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Welcome to the newsletter for April 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting, Tuesday, 27th April - 1.00pm in clubroom.
Monthly Meeting 5th May - 1.00pm in clubroom.



**FUNCTIONS: Berwick Woodworkers Woodworking Display and Expo.
9th, 10th & 11th July, 2021.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

It was great to see the good number of members and their partners at our recent lunch at The Pine Grove Hotel. Unfortunately I was unable to attend, but it was great to receive the news that it was a good success. Many thanks to **Ken Barnes** for his organisation of this event and we look forward to our next luncheon.

Members are reminded to check with a member that has a key to open up on the quieter days when the club may not be open. (eg. public holidays) Remember that there must be at least two (2) members in the club before you commence any work. The club is now protected with an excellent CCTV system.

When attending the club please remember to be **covid safe**. Sign in with telephone number, (this is required by law.) hand sanitizers are located at the main door and at the lunch room door.

When finishing work for the day please make sure **all work benches are cleaned off**, ready for the next person to come in. **The area in front of the switch board must be kept clear at all times.**

Use of the notice board in the lunch room is available to all members please check with either **Mark Bellis** or myself before placing anything on the notice board, to help in keeping the board reasonable and able to see the information placed upon the board.

The Farmers Market is still going well. The last market we were a little short of numbers; it would be great if a few more members could make themselves available even if it was only for an hour or so to give someone a break for a quick coffee or something. Many thanks to **Martin Van Diemen** for his work in keeping the market going. We are having another problem with the council and the signs martin puts out, we are hoping for a resolution on this problem. Many thanks also to **Geoff Rankin** who does a great job in managing the market. **Remember it is the Farmers Market that keeps our memberships at a reasonable level and keeps the club operating.**

Len Preece - President.

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

27th April

GENERAL

5th May

SPEAKERS ETC

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FARMERS' MARKET

8th May.

Committee of Management:

<i>Contact Details</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
President	Len Preece	59405564
Vice President	Brian Crowe	0438 012 155
Secretary	Mark Bellis - 0439 991 134	
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Treasurer	Peter Angwin	5941 1272

Committee

Martin Van Diemen	9707 5305
John McMahon	9796 1097
Ken Whitefield	0402 256 134
Ken D. Barnes	0419 114 738
Colin Ellard	8770 0149
Ross Blackwood	0490 668 515

Monthly demonstrations - *Vacant looking for help*
 Functions Coordinator - *Vacant*
 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 & Paul Ryan*

Special interest group coordinators - *To suit group*
 Librarian - *Keith Towe*
 Exhibition and Show - *John McMahon*
 Gala Day coordinator - *Len Preece*
 Our Lease - *Chris Drysdale*
 Screws - *Martin Van Diemen*
 Paint - *George Young*
 Timber coordinator - *Martin Van Diemen*
 Equipment authorisation approved members. - *Len Preece, Brian Crowe, John Damon, John Membrey and Bill Bradshaw.*
 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	5.00 pm - 9.00 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.



APRIL GENERAL MEETING : As already mentioned in the President's Report and recorded in the April Minutes, there are a few matters that need to be brought to club members' attention:

CLUB SECURITY: Passwords and security codes have become a way of life and are often difficult to remember. While it is tempting to write them down we must be careful where we leave the information. Recently the entry code for the clubroom keypad was discovered, **prominently displayed**, written above the keyboard in the clubroom.

The keypad entry code **must not be displayed near the keypads** as this practice would seriously reduce the effectiveness of the club's security.



We are reminded to take care, when re-installing the dust extractor's bins after emptying them, to make sure that they are pushed well back into the vacuum housing. This is to prevent suction and dust leakage.



Finding space on which to work can be a challenge when benches are housing the remnants of the previous club member's project.

Keeping the workshop tidy is the responsibility of everyone who uses it.

The workshop benches must be cleared after use and all project materials must be removed and suitably stored to allow other members access to the benches. Top marks to whoever left the bench at right in this desirable condition. The Torque Master bench should not be used as a general work bench and must be left clear for Torque Master work.



Please clean up the machine you have just used. Pictured below right is one of the club's vacuum cleaners. It is easy to manage as it rolls on wheels. It plugs into any of the power points in the workshop and the hose is long enough to reach around at least three machines.



We don't have a fairy godmother, if you leave a mess it means that one of your fellow members must clear up after you before they can begin work.

NOTE: The cleaner at right is also to be used when cleaning around the mitre saw in the breezeway. The mitre saw is attached to the vacuum cleaner that sits on the bench next to it. The cleaner works in conjunction with the saw and must not be disconnected to use for general cleaning.



SHARPENING TOOLS: If a tool needs sharpening please approach one of the 'Go To' members pictured at right. Please don't attempt to sharpen it yourself.

Go To members are, from left to right, **Len Preece, Brian Crowe, John Damon, Bill Bradshaw & John Membrey.**



FARMERS' MARKET ASSISTANCE. A few more members are needed to help with the market once a month. Just an hour of your time would be a great help, especially early on the day from 7.00 am onward.

As we've been advised many times, the takings from the gate entry keeps the club's bank balance healthy, enabling us to keep membership fees low and forego the need to run a fund-raising raffle each year.

Ask not what your club can do for you. Ask what you can do for your club. (with apologies to JFK.)

APRIL SHOW & TELL: The document box below was made by **Eric Guthrie** from an unknown wood. The lid inset is a messmate burl. The box is lined with red felt.



Brian Crowe made the tulip tree bowl below.

Mark Bellis made another of the bandsaw boxes (at left) that he enjoys making. The wood is black butt.



The Queensland maple platter at left is by **Len Preece**. Also by **Len** is the clock & barometer below, made from Clyde Road Oak.

Len made the wall clock below and the desk clock below left from Clyde Road elm.



Len's barometer at right is blackwood.

Keith Towe made the lidded pedestal bowl below. The wood is blackwood.



Keith has donated the bowl to the club to be one of the prizes in the Exhibition raffle.



Chris Drysdale combined three pieces of walnut wood to make the pizza platter at left.



More Show & Tell on the next page.

Show & Tell continued. The club's youngest member, Marcus Wilson showed us some of the work he has been doing. Marcus made his own presentation. Here is what he had to say:

"Hello, my name is Marcus. I am 11 years old. I am a new member in woodworking. My first project was suggested by Billy. Bill helped me plan and gave me some tips for my wooden duck. I have learnt to sand and paint the different pieces. Bill was very helpful and has liked the projects that I have done so far. My second project was a Stanley Kids Woodwork set. I have enjoyed making these projects so far."



Marcus tell me that he drew up and measured the duck and Bill Bradshaw cut it for him. The forklift kit came in pieces that Marcus sanded, assembled and painted.

NOT FOR SHOW & TELL:



David Murden made the bird house above left, for his grandmother. David enjoys using up oddments of wood. Here are some of his cutting-boards



and a bird house made from scraps.

The owl below is by **Dianne Gething** and is also from scraps.



We've all watched it taking shape in the workshop, now here it is, the doll's house that **Wayne Lucas** has been building for his little granddaughter.



CLUB LUNCHEON: This pleasant get-together, of club members and their partners, was held at the Pine Grove Hotel in Upper Beaconsfield on April 15th. The venue has a relaxing atmosphere, service was quick and the staff friendly and obliging.



WOODWORKING DISPLAY & EXPO: Planning continues for this event which is to be held (Covid permitting) on the weekend of 9th, 10th & 11th of July. It will be a Farmers' Market weekend which will enable market patrons to take advantage of the opportunity to see what the club is all about. All club members are encouraged to take part both with their woodwork offerings and their time. Volunteers are needed to: Set up and dismantle the exhibition, Label entries, Man the reception desk, Carry out demonstrations. If you would like to help please let **John McMahon** know - 0437096840

Berwick Woodworkers Presents
1st Annual Open Weekend
Woodworking Display and Expo

Friday 9 July 2021 5.00pm-8.00pm
Saturday & Sunday 10-11 July 2021 9.00am-5.00pm

At the clubrooms
The Old Cheese Factory
34 Homestead Rd., Berwick

More info:
Len Preece: 0408365970
John McMahon: 0437096840
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RESCUE: From time to time the club receives an appeal for help, from a member of the public, to repair a precious wooden item. Usually one of our members is able, successfully, to rise to the challenge. A few weeks back a member of the public came to the club with a couple of damaged antique puppets from Bali. Could someone carve a replacement for the missing arm of one puppet, and also replace a stick that operates the other puppet?

David Murden rose to the occasion, taking the damaged antiques home with him. The result of David's efforts produced an identical arm, the necessary operating stick and one very happy member of the public. In case you can't pick it, David's replacement is the arm on the left.



FROM THE INTERNET: It's an old trick but it still works:

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 fibres 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.

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Berwick District Woodworkers Club Monthly Meeting Minutes 7th April 2021

Meeting Commenced

Meeting commenced at 1:35 pm.

Welcome to Members -

The club President welcomed 24 club members to the meeting.

Apologies -

Ken Whitefield, Wayne Lucas, Pat Mahoney, Don Buchanan, David Murden, George Young

Minutes of last monthly meeting. - 3rd March 2021

- In the March news letter.

Motion to accept minutes.

Proposed - Alexander Drysdale
Seconded - Martin Van Diemen

Business arising from previous meeting

- Nil

Correspondence.

- Email confirming the presentation from the Stroke Safe Foundation following the club's monthly meeting on 5th May 2021

Motion to accept correspondence.

- Proposed - Brian Crowe
- Seconded - John McMahon

Presidents Report.

The president noted that:

- Security cameras and new keypads have been installed and are now operational covering the workshop and clubrooms, A request to install an additional camera to cover the clubroom porch will be forwarded to the Old Cheese Factory security team. The keypad entry code must not be displayed near the keypads as this practice would seriously reduce the effectiveness of the club's security.
- Following the emptying of the dust extractor's bins care must be taken to push the bins fully

back into the vacuum housing to prevent suction and dust leakage.

- The workshop benches must be cleaned after use and all project materials must be removed and suitably stored to allow other members access to the benches. The Torque Master bench should not be used as a general work bench and must be left clear for Torque Master work.
- Future committee meetings will be exploring ways of reducing expenditure including cleaning rosters and working bees without imposing any large burdens on club members.
- Future committee meetings will also be exploring ways of helping members who are in full time employment to be more inclusive in club activities e.g: -

Perhaps alternate monthly meetings in the evening or several evening meetings throughout the year.

Perhaps workshop openings on Saturday especially coincidentally with the Farmer's Market.

Motion to accept the President's report.

Proposed – Chris Drysdale

Seconded – Ross Blackwood

Treasurer's report.

An expenses review will be scheduled for the coming year. The club's highest expenditure is generated from insurance and maintenance and ways to help in allaying expenditure such as working bees and more efficient use of the club's timber stocks will need to be looked at.

Currently club income averages approximately \$1174 per month.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report.

Proposed – John Damon

Seconded – John McMahon

Farmers' Market.

- More assistance from club members is required to staff the Farmer's Markets.
- It has been reported that access to the Farmer's Market paddock via the "top gate" is difficult for customers who require walking assistance or wheelchairs due to the soft nature of the ground near the gate. The City of Casey Ground staff will be asked to compact the ground or apply suitable mitigation.

Functions.

Club luncheon at Pine Grove Upper Beaconsfield on 15th April 2021 has been arranged. There are currently 35 attendees on the luncheon list.

Demonstrations.

A presentation from the Stroke Foundation which was cancelled on 30th June 2020 will now go ahead straight after the next monthly meeting on May 5th. 2021

The secretary will follow up and restart the arrangements with demos from the RACV and the SES which were also cancelled last year. Demonstration times will be notified via email, newsletters and the club noticeboard when the times are locked in.

Newsletter.

All in good order thanks to Elsie Hoare.

Woodworking Display and Expo.

Proposed dates for the Expo are 9th, 10th & 11th July 2021.

The Woodworking Display will form part of the Casey Arts Festival and John McMahon has updated the publicity documents and flyers to be disseminated amongst interested parties, other woodworking and craft and community organisations.

Jack Croucher will update the club website for the display.

There will be substantial prizes to be raffled and tickets will be printed in a timely fashion.

Display flyers will be distributed via the Farmer's Market gate and local businesses with sufficient notice. It is proposed to stage a "dry run" for the display layout a few days prior to the display to help in exposing any "hiccups" in the layout or demonstration areas.

General Business.

The request from South Gippsland Shire Council for the BDWWC to make supply 50 wooden pens has been fulfilled. The treasurer will forward a club invoice to the South Gippsland Shire as requested by the South Gippsland Shire this week.

The fitting of "air" switches to all club machines that are connected to the dust extraction system will be explored by Brian Crowe and Len Preece to prevent incorrect usage of the vacuum gates. A bypass switch may be fitted to the breezeway drop saw as well to prevent incorrect operation of the shop vac. This activity is ongoing and will be resolved soon.

It has been noted some of the dust extraction ducting and isolation slides have some exposed corners that are an impact hazard especially associated with large thicknesser and the jointer/planer, some members have "bumped" heads and shoulders on the ducts when

vacuuming around the equipment. Work on suitable modifications to prevent injury will be carried out.

Door Prize

The door prize was won by. Col Ellard

Show and Tell.

Show and Tell was presented by John McMahon

See the April newsletter for details and photos of the items presented.

Meeting closed –

- Closed at 2:50 pm.

Next Meeting

- **May 5th at 1pm including a presentation from the Stroke Foundation.**

President – Len Preece

Secretary – Mark Bellis

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From **Peter Angwin**: Peter, who is away on a short holiday couldn't wait to get home to show us some holiday snaps. Here are a couple for a preview. *"At St Arnaud then on to Warracknabeal and Donald and Murtoa. Went to Castlemaine Gardens full of oak trees plus others. Regards all. Peter and Lynne."*

The plaque beneath the tree at right reads: **"This oak tree was planted on 26th May, 1863 to celebrate the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales. It is the oldest existing planting in the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens."**



And a couple of jokes from Len Preece.

I finally did it!
Bought a new pair of shoes with memory foam insoles.
No more forgetting why I walked into the kitchen.



That's all for now until next time.