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Welcome to the newsletter for **September 2022**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** **Committee Meeting** Tuesday 20th September - 1.00 pm in clubroom.  
**Monthly Meeting** October 5th - 1.00pm in clubroom.

**FUNCTIONS:** To be advised.

#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.**



Hi all, this is my first president's report since taking over the reins from Len, I have some very big shoes to fill, hopefully I have been a good student and the changeover is smooth.

We are now approaching the end of the year (Spring is upon us) and we will soon be preparing for our Gala Day and End of Year dinner in November, if there are any members who have slipped behind in their toymaking please let us know as there are many members who are prepared to help out.

The Farmers and Craft Markets are producing a steady income stream for the club which enables us to keep our membership fees fairly low, so if you can afford a couple of hours on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month please help out as it is in the club's interest to have as many attend as possible.

There has been a stormwater drainage issue of late and having had discussions with Kristy and Scott from the Old Cheese Factory - they are looking to see what is causing the problem, I will update you as I know more

It is fantastic to see the number of new members who have joined in the last month or two, if you see a member who you don't recognise, please take time to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome as they are the future of the club.

We have been asking members to supply us with an emergency contact phone number, I can't stress how important this is as we need to be able to contact someone should an emergency arise (I hope this number is never used).

That's all from me, stay safe and well.

**Brian Crowe - President.**

**CLUB INFORMATION:**

**MEETINGS:**

**COMMITTEE**

20th September

**GENERAL**

5th October

**SPEAKERS ETC**

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**FARMERS' MARKET**

24th September (craft market)

8th October. Farmers Market.

**Committee of Management:**

<b>Contact Details</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>
President	Brian Crowe,	0438 012 155
Vice President	Ross Blackwood	0490 668 515
Secretary	Don Buchanan	0431 313 998 email: bdwwsec@outlook.com
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**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](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.



## WE MISS YOU!

In recent weeks we have noticed that there are some familiar faces missing from the clubroom. We've wondered if there is a problem, if you are unwell or have difficulty getting to the club? Perhaps we can be of assistance - please let us know. We'd really like to see you again

**IN LIEU OF SHOW & TELL:** Chris Drysdale has had some very pleasing on-line exposure of his woodwork. The August Issue of the Design & Make newsletter has run an article on some of the work that Chris does with his CNC machine. Here are some of the items mentioned in the article. Below are two drink coasters and far right is a cutting board. The designs are carved with 3 dimensional carving, coloured, glued into place and flooded with resin. More details can be found at [designandmake.com](http://designandmake.com).



If you have a spare carpenter's pencil and some time on your hands you might like to try the projects below.



Welcome to the following new members who have joined us recently.  
**Carol Goddard, Hau Ding, Paul Perone, Michael Van Dord.**  
We wish you a long and happy time with us.

## MARKET REPORT:

Fellow Members, I will start this report with a big congratulations and thank you to the 24 members who showed up on Saturday. And it is encouraging to see 5 of our new members participating also. The weather could have been a little better! But we still had a good attendance by the regulars. Gate takings were down a bit, but that was expected given the prevailing weather.

2 cars got bogged and with the help of **John Damon** and **Martin Van Diemen**, they made it safely out. Some of the stall holders were moved to dryer ground up near the playground area and that proved to be a successful idea.

Overall - Not a bad day.

The **BOG** award must go to **Kay Zimmermen** for providing the coconut cupcakes for morning tea for the troops! Thanks Kay.

Just a reminder that vehicles are not allowed to park all day at the side entrance to the workshop. You can unload, but once completed, you must park your vehicle in the designated car parks with other members vehicles. This requirement has been in place since day one here. There is provision for parking on either side of the driveway but that is for members who have restricted mobility. At this stage that is the current situation. It would be ideal if we had a designated car park at the rear of the shed, but that idea is still in limbo with the OCF at this present time.

And that complete the Market Report! Thanks for listening.

**Don Buchanan - BDWWC Secretary**

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**TIMBER DONATION:** The club has received a generous donation of wood from **Outlast Timber** (Formerly known as **Redgum Supplies**) of Mordialloc. Varieties included in this gift are, **Silver Top Ash**, **Cypress Pine** and **Rosegum**, a paler variety of redgum.

**Alexander Drysdale** picked up the load last week and **Don Buchanan** has forwarded the club's thanks in the form of a Certificate of Gratitude.

## JIG SAW SAFETY ADVICE:

Be certain the blade is properly installed. It should be in a vertical position with the teeth pointing up.

Roll the machine over by hand to see if there is clearance for the blade, and if the tension sleeve has been properly set.

Keep the hold-down adjusted so the work will not be raised off the table.

When the saw is running, do not permit your fingers to get directly in line with the blade. The work can usually be held on either side of the cutting line.



## FROM THE INTERNET:

I had a lousy day today. Cold, wet and windy. Making a cabinet to fit into a motorhome and the glue up was not going as intended and I seemed to be all fingers and thumbs.

Just a lousy day. We all have them.

The final straw was my faithful jigsaw threw in the towel as I was cutting the ply for the faces and backs.

**Did you know that an angle grinder with a thin (1mm) cut off wheel cuts ply better than any jig saw I know?**

Very little break out or charring but a bit of smoke. Job's done.

Ian (Robbo) Robertson.

## QUICK FIX FOR DENTS

Dents in wood surfaces can be annoying. But fret not, they can be fixed. Simply soak a washcloth in water and wring it out a bit so it's not sopping wet. Put the damp washcloth on the affected area. The water will wick through the wood, and that's fine. Now, with your iron on its highest setting, place it on the damp washcloth over the affected area, and make small movements back and forth and in circles. Press down firmly and continue until your wash cloth is dry. It won't take long to evaporate. At this point, the wood fibers are absorbing the water and should expand back to where they were originally. Continue this process and repeat by adding more water until the dents rise up to be flush with the rest of the material.

## DIY SIMPLE AND SECURE SANDING BLOCK

Not happy with the selection of sanding blocks at the hardware store. I made a few of my own from hardwood scraps left over from a woodworking project. I cut each one to 3/4in. x 1-1/2in, which is just the right size to wrap a quarter sheet of sandpaper around. And the "kerf" cut helps hold the sandpaper in place until I'm ready to change it. -- Tim Olaerts.



## DON'T CHUCK THAT CHUCK.

For all of those people who, like me, cannot seem to get enough of a handgrip to tighten up a keyless drill-chuck, this may be the answer to your prayers. Keyless chucks are very handy for the odd drilling job. They are easier to use and you don't have to have a key (which is always somewhere else when you need it) as on a standard key-chuck. The solution is in the kitchen, in the third drawer, where you put all the stuff that hasn't got a special home.

Dig out the jar opener - you know the one with the rubber strap - that wraps around the lid and fits back into the handle. This just happens to be the "bees-knees" for tightening your keyless chuck. It is so good that you may have to use it to release the powerful grip that has locked the drill bit in place.

**Note: This should only be used on cordless drills.**

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## APPROVED 'GO TO' MEMBERS

When in need of assistance or advice on using any machine.

**NEW 'GO TO' MEMBERS** Club members who attend the workshop regularly will be used to seeing 4 of the photos featured here on notices spread around the club buildings. The committee has authorised a further 4 photos to be added to the list so now there will always be someone on hand to help you out when you need advice. These members are experienced with our machines and are authorised to give advice whenever needed. They are, from top left, **Ken Whitefield, Brian Crowe, Ross Blackwood, Bill Bradshaw, John McMahon, Simon King, Martin Van Diemen and Don Buchanan.**



Ken Whitefield



Brian Crowe



Ross Blackwood



Bill Bradshaw



John McMahon



Simon King



Martin Van Diemen



Don Buchanan

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**DID YOU KNOW?** Harrison Ford used to be a carpenter. He was fitting a door when George Lucas asked him to audition for *Star Wars*.



**ON A PERSONAL NOTE:**

**From Simon Robbins:** On a recent trip to Canberra we visited the National Arboretum which had some interesting plantings two of which are photographed here:

**Himalayan Cedar (Cedrus deodara).** This species (left) grows in the Himalayan - Hindu Kush region. The timber is rot-resistant & in India is used for railway sleepers, house construction, medicinal & in incense. While we were walking through the plantation there was a distinct perfume of the tree.

**Cork Oak (Quercus suber).** This plantation originates back in the early



days of Canberra when Walter Burley Griffin obtained seedlings to plant out that takes in the Arboretum. The photo at right illustrates that the cork has been harvested. Specialists were brought over from Portugal to educate locals on how to harvest the cork.

We also visited The ACT's National Park, Namadji which is the traditional home of the Ngunnawal People. The National Park was declared in 1984 & covers 106,095 hectares. Namadji is at the northern most end of the Australian Alps. Alpine Environments are rare in Australia, covering a tiny 0.15% of the continent.

Whilst away in our camper- trailer we experienced temperatures around minus 3 & minus 4.

**A POST-CARD FROM PETER ANGWIN :** While we have been shivering in chilly Melbourne, **Peter and Lynn Angwin** have been wandering through warmer, Northern climes. Their trip is coming to an end and we should see them back home soon. Below, a snap shot of a Geiki Gorge resident



**Re emergency contact phone numbers:** As Brian has already mentioned in his President's Message, the Committee is anxious to gain a contact number from each member, to be used only in case of an emergency.

Just as a little matter of interest, I lost my handbag a few weeks back (left it in a supermarket trolley in a senior moment) I was devastated and rushed to the bank to cancel my bank card. While I was there the man who found the bag, went to our home to return it and finding us not at home, phoned the **emergency number** for our daughter which he found on a card I always carry in my purse. Bless his heart, I got my bag back safe and sound and will be really careful in future, I might not be so lucky next time. But the emergency number worked. I have added it to the list in the clubroom.

**Elsie Hoare.**

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The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good at all.

Keith Towe saw the cartoon below on the wall at City Saws last week and thought it might, "provoke a grin from our members."

**NO  
CHEQUES ACCEPTED  
UNLESS  
YOU ARE OVER 85 AND  
ACCOMPANIED BY BOTH  
PARENTS**



**I DECIDED TO TRAVEL TO THE US.**

At the Embassy for the Visa interview:

**Officer:** Where to in the US?

**Me:** San Jose

**Officer:** It's pronounced as San Hosey.  
**J** is pronounced as **H** in the US.

**Me:** Oh, okay.

**Officer:** So how long do you plan to be in the US?

**Me:** From Hanuary to Hune or Huly.

**VISA REJECTED.**

From **Michael Berry** comes the following test:

**A BIT OF FUN.**

How smart is your right foot???

This is bizarre!

Just try this. It is from an orthopedic Surgeon.....

This will boggle your mind and you will keep trying over and over again to see if you can outsmart your foot, but you can't. It's preprogrammed in your brain.

1. Without anyone watching you and while sitting where you are at your desk in front of your computer, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.

2. Now, while doing this, draw the number '6' in the air with your right hand.

Your foot will change direction. No matter how hard you try you will not be able to maintain the clockwise circles.

Bert was walking along a bush track when he saw his mate Dave sagging against a tree, ashen-faced and shaking.

"You don't look too good Mate, Said Bert. What's wrong?"

"I've just had a dreadful shock", replied Dave.

"I thought that big stick over there was a snake."

Bert glanced at the stick, which did look vaguely snake-like. "It's OK Mate, it's only a stick."

"I know that", gasped Dave, "but the stick I picked up to kill it wasn't!"

**STOP PRESS:** John Damon has sent me this photo which he snapped at the **Doveton Show** just yesterday (Sept 18th) That's **Brian Crowe** working on the lathe, being supervised by **Ken Whitefield** and instructed by **Geoff Wylie**. That's Geoff's wife **Janet** (Brian's sister) watching the proceedings.

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

