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Welcome to the newsletter for June 2022 **Reminder: Club Fees due - payable by the end of June.**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Committee Meeting 21st June - 1.00pm in clubroom.  
General Meeting with AGM -3rd August - 1.00pm in clubroom.

**FUNCTIONS:** Club Woodworking Expo - 8th, 9th & 10th July. Club Luncheon to be advised.



**EXPO COUNT DOWN:** Preparations for this year's expo are continuing. The tray pictured at left, sits on a table in the clubroom awaiting entry forms for the work you plan to submit. **John McMahon** looks forward to a steady trickle of forms so that he can process them as they come in, rather than deal with a deluge at the last moment.



**Keith Towe** has put the finishing touches on the table that he is preparing to exhibit.



From **John McMahon's** post on the club's Facebook page.

"Getting ready for Berwick Woodworkers Expo."



**CLUB INFORMATION:**

**MEETINGS:**

**COMMITTEE**

21st June

**GENERAL**

3rd August - AGM

**SPEAKERS ETC**

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**MARKETS**

25th June (Craft Market)

9th July (Farmers Market)

**Committee of Management:**

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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 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](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	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.**

Well another month has gone.

We will be able to store the completed toys in the old tractor shed until the Gala day then we have to find other storage for the toys next year. We are working on another storage area with The Old Cheese Factory, hopefully we can come to some agreement.

The Craft market is on again on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June and will operate on the fourth Saturday of each month, we have been given permission to have our own stall at the Craft Markets from the July market on, so any member that wishes to sell items may do so at the craft market. 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. Many thanks to the members who donate their time for each of these markets especially **Martin Van Diemen** and his crew you arrive early and set up and dismantle and pack everything away after each market.

The Annual Expo will be held on the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

Congratulations to those who organised the sale of kindling at all of the markets, which as one member told me it is getting rid of our mistakes and we get \$5.00 per bag, great decision so we can gain a few dollars rather than paying to get rid of this scrap wood.

The last general meeting was reasonably well attended the next general meeting will be our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2022.

Until then keep safe and enjoy your companionship and working at the club, until next month bye for now.

**Len Preece - President.**

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**Some Notes from the Secretary:**

Fellow Members

We have 2 new pieces of equipment for members to use. They are 2 jigs for cutting of round timber/wood on the bandsaws. One is for cutting the round wood lengthways. The other jig is for cros-cutting round wood. The jigs are limited to cutting rounds that are not overly large in diameter. If you are interested in using these jigs please see a "Go To Person" before attempting to use them. This is for your own safety.

(See photos)



Last month's craft market (May) was another worthwhile event. The 2 gate groups, both upper and lower, had goods attendances. We sold a number of raffle tickets for the Expo and a few bags of kindling. With regards to the kindling, one member (Who's name I won't mention) did say that we are selling "our mistakes!"

A number of members did invest in the bacon and egg rolls before they ran out. I think Martin got the last one. We definitely had a few coffees as well.

Just a reminder - That at these Craft markets – The Craft Markets Australia's policy is: "That no dogs are allowed in their markets". For future Craft markets we will have signs displayed to this effect.

**Secretary's Notes continued:**

Being on the gates is an ideal way of promoting the club to prospective new members. If you are on the gates or anywhere on the day, for that matter, and you are approached by an interested person, take up that opportunity and invite them to have a look at the club’s facilities on the day, or on another day that suits them better. I see it as an opportunity we should capitalise on.

A hearty Woodies welcome should go to two new faces on the market scene. They are **Kay Zimmerman** and **Wayne Mc Kenzie**. Welcome guys to the “Market Team”. If I haven’t mentioned your name as a new member of the market team previously, consider this as a warm welcome to you as well.



**Craft Market on May 28th**

**The BOG Award.** I think I have mentioned this before, but there was no definite “Stand Out” on the day. But, I did see **Peter Mason** in the carpark, while directing cars to their spaces, doing his rendition of Michael Flatley’s Riverdance. Thankyou Peter for this most entertaining moment which has now been burnt into my brain! If you see Peter around, do not hesitate to ask him to do a demo for you. He will be only too happy to do so.

Thanks again to all the members who are parking in the dryer areas of the grounds. This will prevent the driveways being chewed up and keeping the OCF grounds in a good condition. And it will keep the 2 Scotties happy.

And to members who are receiving our newsletters from Elsie but are not getting any emails from Don – the Secretary. Can you please contact Don, so he can check your name and email address against his mailing list.

Thanks in advance from Don.

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**Bill's Model Cart:** We've seen in its unfinished state some weeks back, **Bill Bradshaw** has finished his model cart.

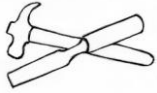


*Welcome:*

To our new member **Brian King**. Here's to a long and happy membership, Brian.

**FROM THE CLUB'S FACEBOOK PAGE:**

**Wayne Lucas:** *"Open plan doll's house. Could actually be a fire station if left to the imagination. Style would suit disadvantaged children with limited coordination."*



From **John McMahon:** *Silky oak bowl approx 210mm diam, 55mm high.*



*"My 'Hand Bowl'. Freeform carved elm with hand-shaped feet. Approx 620mm x 500mm, 135mm high. The wood was recovered from a local avenue of trees that was controversially removed for road duplication & was originally planned to be pulped, but our club negotiated with the roads authority to have the trees slabbed instead. A much better result."*



**More from John on the next page.**



More from **John McMahon:**

*Walnut freeform with a bit of texturing added. Approx 290mm x 190mm, 270 tall."*

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**Keith Towe** has some lathe tools which are surplus to his requirements and is offering them for sale to club members. They are listed below. Phone Keith on 9797 1582.



- From left, 30mm heavy skew.  
20mm, side ground scraper  
20mm. scraper  
20mm. Skew  
22mm. Skew  
15mm. HD spindle gouge  
8mm. Short Spindle Gouge  
12mm. Skew  
15mm. HD Bowl Gouge  
12mm. Skew  
12mm. Skew  
8mm. Short Bowl Gouge  
HD scraper with insert  
3 other 12mm. Scrapers.



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Club member **Lauraine McDonald**, a journalist in a former life, has been busy with her pen and notebook. This month her snap shot features **Rick Hoare**.

### **84 Years Well Spent. - By Lauraine McDonald**

A publican's son born in London two years before WWII, **Rick Hoare** was 10 months old, when his mother was widowed. She was just 23 with two young sons. After she remarried, the boys were sent to a Catholic boarding school.

Every Tuesday the school had Benediction. This involved a long procession down the aisle comprising, two boys carrying long candles, the priest, another boy carrying a big silk canopy over him, and a fourth boy at the end of the line. "I was seven years old and on this particular Tuesday I'd been chosen to carry one of the candles. We all knelt when we reached the altar. When it was time to rise, I stood up a bit before the canopy bearer who was kneeling behind me. The candle's flame touched the silk of the canopy and it all ignited causing havoc."

"I avoided being expelled, but I never got that job again!"

Rick left school at 15 years old, too young to work at his mother's pub, so instead he went to the biggest shop in Richmond and told the managing director, Mr. Campbell that he wanted a job in the toy department. Mr. Campbell said, "I think we'll put you in the carpet department. Come back on Monday. You'll get two pounds a week."

At 17 years old he was canoeing with a bunch of friends on the River Thames, when they came across a beautiful forest on the side of a hill. He said, "We left our canoes and climbed to the top. There in front of us, set in acres of lawn, was a massive grand house. We were skylarking in its imposing shell-shaped fountain, when a big dark car



came up the driveway and scared us into running back to the canoes on the river."

What Rick did not know at the time was that the house was a rendezvous point for "society showgirl" Christine Keeler and her two lovers, Secretary of State for War John Profumo and Yevgeny Ivanov, a Soviet Naval Attaché (and spy). The scandal, when it emerged in the media, became known as the Profumo Affair and brought down the government of the time.

Just one year later when he was 18, Rick volunteered to join the Royal Marines as part of his National Service where he eventually became part of the Commando elite fighting force. To his surprise, 40 years later, Rick discovered that **Bill Bradshaw** had also been in the commandos at that time, though they had never met. While on duty, Rick went to Malta, Cyprus, Libya, Sardinia and Naples, although he possibly just went to Naples to get drunk. In Cyprus chasing terrorists, his machine gunner was told, "If you see anyone by that cave over there, shoot them." Rick said, "We moved toward the cave but as we drew closer I heard gunshot and thought, someone is trying to shoot me from the cave, so I hid behind a big rock, putting it between me and where I thought the shooter was. I heard more shots and the shale around my feet started jumping. It was our machine-gunner. He was too far away to recognise me so I quickly hid around the other side of the rock."

After such an exciting life in the Marines, Rick had trouble settling back down, so he immigrated to Australia. "At a birthday party in Melbourne, I saw this lovely girl in a green dress," he said. "I thought she was a bit of alright, so I went into my act which was quite successful, and we talked all night. The following Tuesday we met again and I told her that when we'd know each other for six months, then we'd get engaged, then six months later we'd get married." That's what they did, except Rick only had to chase Elsie for four months until she caught him.

Since then, Rick who became an Australian Citizen in 1983, has worked as a building inspector for councils for 23 years. During this time, he and Elsie raised two daughters (one of whom died in a motorcycle accident age 38) and a son. They've bought two houses and built three more. Now retired, they are both active members of the Berwick Woodworker's Club.

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**Time for a smile:** Following are some questions that were in a GED (grade 12 equivalent) examination (*These are genuine answers*).

Q. How is dew formed?

A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q. What are steroids?

A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q. What happens to your body as you age?

A. When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q. What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A. He says goodbye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A. Premature death.

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour?

A. Keep it in the cow.

Q. How are the main 20 parts of the body categorized (e.g. The abdomen)?

A. The body is consisted into 3 parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels: A,E,I,O,U

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**That's all for now until next time with a special shout out and Best Wishes to those of our members who are unwell at this time.**