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Welcome to the newsletter for March 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER: **Committee Meeting** 21st March - 1.00pm in clubroom.
Monthly Meeting 4th May - 1.00pm in clubroom.
BBQ Lunch (Sausage Sizzle) 6th April - 12.00 at club. (This event has been cancelled)
Club lunch - Thursday 28th April - to be advised..

MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

There was a brief stay of proceedings during the February Committee Meeting, while **Club President Len Preece** presented a belated **Member of the Year Award** to **Martin Van Dieman**. This award is in recognition of Martin's dedication and tireless commitment to the club's activities.

Congratulations Martin!



Pictured above is **Martin Van Dieman** (left) receiving his **MOTY** award from Club President **Len Preece** while **John McMahon** and **Ken Whitefield** watch on.

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

21st March

GENERAL

5th May

SPEAKERS ETC

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FARMERS' MARKET

26th March (Craft Market)

9th April. (Farmers Market)

Committee of Management:

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President	Len Preece	0408 365 970
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Committee

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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 & Don Buchanan*
 Special interest group coordinators - *To suit group*
 Librarian - *Keith Towe*
 Exhibition and Show - *John McMahon*
 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.



BERWICK WOODWORKING DISPLAY and EXPO 2022:

Following the success of the club's inaugural Expo in July 2021, plans are now underway for the 2022 display. To keep the event fresh, the sub-committee is looking forward to receiving a new lot of entries from club members. Work on display will not be that which was shown last year. Members who wish to offer last year's items for sale will be able to make use of the sales table that will be installed for that purpose.

Once again we are reminded that this is not a competition but an example of the work we do at the club, from the messing about with bits of wood to the artisan variety, all types of entries are invited.



LOOKING BACK: As a reminder of the weekend, above are **Chris Drysdale** with some of his pens, **Phil Willems** with one of his boxes and **Len Preece** with his music stand. Below is a section of the display.



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A NEW HOME FOR JACQUI'S ROCKING COW. When **Jacqui Saddington** decided to find a suitable new home for her cow, she couldn't have chosen a more likely recipient than **Catherine Fiddelaers**. Catherine, who grew up in a large dairy farming family, has a brother who has a new grandchild and is delighted to receive the gift. Jacqui agreed that life 'down on the farm' is just the right place for her cow.

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MEANWHILE IN THE WORKSHOP: We're all used to seeing **Bill Bradshaw** working on a rocking horse but, just for a change, Bill has been making this ornamental cart, a copy of the completed one. The panels are removable. Thanks Peter Angwin for the photos.



And in the finishing room work on some of the toys is progressing very nicely with the little prams almost finished and some of the trucks and trains well on the way.



Katerina Zorin, who favours the band saw, has been working on the animals below. Katerina has also made the key ring in the shape of a heart.



Katerina was taken by surprise recently when she visited her letter box to be greeted by this strange looking spider.



Appropriately it is called a *wooden stick spider*, also a *net casting spider*. Fortunately it is not dangerous.

Simon Robbins has made this Blackwood Platter, 25cm diameter (Acacia melanoxylon)



While on the club's Facebook page I found a post from **Paul Ryan**, showing his rocking dog. Paul says this is, "*Just a slightly different rocker for a special little girl who loves her real dog.*"

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Well another month has gone and we have completed 25% of the year already, it is good to see so many members back at the club working on their toys this year I would like to see us accomplish somewhere between the 900 and 1000 toy mark this year.

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.**

It was good to see the number of members that turned up to the demonstrations last weekend, I must say thanks to **John McMahon** for organising the **Hare and Forbes Demos** over the three days, and **Don Buchanan** and new member **Peter Mason** for arranging the loading and movement of our trailer to the **Pakenham Show**, well done chaps and to all the members that turned up at the two demonstrations over the weekend.

We have received our two new Triton Routers and they will be fitted to the Router tables shortly. There is a shortage of both 1" and 3/8" dowel at the moment and the committee is working to rectify that as soon as we can.

The Craft market will return this Saturday 26 March and will operate on the fourth Saturday of each month until the end of June so please try and attend these markets along with the Farmers Markets on the second Saturday of each month as these two markets allow us to keep our fees low, also the Annual Expo will be held on the weekend of 9th and 10th of July to coincide with the Casey Winters Arts Festival, I suggest that we all get working on articles for display and articles we want to sell. We will be looking for articles for all levels of ability they do not have to be professional standard.

Len Preece - President.

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The club's demonstration stall at the Pakenham Show.





Here is a message from **Don Buchanan**. --
*Hello All. The Farmers Market, held last weekend, was a roaring success! We had a large number of members who donated their time to man the gates and car parks. This month's **BOG** (Best On Ground) award goes to **Simon King**. Simon was the first man to arrive at the clubhouse. **Martin** arrived a short time later and to his surprise saw Simon standing there waiting to get in. That's a first! Martin is usually at the clubhouse at sparrows! And an honourable mention must go to **Ian Chong**. I saw Ian handing out lollipops to kids as they walked in the bottom gate. Well done Ian! A good day was had by all! And that's the end of this month's Market report!*
 Thank you - **Don Buchanan** - **BDWWC Secretary**.

Pictured above. That's **Richard Gething, Wayne Lucas & Eric Guthrie** holding the fort at the top gate, and below, are **Pat Mahoney, Michael Berry, Bill Bradshaw and George Young** at the bottom gate.



For **Alexander Drysdale** the fact that the workshop is open on Market days, was too good to waste. Here is Alexander working on the strip sander.

One busy stall at the market was this one run by **Rotary Casey**. The team pictured are from left: **Hakim, Barry, Trisha, and Gayle** who were fund raising for Flood Victims. Happily they did well as their delicious egg and bacon sandwiches sold out before market closing time.



Rotary meets Mondays at 6.30 pm at Berwick RSL Club, 17 Langmore Lane Berwick. - ph. 0408 126 248



RADIAL ARM SAW

Stock must be held firmly on the table and against the fence for all crosscutting operations.

The ends of long boards must be supported level with the table.

Before turning on the motor be certain that all clamps and locking devices are tight and the depth of cut is correct.

Keep the guard and anti-kickback device in position.

When sawing, allow the blade to run up to speed before beginning the cut.

Use a feed which allows the blade to spin without stalling.

Do not remove them without your Mentor or Session Leader's permission.

Always return the saw to the rear of the table after completing a

crosscut or mitre cut.

Never remove stock from the table until the saw has been returned.

Maintain a 6 in. margin of safety.

Shut off the motor, **wait for the blade to stop** and **disconnect power** before making any adjustments.

Be sure the blade is stopped before you leave the machine.

Keep the table clean and free of dust, sawdust, wood scraps, tools and excessive amounts of sawdust.

Secure approval from your Mentor or Session Leader before making ripping cuts or other special setups.



DUST COLLECTOR CRISIS: Recently the club's dust collector that is situated in the breezeway, sent out an S.O.S and began spilling dust all over the work bench. This is not the habit of our normally well behaved dust collector and an explanation was quickly sought. When the machine was dismantled it became obvious that the poor thing hadn't been emptied for a long time and was hopelessly choked up with sawdust. As can be seen in the picture on the left, even the hose was clogged solid.

A notice has now been put on the machine to remind members to make sure to empty it every Monday.

There is no designated member to whom this task has been allocated; it is the responsibility of whoever is using it at the time.

ANOTHER REASON TO WEAR A MASK: Like many hobbies and leisure activities, this craft that we love has an element of

danger. Wood dust is hazardous and should be treated with the respect it demands. I recently heard an ABC radio interview with a woman whose son had spent a lengthy time in hospital, struck down by **Cryptococcal meningitis** which was caused by a fungus called **Cryptococcus**. While the fungus is commonly found in soil and bird droppings, the variety that caused this illness, **C. gatti**, is associated with several trees, including **eucalyptus**. It happened that the young man had been doing some woodworking and **sanding redgum**. Due to the fact that he had not been wearing a mask he had, of course, inhaled the sanding dust causing an infection in his lungs which travelled to his brain. Pretty scary stuff. The man nearly died. A mother nearly lost her son. A good reason to wear a mask when sanding and also a good reason to look after the club's dust collecting equipment.

The club's dust collectors are provided for the benefit of each member.

A WORD OF GRATITUDE: Over the past few months Berwick Woodworkers has received several donations of timber and wooden furniture. The club is always grateful to receive such gifts which are put to good use in various ways, in making toys for charity. Members are also able to use the wood for their own use providing they pay a donation to the Club.

To those who have considered Berwick Woodworkers when disposing of excess wood or furniture we offer a heartfelt thanks.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS. This month two new members have joined us. Welcome **Lynne St Clair** and **Jac Sibrava**. We look forward to your long and happy association with us.

HARE & FORBES DEMONSTRATION: Below are Ken Whitefield and Peter Angwin demonstrating the machinery at Hare & Forbes premises in Abbots Road Dandenong.



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WE HAVE CLUB CLOTHING AND OTHER ITEMS FOR SALE:

- Polos - \$25, Fleece lined jumpers - \$35,
 - Wood turning smocks – Short sleeve - \$50 and Long sleeve - \$55,
 - Caps - \$10,
 - Hats - \$10,
 - Pen Kits – at various prices,
 - Livos oil - \$35,
 - CA Glue - \$10.
- Just ask a Committee member for assistance if you wish to purchase something.

UPDATE - From Barbara & Adrian Corkeron - The Kimbe Assistance Project Inc. (not for profit charity for PNG)

Reminder: The Kimbe Assistance Project was set up to help furnish and equip a school in PNG. The building, an empty shell, was given to the people by the PNG government. All improvements since have been gained by the hard work of the students and the generosity of many volunteers. Berwick Woodworkers have donated handtools that were excess to our needs that we acquired from some deceased estate offerings. Below is an excerpt from a letter from Adrian.

Halleluja!! Ring the bells and pop the bubbly. After seven weeks from the time the container started its journey on Tuesday 21 December 2021, it was finally handed over to Fr. Joe Galia at the Kimbe Diocese in Papua New Guinea on Tuesday 08 February 2022. enclosed is a pic of the container just before it left us. We have commenced collecting books and material for the next container – we are expecting a large amount of books from one of the local Government schools in the next week or so.

*Take care – stay safe and thanks for your support,
Adrian.*



Barbara searching for a bit more space to fill.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: Lauraine McDonald's interview with Ken Whitefield. As I have run out of space I'll hold this interesting tale over until next month.

THE PAKENHAM SHOW: Some members of the team that represented Berwick Woodworkers: From left, **Pat Mahoney, Don Buchanan, Peter Angwin, Alan McGreevy, and Peter Ball.** Thanks Peter Mason for the Photo.



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TIME FOR A SMILE:

A lawyer, who had a wife and 12 children needed to move because his rental agreement was terminated by the owner who wanted to reoccupy the home. But he was having a lot of difficulty finding a new house. When he said, he had 12 children no one would rent a home to him because they felt that the children would destroy the house.

He couldn't say he had no children because he couldn't lie. We all know lawyers cannot and do not lie. So, he sent his wife for a walk to the cemetery with their other 11 children and took the remaining one with him to see rental homes with the real estate agent. He loved one of the homes and the price was right -- the agent asked: "How many children do you have?" He answered: "Twelve." The agent asked, "Where are the others?" The lawyer, with his best courtroom sad look answered "They're in the cemetery with their mother."

MORAL: *It's not necessary to lie, one only has to choose the right words... and remember, most politicians were lawyers.*



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We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work its way through Congress. - Will Rogers

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