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Welcome to the newsletter for **November 2022**

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee

Meeting 22nd November - 1.00pm in clubroom.

Monthly Meeting 23rd November - 1.00pm in clubroom.

Gala Day Set Up - Sunday 4th December

FUNCTIONS: Break up Dinner is now on Wednesday 30th November.

Gala Day is now on Sunday 4th December.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Hello all,

I hope you are all in good health, I haven't a lot to report on this month, but as the year is rapidly drawing to an end, we will be concentrating on our end-of-year dinner and our Gala Day. Don will follow up with the chain of events on the day. One thing that we should all be aware of is the recent increase of Covid infections! We are at a vulnerable age so if any member does not feel well with cold or flu symptoms please advise the club and stay at home, do a rats test and perhaps visit your GP and return when you feel well enough to do so.

It is with some disappointment that it was brought to my attention by a member, of a piece of timber that was in the wood-rack, as you can see by the attached photos it has been put through the thicknesser with a nail in it, that is bad enough but to be put back in the rack in this condition is very disappointing. Please think of the damage this does to our machinery and the inconvenience it creates for other members and check ALL second hand timber for nails.

The stroke sander that the club has acquired (thanks to **Ross Blackwood**) seems to work very well, if you wish to use it and are not sure, approach one of the **GO TO** members for assistance.

There is a general meeting on the 23rd of November, we would like as many members as possible attend the meeting. We will be discussing some ideas about woodworking programs for the future, come along and have your say.



That's all from me, stay safe. **Brian Crowe - President**

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

22nd November

GENERAL

23rd November

SPEAKERS ETC

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FARMERS' MARKET

26th November(craft market)

10th November. Farmers Market.

Committee of Management:

Contact Details	Name	Phone
President	Brian Crowe,	0438 012 155
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Committee

Martin Van Diemen	0418 316 867
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Len Preece	0408 365 970
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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.



BUSY TIMES. With the club's End-of-Year activities fast approaching, the workshop at Berwick Woodworkers is a busy place. **Peter Angwin** caught some of the activity with his camera recently.



Our scroll saws are rarely idle. That's **Bill Bradshaw** and **Richard Gething** putting them through their paces at left.



When he's not busy with his duties as Club Secretary, **Don Buchanan** sometimes finds time to be a woodworker. That looks like a repair on a broken chair that Don's working on at right.



The sanders are always busy. At left, that's **Katerina Zorin** on the strip sander, **Wayne Lucas** using the rod sander and **Andre Fonseca** at the linisher at left.

I have no idea what **Simon King** is up to, below left, but as one of our **GO TO** members Simon is always in demand.

Paul Ellingham and **Ron Bolton** are making use of the band saw and the lathe, two more very popular machines.





Hats off to our painting team. They do a great job.

Although it's never idle, at this time of the year the finishing room is in high demand as the final touches are applied to the toys that will be given away in early December. Here are **George Young** and **Alexander Drysdale** putting the space to good use.

A careful hand with a paintbrush is one of the most important parts of toy making.



NAIL GUN SAFETY ADVICE

There are many types of portable hand-held nail guns. They are powered by either:

- electromagnetism
- compressed air-pneumatic
- highly flammable gases—such as butane or propane
- powder actuated—requiring an explosive charge.

Since their introduction, the compressed air/pneumatic type nail gun has become the most commonly used form of nail gun.

Use totally enclosed eye protection when operating a nail gun.

Use a leather apron when operating a nail gun.

Operators are responsible for the safe operation of Nail Guns
Keep your finger off the trigger.

Pictured below are the clubs nail guns and the compressor



As Brian has mentioned in the Presidents Message, we have a new sander in the workshop. Here is **Ross Blackwood** using the machine. I'm told it is ideal for large area sanding.

Welcome to a New Member

This month's new member is **Wilma Mackay**.
Welcome Wilma, we're glad you've joined us.



Following recent surgery on his shoulder, **Ian Deans** will be out of action for a few weeks. Ian has dropped into the workshop a couple of times for a visit.. This is a shout out to all members who find they are unable to carry on with their woodwork at the moment. Unless your illness is contagious (such as Covid) we're delighted to see you for a visit. Come for a 'cuppa' at morning tea time or just to wander around to see what everyone is doing. Here Ian stopped to watch **Graeme Weatherley** at the lathe. Graeme kindly stopped his work so I could take this photo.

Get well soon Ian.

Best Wishes to all those of our members who are on the sick list. We hope it's not long before you are feeling very much better.

SAUSAGE MAKING DEMONSTRATION

Club members were treated to a demo with a difference on Monday 14th when club secretary **Don Buchanan**, a butcher by trade, let us into the secret of how the humble sausage is born.

For a charge, viewers were able to take home a kilo of sausages and to also enjoy a 'cook up' after the demonstration.



Here **Lauraine MacDonald** is operating the sausage machine under Don's instructions.

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REMINDER:

Our **Gala Day** is coming up on 4th December. We'll need all hands on deck for the set up in the function room at the Old Cheese Factory on the morning of that day, starting from 8.00am.

It's heart warming to see the results of our year's work come together in a wonderful, colourful display. If you can spare an hour or two in the morning to help transfer the toys from storage to the function room, the job will be accomplished fairly quickly.

Then, of course we'd like to have as many of our

members as possible, join us at 2 o'clock when the event is scheduled to begin.

If you happen to have been working at home, on toys intended for the Gala Day, please remember to bring them along to the club in time to be added to the collection. We will be able to store toys, that arrive a day or two early, in the lunch room of our old club building.

A Note from George Ritchie.

I was 'surfing the Web' in relation to the hardness of wood and came upon some interesting information. I shared this with a couple of the members and they seemed to find it interesting.

There is a 'thing' called '**The Janka Wood Hardness Rating**' which goes into the subject in some depth and there are many charts available on the Web. I have included a sub-chart mostly dealing with woods available here for a taste of what's available. Club members may be interested!

All the best - **George Ritchie**

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The Troubled Human Race
 In case you need further proof that the human race is doomed through stupidity, here are some label instructions on consumer goods.

On Sears hairdryer - Do not use while sleeping.

On Marks & Spencer bread pudding - Product will be hot after heating.

On packaging for a Rowena iron - Do not iron clothes on body.

On a Korean kitchen knife - Warning, Keep out of children.

On a string of Chinese-made Christmas lights - For indoor or outdoor use only.

On Sainsbury's peanuts - Warning: contains nuts.

On an American Airlines packet of nuts - Instructions: Open packet, eat nuts.

DID YOU KNOW?

The rumbling of your stomach is called a wamble.

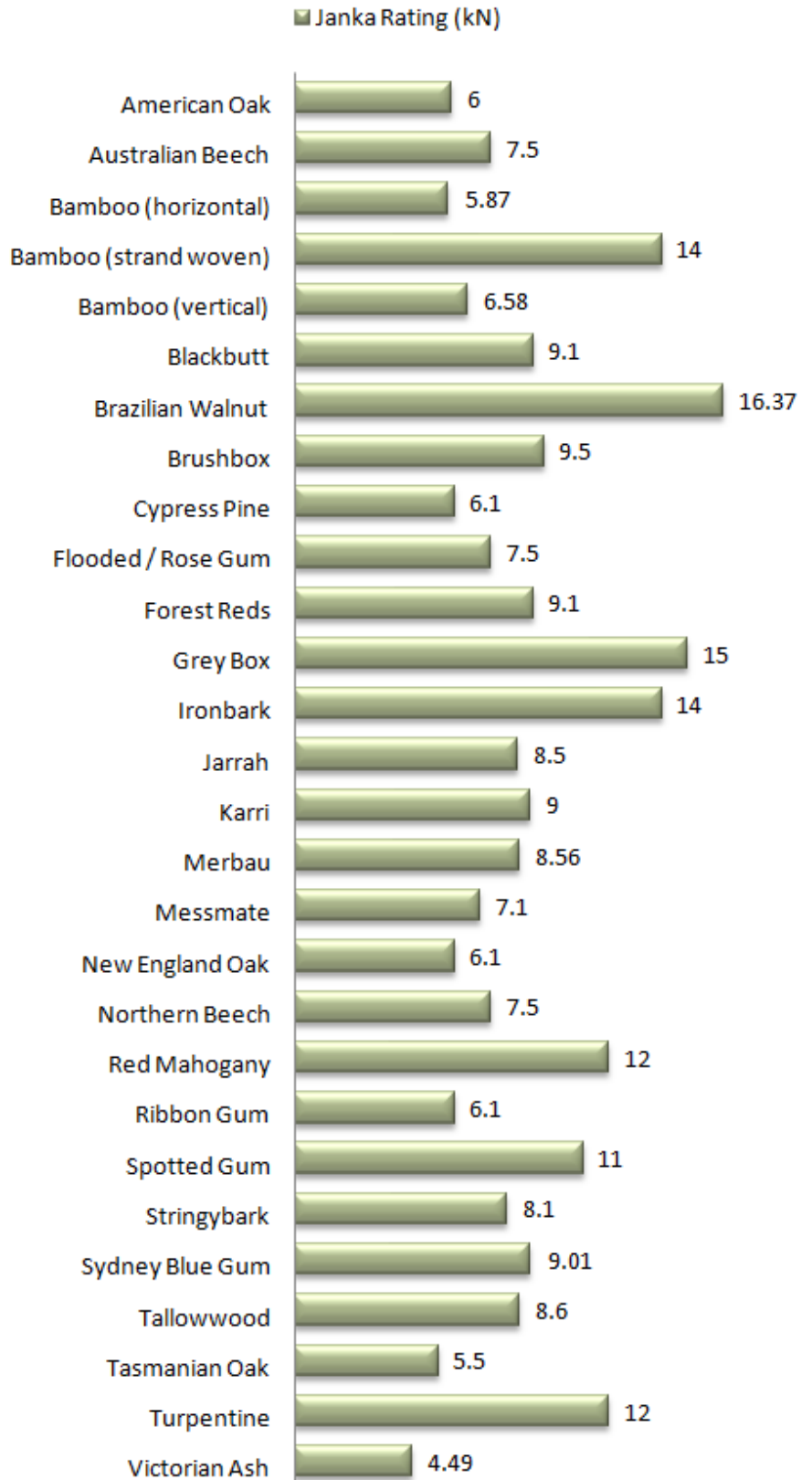
Your tiny toe or finger is called a minimus.

The space between your nostrils is called columella nasi.

The condition of finding it difficult to get out of bed in the morning is called disania.

That utterly sick feeling you get after eating or drinking too much is called crapulence. (honestly I didn't make that up)

Janka Rating (kN)



HARE & FORBES DEMONSTRATION DAYS. Club members spent some time at the Machinery House in Abbots Road, Dandenong, to demonstrate the woodworking machines. As usual we took along our own woodwork. Lunch was not a problem as there was a free sausage sizzle and we had unrestricted access to the onsite kitchen for tea and coffee.



Pictured left are **Rick Hoare** and **John McMahon** discussing the merits of the lathe they were using. Below **Rick Hoare, Don Buchanan** and **John McMahon** taking a break during the afternoon.



Written for Harley Davidson but could easily apply to your new woodworking machine.

From Michael Berry:

Looking for a married woman, recently cheated on, mad and scorned, who is willing to sell her husband's tools cheap.

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QUESTIONS THAT HAUNT ME!

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?

How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?

Why is it that people say they 'slept like a baby' when babies wake up like every two hours?

Why do people pay to go up tall buildings and then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

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

(report on November General Meeting coming next issue.)