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Welcome to the newsletter for **December 2022**

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting - 20th December - 1.00pm in clubroom.

General Meeting - February - 1.00pm in clubroom.

Twilight Craft Market, Friday 16th December, starting at 3pm to 8pm. Setting up starting around 2pm.

Club working bee and BBQ on Wednesday 14th December. The workshop will be closed.

FUNCTIONS: Welcome Back Barbeque - A "Welcome Back" BBQ has been set for 5.00pm on Tuesday 17th January. Members to bring their own meat and drinks. The club will supply salads and bread.

GALA DAY - December 2022



Hi All - Well that's another year done and dusted, and it has been a very productive year at that, not only making approx. 800 toys but noticing that many members are working on their own projects which is great to see. We have had a steady stream of new members and seeing the attendance book, all are prepared to get involved and support the club.

I have noticed that a lot of other woodworking clubs have a greater variation of woodworking projects, specifically, pyrography, box making and intarsia, so if any members have any suggestions please let us know.

We will be conducting a first aid training course early next year so member attendance would be greatly appreciated.

Our Gala day was a resounding success although a little mixed up with dates, our members rose to the occasion and everything ran very smoothly, a special thank you to all members who assisted, Don will expand on this with his notes.

That's all from me, and I wish you all a fantastic Christmas and healthy and wealthy new year. See you all at our welcome back dinner



Brian Crowe - President.

Photo by Peter Ball.

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

20th December

GENERAL

To be advised.

SPEAKERS ETC

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FARMERS' MARKET

16th December (craft market)

14th January. 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 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.



CLUB SECRETARY, DON BUCHANAN REFLECTS ON OUR END-OF-YEAR EVENTS.



It's been a busy week. The Break up Dinner was a roaring success. Nine lucky members each took home a variety of lucky draw prizes, ranging from an expensive bottle of red, to gift \$20 vouchers, to a pair of ceramic salt and pepper shakers. It was a great opportunity for members to mingle and talk about other stuff besides woodwork. The dinner itself was very nice with a selection of well cooked meats accompanied by chilled salads. - A good time was had by all. Last Sunday saw our Gala

Day afternoon tea. We had a great turn out of members and their partners, charity representatives, **Berwick Primary school Choir** children (pictured above) and their parents.

Unfortunately the invited local politicians and some Casey representatives were a no show. But apart from that, the



day was still worth attending. A sumptuous afternoon tea was provided by the members' partners and that soon disappeared.

Today (Monday) was our toy pickup day. All our charities arrived relatively early in a variety of vehicles to take home the toys. We hope the children enjoy our gifts. The members, who helped, packed away those toys at a rapid rate. It was all done and dusted by 11.00am.

To all those members who gave up their time and helped over these events, you all get a group BOG (Best on Ground) award – So congratulations one and all!

Getting started



Time to stop for a cuppa.



Almost done.

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING. - Show & Tell.

Photos for this month's Show and Tell almost didn't happen because I forgot to take my camera along to the meeting - many thanks to **Dianne Gething** and **Ross Blackwood** for rescuing me and supplying the following pictures.

Ron Bolton showed us the bowls at right. The lidded bowl is pine. Ron used epoxy to fill faults in the other bowl which is an unknown wood but very hard. Ron tells us these are his first bowls.



Simon Robbins made the bowl below which has a penny embedded in its base..

The wood is jacaranda,

In the interest of promoting a wider range of woodworking talent within the club, we were shown a variety of different articles.

Chris Drysdale showed us a large carved platter (as yet unfinished, so no photo) which is an example of carving done on a CNC machine. The small car below and butterfly design box were also done on a CNC machine, assembled by **Ross Blackwood** from ready cut pieces he obtained at the 'Stone the Crows Festival' in Wagga Wagga a while back.



Bill Bradshaw showed us some elaborately hand carved items that were made by his neighbour. As Bill had to rush off to carry out Grandpa duties I was not quick enough to get photos of these items.

Brian Crowe suggested some of us might like to try intarsia and showed us the horse plaque that he made recently, along with one he borrowed from Warragul Woodworkers, as an example of this craft.

In addition Brian borrowed the boxes on the next page, from Warragul Woodworkers, as an example of the box making that we could take up.





Above are the boxes mentioned on the previous page. Pyrography was another suggestion of a craft that members may find interesting. The examples at right are by **Elsie and Rick Hoare**.



NOT FOR SHOW AND TELL - but definitely worth a look at are these bedside tables made by long-distance club member **David Murden**. David, who is an Animal Technical Officer with Rivalea, Australia, lives in Howlong NSW but visits the club every time he is down in Melbourne. David began work on his tables during his last visit to



us a few weeks ago, finishing them off at home on his return to Howlong.



Peter Ball has been working at home also and has sent me this photo. As he glues a reinforcement piece along a long edge, Peter assures me that the claim that 'you can't have too many clamps' turns out to be true.





Katerina Zorin snapped this photo of the horse that is being made by **Carol Goddard**. Carol has been a club member for only about 5 months but is already well on the way with her horse.

SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS.

Following the establishment of the sale of our off-cuts for firewood, we are reminded that there are bins available for rubbish and to recycle cardboard. We are asked to put **only wood** in the firewood bins which are placed conveniently near each bandsaw.

Safety glasses and ear protection are provided by the club if you do not have your own.

Due to the potential damage to the clubs equipment, **second-hand timber** is to be carefully inspected for nails by at least two club members with our newly purchased metal detector. If you have timber containing nails, they must be removed before bringing the timber into the workshop. (some clubs ban recycled wood altogether.)

MANY THANKS: To those industrious members of the **Pakenham Patchworkers & Quilting Group** who proved beautiful little quilts for the dolls prams, beds and double bunks that we make to give away each Gala Day. 48 quilts duly handed over this year, each one a perfect little masterpiece. Each quilt bears the gift tag pictured, stitched to the reverser side.



To **Berwick Curtain Nook**, 48 High Street Berwick, who very kindly donated the fabric to make the mattress and pillow sets for our dolls prams this year - enough left over for a head start on next year's sets.

to **Graeme Weatherley** who on winning the door prize at the November General Meeting, donated the prize back to the club to be drawn again. **Dianne Gething** was the lucky winner the second time. Nice one, Graeme.



Berwick District Woodworkers Club - General Meeting Minutes – 23rd November, 2022

Meeting Commenced

Meeting started at 1.00pm

Welcome to Members —

Apologies — Peter Angwin, Ken Barnes, Alexander Drysdale, Ian Chong.

Minutes of last monthly meeting. — 5th October 2022

Motion to accept minutes.

Proposed —Ken Whitefield **Seconded** —Ross Blackwood **Accepted** —Unanimously

Business arising from previous meeting.

- Nil

Correspondence.

- Cassandra – Stride for Stroke promotion. No action taken
- Notification of Cluster Muster at Poowong on Thursday 17th November.
- Initial notification that the Berwick Show is coming back in the new year. No dates given at this stage.
- Crystal Janousec from the Berwick Toy Library. They have toys needing repair and will drop them off at one of our markets. (Top gate).
- Auditor's report received.
- AMSA election of a board member from the VMSA. Nomination being Trevor Dobbyn who is the current chair of the VMSA.
- Email from Christine Quigley Provenance Artist Inc that they will be holding their "Great Art Show" at the Old Edrington homestead a on the 24 – 26 March 2023. They are asking if we would like to present some of our work at their exhibition. She is willing to visit our club and discuss this invitation further.

Proposed —Ken Whitefield **Seconded** — Bill Bradshaw **Accepted** —Unanimously

Presidents Report.

- No newsletter will be sent out in January to give Elsie a short spell. Thanks, Elsie, for your work over the past year.
- Thank you to all the members who attended the Hare and Forbes demo days held recently.
- Our Gala Day – Toys coming in from members will be stored in our old lunchroom starting from 1st and 2nd December (Thursday and Friday) If members have toys for

donating, please bring them in on those days. We need members to help with the setting up of the function with toys on the Gala Day morning. Starts at 8.00am. Members are requested to wear their club uniforms and name tags to this important event.

- 5th December is the toy pickup day
- **An important issue is the use of recycled timber. Machined timber has been found in the timber rack. It was machined with nails clearly visible and then put back in the rack. Members must please check the wood thoroughly before machining. After general discussion, it has now been made mandatory that recycled wood must be checked by at least 2 members including going over it with our newly purchased metal detector. If you have timber containing nails, they must be removed before bringing the timber into the club.**
- Wednesday 14th December will be our Working Bee. Starting around 9.00am. The workshop will be closed for the event. There will be a BBQ sausage sizzle lunch provided. Please add this date to your diaries. The more members attending – the more work will be accomplished.
- **The use of the pine we have at the club has been ratified. It will be predominantly used for making our toys for our charities. However, if we are approached by a charity to make a particular item, then we can use the pine. We will accept a donation from these charities. Lastly if a member wishes to use this pine, then the club will charge the member \$5.00 per metre to a maximum amount of 5 metres (total being \$25.00). Smaller pieces can be used, and we would accept a modest donation from the member.**
- George Young will be stepping down from managing the paint shop. If there is anyone willing to take over from George, please let us know. Thankyou George for all your work over the years working tirelessly in getting those toys painted and stored. It is much appreciated.
- Safety glasses and ear protection are provided by the club. It is up the members themselves if they wish to wear them. Members can also use their own safety protection if required.
- Our "Welcome Back" BBQ has been set for Tuesday 17th January at 5.00pm at our clubrooms. BYO meat and drinks. Salads and bread will be provided including tea and coffee. So please put this date in your diaries.

- There have been some members asking about other wood working crafts. A register has been written up asking each member to complete. It is asking if you are interested in learning other wood working crafts. If enough members are interested, then we will run some introduction sessions with experienced members as mentors. Tick the appropriate box if you are interested in it. Also, there is a question regarding extending the opening hours on another day (like Wednesdays). If we get enough interest, we may consider opening the club for another full day. Please register the day that might suit you.

Motion to accept the President’s report.

Proposed —Ross Blackwood **Seconded** —Simon King **Accepted** —Unanimously

Treasurer’s report.

- Approx \$5444 in trading account.
- Approx \$74,000 in total of our accounts.
- Audit completed – all OK
- Submission to Consumer Affairs accepted.
- All our financial data is free for members to view at any time.
- The club will compile a list of equipment, tools etc that are required to be updated or replaced.

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report.

Proposed -Lance Baker **Seconded** -Bill Bradshaw **Accepted** - Unanimously

Markets.

- Next Farmers Market is on Saturday 10th December
- Next Craft Market is on Saturday 26th November.
- Twilight Craft Market will be on Friday 16th December from 3pm to 8pm (Possible Sausage sizzle (to be confirmed)).

Functions and Important dates

- Break up dinner on 30th November
- Gala day on Sunday 4th December. Early setting up required. We need helpers.
- Toy pick up day Monday 5th December
- Working Bee on Wednesday 14th December

Toys

- As mentioned earlier.

Newsletter.

- Elsie is asking for members to send her anything of interest to publish in the newsletter. Photos, items of interest etc would be appreciated.
- To give Elsie a break, there will be no January edition of the newsletter.

General Business.

- Berwick show for 2023 is on in the new year. More details are coming.
- From Len Preece – The updated Honor Board will be returned shortly.
- Website update still to happen.
- From Elsie, table saw – stop to be repaired.
- From Lorraine Mc Donald, wants biscuits with morning tea. Wishes to be involved in making toys. Sees the need to compile a toymaking list including the member responsible for the making of the particular toy.
- From Wayne Lucas, Attended the Cluster Muster in Poowong. A great guest speaker – Matt Bowtell from “Free3DHands”. Would encourage more members to attend.
- Pat Mahoney has asked if we can separate the stack of pine that we have. The straight clean pine to be separated from the cracked and curved.

Show and Tell items on display.

- Thank you to those members who brought in items for the Show and Tell.

Our raffle

- The \$20 door prize was won by Graeme Weatherley. Congrats Graeme.

New members

Meeting closed—2.10pm

Next Meeting

- February 2023 on a Wednesday. Actual day to be confirmed.

Best Wishes

A special mention to those of our members who are unwell at the moment.

We wish you a speedy recovery and all the best for a Happy Christmas and the coming year.





HELP WANTED: Anyone who visits the club's finishing room will recognise **George Young**. George has held the position of Supervisor of the club's painting activities for many years and is now planning to retire from the job. The committee would be pleased to hear from someone who would like take the reins from George.

FEED BACK: **Geoff Wylie** tells me that John & Steve at Mick & Sons Hardware in Noble Park North were delighted to find themselves mentioned in the October issue of this newsletter and assure us their offer still stands. Show your club name badge and John or Steve will look after you. They are at 3/12 Elonera Rd, Noble Park North.
(just off the Princes Highway)



NEW MEMBERS: Welcome this month to **Spencer and Quade Keylock** and **Drew Mackay**. We look forward to getting to know these new members.

ANOTHER REMINDER: We have a Twilight Craft Market on this Friday night for 3pm to 8pm. The weather is not looking good at this stage. But, hope to see you there. Set up starts at 2.pm.

A MANNER OF SPEAKING: A cement mixer collided with a prison van just outside of town. Motorists are asked to be on the lookout for 16 hardened criminals.

Before you criticise someone, walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticise them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes.

A NEW SLANT TO AN OLD JOKE:
'Dear Milkman. Baby arrived yesterday, please leave another one.'

NOTICE IN A SYDNEY RESTAURANT:
WANTED: Man to wash dishes and two waitresses.

On a University Notice Board: **NOTICE:** Will gentlemen taking pots of tea on to the college lawns please exercise more care. Their hot bottoms are killing the grass.

For the musicians among us: An ad in the All-Story Magazine.
'STRADIVARIUS VIOLIN FOR SALE CHEAP ALMOST NEW.'

That's all for now until next time. The next issue of this newsletter is due out in February so until then I wish you all a Joyful, Peace-filled Christmas and a safe and happy new year.

