sausage sizzle lunch at 12.00 noon being offered for members. Ken Whitefield will be the chef de cuisine! Thanks Ken.

- From Ken Whitefield. He has a friend who is looking for old rusty/used saw blades, drill bits, screw drivers and generally old tools. He makes ornaments and items of interest out of them. If you have anything of this nature, please contact Ken.
- From Chris Drysdale. The thicknesser could do with an upgrade. After discussion Len and Brian to discuss with Chris on what can be done.
- From Wayne Lucas. Members please do not put sawdust into the green bins outside the side door. Any collected sawdust should be taken up to the piles out from the side of the workshop and tipped there.
- From John Mc Mahon. Australian Wood Design Exhibition is going to be held on the 5th March. It is highlighting the use of Australian Hardwoods in a variety of display items. For more information, please see John. Also, we will be hosting our wood working Expo again this year at the same time as the Casey Arts Festival. Dates to be confirmed. More information will be forthcoming. John and a sub-committee will be involved in organising the event.
- From Len Preece. Regarding the grants mentioned earlier. We are looking for ideas from members on what ideas they may have in order to possibly obtain the grants that are being offered.
A comment from the floor was put forward that – “Do we really need these grants, given the fact that we are in a good financial position. We should perhaps leave the grants for other clubs that are in more need of it than us.” After further discussion, the general feeling was to still apply for the grants as they are offered to us.

Meeting closed —8.40pm

Next Meeting 4th May at 1:00pm.

President — Len Preece

Secretary — Don Buchanan

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THE LAST LAUGH:



Friends! Put on a mask! It saves lives. Yesterday a friend of mine went out with his girlfriend, and on the way, passed by his wife. She did not recognise him! The mask really saved his life.

Just once, I want a username and password prompt to say to me - "Close enough"

Len Preece sent his laundry schedule, pictured below.



From **Michael Berry**: Today I ordered a chicken and an egg on line to see what comes first.

A guy walks into a bar and approaches the barman. "Can I have a pint of Less please?" he asks "I'm sorry, sir," the barman replies, looking slightly puzzled, "I've not come across that one. Is it a spirit?" "I've no idea," says the guy. The thing is, I went to see my doctor last week and he told me that I should drink Less."

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That's all for now. Until next time, stay safe and keep well.

Note: a calendar of the coming years events, drawn up by the committee, is on the following page.

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2	SUNDAY									1															
3	MONDAY									2							1								
4	TUESDAY				1		1			3						2							1		
5	WEDNESDAY		7:00pm		2	BBQ/Sizzle	2		1:00pm	4	BBQ/Sizzle	1			AGM 1:00pm	3						1:00pm	2		
6	THURSDAY				3		3			5		2				4			1				3		1
7	FRIDAY				4		4		1	6		3				5		2					4		2
8	SATURDAY		1		5		5		2	7		4				6		3		1			5		3
9	SUNDAY		2		6		6		3	8		5				7		4		2			6		4
10	MONDAY		3		7		7		4	9		6				8		5		3			7		5
11	TUESDAY		4		8		8		5	10		7				9		6	Suez Waste Bin	4			8		6
12	WEDNESDAY		5		9		9	BBQ/Sizzle	6	11		8	BBQ/Sizzle	6		10	BBQ/Sizzle	7	BBQ/Sizzle	5			9	BBQ/Sizzle	7
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17	MONDAY		1		14		14		11	1.00pm	16		13			1.00pm	15		12		10		14		12
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30	SUNDAY		23		27		27		24	29		26				28		25		23			Gala Day	27	25
31	MONDAY		24		28		28		25	30		27				29		26		24			Toy Pick up	28	26
32	TUESDAY		Suez Waste Bin	25			29		26	31		28				30		27		25			Suez Waste Bin	27	27
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41	clubrooms																								