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Welcome to the newsletter for August 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting 23rd August - 1.00pm in clubroom.

Monthly Meeting October 5th - 1.00pm in clubroom.

FUNCTIONS: Club Luncheon - Thursday, August 25th - 12.00 Noon, Cardinia Park Hotel, Beaconsfield.

Doveton Show - 18th September, 10.00am to 4.00pm

Warratina Lavender Farm Woodworking Exhibition. 3rd to 18th September. 105 Quayle Road, Wandin Yallock.

OUR NEW COMMITTEE.

Once again, club member **Ken Coleman**, a past President, took the chair to conduct the election of the new committee. The line-up for the coming year has changed a little with **Brian Crowe** moving up from Vice President to **President**, replacing **Len Preece** who will continue as committee member. **Ross Blackwood** is now our **Vice President**. While **Don Buchanan** continues as **Secretary**, **Peter Ball** has moved into the role of **Treasurer**, replacing **Peter Angwin** who has stepped back to take on the job of committee member.



Brian Crowe
President



Ross Blackwood
Vice President



Peter Ball
Treasurer



Don Buchanan
Secretary



Martin Van Diemen



Ken Whitefield



Ken D. Barnes



John McMahon



Peter Angwin



Len Preece

In a brief address following the election, **Ken Coleman** expressed his gratitude to Peter and Len for their years of service in their respective positions and to the entire committee for a job well done.

In taking over the chair, **Brian Crowe** thanked Ken and offered his thanks and congratulations to Len for his 10 years of dedication to the role of Club President .

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

23rd August

GENERAL

5th October

SPEAKERS ETC

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FARMERS' MARKET

27th August (craft market)
10th September. FarmersMarket.

Committee of Management:

<i>Contact Details</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
President	Brian Crowe,	0438 012 155
Vice President	Ross Blackwood	0490 668 515
Secretary	Don Buchanan	0431 313 998 email: bdwwsec@outlook.com
Treasurer	Peter Ball	0425 725 875

Committee

Martin Van Diemen	0418 316 867
John McMahon	9796 1097
Ken Whitefield	0402 256 134
Ken D. Barnes	0419 114 738
Len Preece	0408 365 970
Peter Angwin	0400 221 581

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.
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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.



Following his 10 years of service to Berwick Woodworkers as Club President, **Len Preece** is stepping back from the role. Len feels that he needs the freedom to take care of his wife **Beverleigh**, who is not well, and to enjoy the simple pleasure of being a woodworker. That's Len with Beverleigh at right



Many thanks for a job well done, Len and Best Wishes for your future plans.

Here is Len's final President's Report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

During the past year we have seen a lot of ups and downs. For some the year has been a bit harder than some others. Unfortunately we saw the passing of **Maurice Deeker** and **Jim Graham** and our thoughts went out to both families. We also have number of members that are on the sick list **Oscar Ordenes** we wish him all the best, and others who have had some setbacks during the year.

We have now been in our new workshop for just over three years and all seems to be working well; I also request that members continue to keep the workshop clean and free of rubbish. Last year we had a Security system installed and this year we have added another camera to cover the front veranda to help protect the building from vandals and any break in we may have.

This year we saw the second of our annual expos with great success with thanks to **John McMahon**, **Chris Drysdale** and **Phil Willems** for the expertise in the planning and running of the weekend which showed a good turn up from a good number of visitors, some from interstate and a good number of other Men's Sheds from around the state. I must thank all members who turned up and assisted over the weekend and the City of Casey events department for their co operation particularly with the Chain-Saw carving demonstration.

This year we've had excellent results from the Farmers Market, despite the pandemic we experienced but fortunately with the determination of **Geoff Rankin** our Farmers Market manager the market has been able to continue. We must also thank **Martin Van Diemen** who has organised the market on behalf of the club which has been an enormous benefit to the club. I must also thank the great number of members who have supported the market days. We are now running one a month on the second Saturday of each month. We are also assisting in the running the Craft Market on the Fourth Saturday of each month. The early Markets were a little slow but over recent months have picked up. With the two markets each month the club is in a reasonable financial position and able to keep the fees at a reasonable level. I must also thank the great number of members who have supported the club on market days.

Thanks must also go to our hardworking treasurer **Peter Angwin**; **Don Buchanan** our Secretary for their outstanding work this year. Whilst thanking members I must pass special thanks to **Elsie Hoare** for her work in editing and preparing our monthly newsletter as well as other pieces of advertising material. To **Martin van Diemen** for his outstanding work on both the Farmers Market and the Craft market.

I must also thank the **staff of the Old Cheese Factory** particularly **Kristy**, **Beth** and other members of the office staff, **the two Scott's** for their support and assistance throughout the year. It has been a hard one, but one of great achievement for everyone.

I would also like to welcome all our new members to the club and hope that they a long happy time with us.

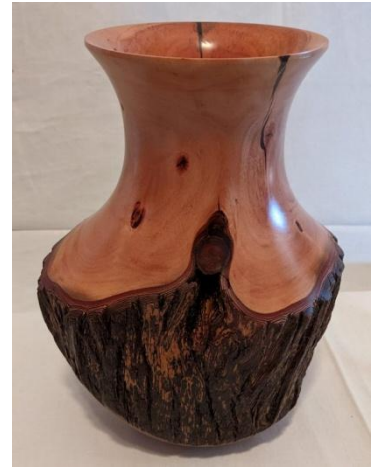
It has been a year like no other with the move into this tremendous new workshop and with the covid restrictions; we hope that the worst of it is over but we must still be vigilant and maintain safety.

Finally, as this is my last report I would like to thank all members for your trust in me as your President for the last ten years. Over that time we have seen good number of new members to the club and significant improvements to the Clubs facilities particularly the new workshop and lunch room.

Unfortunately due to personal commitments I will now be standing down this year and wish the incoming President all the best along with the incoming committee.

Len Preece - President 2021/2022

SHOW & TELL: There were no Show & Tell items presented at the August meeting but you might like to see **John McMahon's** photos from the club's Facebook page. John has made the bowl at left which he describes as *Cypress bowl with a bit of pyrography added*. Approx 130mm diam 100mm tall. Next is a *Cypress hollow form with pierced shoulder*. Approx 170mm diam 90mm tall. Last is a *Callistemon natural edge vase*, approx 150mm diam 250mm tall.



When **David Murden** contracted the Covid 19 virus recently he made good use of the isolation time turning the following items. When I asked David what plans he had for the work he said he had no idea. He just made them for fun.



Apricot candlesticks



Gum candlesticks



Redgum vases



Gum goblets and vase.



Pear kitchen tools.



Pear tree wands.

Seen around the club room: The small table below was made by **Ben Cherrie**. The carving of the powerful owl is the result of the chainsaw carving demonstration that took place on the club's Expo Weekend.



At left is a photo of some of the toy cars that **Peter Mason** and **Don Buchanan** have made for a local Early Learning group, 60 in total plus 9 caravans (on the right). Don says they received a \$120.00 donation and a box of chocolates!



Welcome to New Members.
John Scalzo and **Graeme Weatherley** have joined us.
We look forward to getting to know them.

Our Next Club Luncheon:

Cardinia Park Hotel (The Cardi) Beaconsfield - 12 noon. A register will be in the club's tea room for you to register you and your partner's names. Ken needs an accurate number by the Monday before, so he can let the hotel know how many members are coming. If you can't make it to the club let **Don Buchanan** know so that he can register your name(s) on your behalf.

A Plea from Simon Robbins.

Does anyone have a spare Stanley Screw to join the plane blade & chip breaker. Please contact **Simon Robbins** on Mob: 0448395454 if you can help.





Morning Tea Crisis. With the club's hot water dispenser once more 'on the blink', we have become reliant on an auxiliary electric tea urn which must be filled and heated every morning before we can all enjoy our 'cuppa'.

On the morning that this photo was taken, club member **Bill Bradshaw**, arriving early, had undertaken the task of preparing the urn, but apparently had a 'senior's moment', forgetting to switch it on at the power point. When the thirsty hoards arrived for their tea-break they found the urn sadly still as cold as when Bill had filled it.

Not to be outdone, the group turned to the microwave oven to heat a cup of water each

- a lengthy process made more so by the fact that nobody really knows how to operate the microwave.

Lauraine McDonald snapped this photo as they applied their combined expertise to the task. Happily Bill wasn't lynched and the experience created a lot of fun providing another 'do you remember when' moment.

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MACHINE SAFETY REMINDER - GRINDERS:

Check for loose clothing and hair before starting.

Ensure that the material to be ground is well secured and fully supported during grinding.

Ensure all guards are in place before switching on.

Ensure that eye shields are clean and are in place to protect the eyes. Wear safety goggles (fully enclosed — diver style).

Wear protective clothing and ear protection.

Ensure that the wheels are not damaged or cracked and are properly secured before switching on.

Remove loose foreign objects from around the grinder before starting.

Stand clear of the grinding wheel disk planes whilst the wheels are spinning up to full speed.

If necessary, grade the wheel prior to grinding.

Do not leave a running grinder unattended.



Minutes 2022 Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 3rd August at 1.00pm.

Welcome to members.

Apologies. Colin Ellard, Geoff Whyllie, Peter Angwin, Ross Blackwood, Andre Fonceca, Wayne Lucas, Ken Whitefield, Jack Croucher, Keith Towe.

Minutes of 2020/2021 Annual General Meeting Wednesday 1st December 2021

Proposed – Peter Mason. Seconded – Martin Van Diemen. Accepted – Unanimously

Correspondence addressed to the AGM.

- Australian Wood Reviews – Maker of The Year Awards. Presented by Carbatec and is open to all entries. Printed off for members in tea-room.
- Email from Craig Kinder wants a member to make a rifle stock for him. He would supply the wood (Walnut) to do the job. No members interested - emailed Craig.

President's Report. - As per attached report.

Proposed – John Damon. Seconded – Elsie Hoare. Accepted – Unanimously

Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

Proposed – John Mc Mahon. Seconded – Brian Crowe. Accepted – Unanimously

Notified Motions. Nil.

Election of Office Bearers and Committee.

Election results:-- President – Brian Crowe, Vice President – Ross Blackwood, Secretary – Don Buchanan, Treasurer – Peter Ball. And 6 Committee members – Len Preece, John Mc Mahon, Ken Barnes, Martin Van Diemen, Peter Angwin, Ken Whitefield.

A short mention from the new President, Brian Crowe to Len Preece for his time as the past President and thanked him for his tireless work during his tenure. Followed by an applause from the members. Thanks Len.

Election of Auditor. To be advised

Other AGM related business.

Correspondence:

- Ashlea Kight – Berwick Toy Library wanting help with her damaged toys. Several members volunteered to help repairing the toys. Names recorded. A return email to be sent.
- Brad Batton – An update of what's happening in Casey.
- Linda Nathan – Australian Wood review's Maker of the Year Awards presented by Carbatec. Printed out for interested members.

General Business

- We have been approached by members of the OCF Arts Society, if we want to join a First Aid training course on how to use a Defibulator unit. Sometime in September. They are also wanting us to build some art display stands for them. Are prepared to pay for them and supply the fittings. A number of members indicated a willingness to attend the training

session and to be involved with the making of the display stands.

Secretary to follow up with interested members and the Arts Society.

- The stall site we have been offered for services rendered at the monthly Craft market:-
 - i. How is it going to be managed?
 - ii. Who is going to manage it?
 - iii. What members are interested?
 - iv. Details to be confirmed before proceeding.
- Any further items for discussion from members.

A number of members expressed an interest in being involved with the stall. Namely: John Mc Mahon, Chris Drysdale, Simon Robbins, and perhaps Phil Willems and Keith Towe.

Some other members were concerned that the stall can be seen as a money-making enterprise that is linked to the club that supposed to be a Not for Profit organisation.

After discussion with the members present it was decided that the stall at the Craft market will be trailed until the end of the year. And will be further discussed in more detail at the next Committee meeting.

- George Young – Has asked that the Club's Statement of Purpose should be prominently displayed in the club. Secretary to follow up. The Club's Constitution should be sort as well. Elsie has some other documentation on the early inception of the Club Rules and Constitution and will forward it on to the Secretary.
- John Damon – About the muddy and boggy areas of the club surrounds. Can something be done to improve the

situation? Drainage problem to be fixed. Can the club donate money to the OCF to help fix the problem? Further discussion at the next Committee meeting.

- It was decided after member discussion that future General member meetings would be every two months. More meetings will possibly make it easier for members to attend more regularly.
- Simon Robbins is asking for a “Book Nook”. A small table and chairs for members to have a sit down and be able to read the books we have in our library. Our library is an under-valued resource. Peter Mason may be in a position to donate a suitable setting but will confirm at a later date.
- From Ken Barnes. Just a reminder that the club luncheon is arranged for Thursday 25th August at 12 noon.
- A query from Anna Ikonou. She is asking for someone to help her with a repair job for her rocking horse. Bill Bradshaw has volunteered for this one.
- Some tools and shelving are still available for members to take home for a modest donation to the club. Anything left over will be given to Elsie and Rick for their donation container.
- A member list will be posted on the tearoom wall, wanting members to register their emergency phone

numbers. Please complete this when you are at the club.

Expo report by John Mc Mahon.

- 500 visitors over the weekend. From far and wide. A significant number of Mens Sheds and other wood working clubs attended.
- Poor weather but reasonably well attended.
- 22 members displayed and/or put items up for sale. A total of 463 items. 92 items were sold for a total of \$4800. Total commission to the club was \$691.
- Raffle results were disappointing. Total takings were \$728 (\$1000 last year)
- Thanks to those members who helped along the way. Would like to see more members being involved next year.

Newsletter

- Elsie would like to see more member's photos of things they have made.

Raffle result.

- Congratulations to Rick Hoare for winning the raffle. \$20 is coming your way!

Next member meeting.

- Wednesday 5th October

Don Buchanan - Hon Secretary

A Further Note from Club Secretary, Don Buchanan.

Hello Fellow Members.

It was a lovely sunny day for the Farmers market. Rain was predicted but it never came.

We had a continual trail of visitors entering the market. I would say the stall holders had a great day.

We also had great takings off the gates.

It was really pleasing to see a number of new members attending to help at the market.

The grounds were still soft underfoot but to my knowledge we didn't have to pull any cars out of the mud.

This market's BOG Award goes to those new members who showed up and got their hands dirty. Thank you.

The Doveton Show is on again. It will be held on Sunday 18th September from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Please record this date in your diary. We will need members' assistance in making this show worthwhile. We will take the trailer

down on the Saturday and unload. Then set up on the Sunday. And pack it all away after 4.00 and bring it back to the club. Thankyou in advance to those who are going to lend a hand. Again this is an opportunity to put our club's name out there and inform people what we do.



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ON A PERSONAL NOTE: Jaqui Saddington's rocking cow has found a home on **Catherine Fiddelaer's** brother's dairy farm. Here is the new little owner, Catherine's great nephew, Lenny, having a riding lesson.

Peter Angwin, enjoying his holiday somewhere in Australia's north, thought we might like to see this enormous burl. *"Here at Kununurra for a rest after 9500kms then on to NT and homeward bound. Hope all well. Regards to all"* I dare say Peter and Lynne will find chilly old Victoria a bit of a shock after the warm temperatures they have been experiencing.



From **Amelia Rogers:**

These are from a book called *Disorder in the American Courts* and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while the exchanges were taking place.

ATTORNEY: Doctor , how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth?

WITNESS: July 18th.

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ATTORNEY: What year?

WITNESS: Every year.

ATTORNEY: She had three children , right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

WITNESS: Oral...

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To those of our members or their partners who are on the sick list at present we send our kindest thoughts and

Best Wishes.

That's about all for now until next time.

