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Welcome to the newsletter for June 2022

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Committee Meeting - to be advised.  
General Meeting with AGM -3rdAugust - 1.00pm in clubroom.

**FUNCTIONS:** Club Luncheon to be advised.

**Warratina Lavender Farm Wood Working Expo** to be held on September 3rd to 18th 2022.

### OUR BIG WEEKEND

Berwick Woodworkers Woodworking Display and Expo for 2022 was a heart-warming success - a satisfying reward for all the hard work put into it. There was plenty to see, and lots of interest shown by visitors whose attendance increased as the weather warmed up.

That's Brian Crowe in the hi-vis vest at right, warming up before getting back to directing traffic in the car park.

Sales went well in the sales tent also., That's Peter Mason and Peter Ball below right, officiating at the sales desk.



**CLUB INFORMATION:**

**MEETINGS:**

**COMMITTEE**

To be advised.

**GENERAL**

AGM 3rd August

**SPEAKERS ETC**

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**FARMERS' MARKET**

23rd July (Craft Market)

13th August (Farmers Market)

27th August (Craft Market)

**Committee of Management:**

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Monthly demonstrations - *Vacant looking for help*  
 Functions Coordinator - *Ken D. Barnes*  
 Newsletter Editor - *Elsie Hoare*  
 Public relations - *Len Preece*  
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 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 McMahan*  
 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:**

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.



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Congratulations to all involved in the Expo last weekend it was a great weekend, Special thanks to **John McMahon**, **Chris Drysdale** and **Phil Willems** for the organisation, also special mention to **Peter Ball** and **Peter mason** for looking after the sales area in that crowded corner. To the members that assisted and arranged the demonstrations, an Expo we can all be proud of.

The following is an overview of the article sent to the press:

**The opening night** was cold and as a result was very low in attending numbers – both members and the public. The expo was opened by Hon **Luke Donnellan** with Local member **Brad Battin** in attendance who both praised the club for their involvement in the community

**The Saturday and the Sunday** – Both days were well attended by the public. We had a good number of people from various areas in Victoria ( from Leongatha, Morwell, Warragul and a good number of other Men's Sheds throughout the state and local. Many of the public wanting to know about the club, and how they can join. **The chain saw artist** drew plenty of attention on Saturday and Sunday as he carved out an Owl on a Perch which will be located within the grounds of the Old Cheese Factory.

We had far better weather on the Sunday with marginally more visitors.

I think the visitors were impressed by the quality of the items displayed. A good number of member's items were also sold. Many thanks must go to the **Old Cheese factory staff** for their cooperation in the staging of this event. The club will have almost one thousand toys to donate to under privilege children again this year.

A fund-raising raffle was held over the weekend. The winners being – **Joe Svaganovic** (Rocking Horse), **Dale Smith** (Turned Lidded Bowl), **Wendy Capper** (Platter), **Jan Cronin** (Jewellery Box), and **Graeme Weatherley** (Turned Bowl). Thank you to everyone who bought tickets.

### Len Preece - President.

Pictured are the raffle prizes mentioned in the President's Report.

The Rocking horse was made by **Pat Mahoney**.

Lidded bowl by **Keith Towe**,  
Platter by **Chris Drysdale**,  
Jewellery Box by **Phil Willems**,  
Turned bowl by **John McMahon**.



**Seen in action over the weekend:** That's **Michael Berry** below, greeting visitors as they enter.



**Alexander Drysdale** demonstrating the Torque machine.





A visitor was interested in **Jan Veenstra's** work with pyrography, while **Ken Whitefield** takes time off from the scroll saw to share a joke with another.



**David Murden**, (left) visiting from Howlong for the weekend, kept busy with the toy plane he is making for a young relative and also working on the lathe.



It wasn't all work for **Ian Chong** and **Colin Ellard** when they took time out for refreshments but **Kay Zimmerman** kept right on with her scroll-saw project. **Catherine Fiddelaers** uses the orbital sander on her rocking horse.



**Rick Hoare** and **Simon Robbins** spent time using the lathe. Rick is making some small spinning tops for visiting children.



A Note from **Keith Towe**:

Many thanks to the Exhibition Committee for their work for the Exhibition, and the Club committee for supporting them.

There was a huge amount of preparative work needed to be done before and after the setup.

Well done to all those who assisted during the weekend, and special thanks to John for all the Data Recording he had to do both at the club, and at home during his “down time” and to Phil Wilems for his work in recording sales and monitoring returns at the end of the Expo.

Both members need a big pat on the back. - Keith Towe.

**Cub Scouts Visit:** Yes it was a busy weekend for us but it wasn't all we got up to recently. Late in June the club hosted the Narre Warren South Cub Scouts for a craft evening. In appreciation, the club was presented with the certificate shown here. Below, Club Secretary **Don Buchanan** accepts the certificate from **Gemma Radley**, supported by **Tracy Radley**, Cub Akela (Leader).



## Cub Scouts Visit (continued.)



At left, **Blake**, Grandson of **Don Buchanan**, puts finishing touches to some echidna cut-outs ready for the cubs to add nails for the quills. Before the action of the evening got underway, club member **George Ritchie** gave an address, describing his time as a scout in South Africa, comparing the differences and the sameness of Scouting in the two countries half a world apart.

At right is **George Ritchie** using a slide show for his young audience.



Below, it's difficult to say who enjoyed the evening most as **Don Buchanan**, **Rick Hoare** and **Bill Bradshaw** helped the cubs with their woodwork.

As a follow-up to the evening, I received this heart-warming note from club member, **Colin Radley**.



*" Tracy had a Unit Council meeting with the Patrol Leaders & Assistant Patrol Leaders. The aim is to find out what they enjoyed from this term and help plan events for the next term. They were asked what they enjoyed most during the term.*

*Two activities came out 'on top'. One a Master Chef night they held earlier in the term and the other was the visit to the Woodwork Club ! They particularly liked the presentation by George and making the Echidnas.*

*I think the Cubs were fascinated that Cubs/Scouts are run the same in other Countries.*

*Tracy and the other leaders pass on their thanks to all involved."*

### **AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM CLUB VICE PRESIDENT, BRIAN CROWE.**

**To all members.**

**Our membership register contains only the phone numbers of each member but no emergency number or details of who to contact should a member be injured or become ill.**

**We are asking members to supply us, if possible, with an emergency contact number and name for our records, it can be given to Don or myself or added to the membership list located on the cupboard doors adjacent to the tea and coffee area.**

**Thanks Brian.**

**UPDATES FROM PETER**

**ANGWIN:** Not that he's rubbing it in or anything, but one of our members appears to be having a marvellous time, away from our cold wet weather. **Peter Angwin** sends us photos of his travels with his wife **Lynne**, showing whales swimming in expanses of sunny, blue sea, mysterious desert sunsets, and amazing rock formations. Here is just one of Peter's pics, Wave Rock (Hyden. WA).



Peter has recovered from the shock of having to pay \$3.19 per litre for diesel and was, unfortunately not able to dodge Covid. Here is his comment, *"Well, I checked yesterday and still have COVID remnants. Come all this way, trying to get better weather and it grabs us??"*

Here's hoping the virus won't slow you down too much, Peter.

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**IN LIEU OF SHOW & TELL: From the club's Facebook page: By John McMahon, Yin Yan pair of candlesticks, Sassafras with blackwood base & home-made steam bent blackwood veneer around all the edges. Approx 220mm diam 120mm tall.**



Do you ever make something that finishes up not looking as good as what you first imagined? This is one of those times for me. Not my favourite piece, but hey, someone might like it. Elm with blackwood legs & finial. Approx 200mm diam 120mm high





Left is an Expo entry by **Phil Willems**.



At right and below is **Brian Crowe's** collection of Expo entries



**This month Berwick Woodworkers welcomes the following new members:**  
**Ron and Leah Bolton** and **Paul Ferrier**,  
and from the Grothaus family: **Stephan Grothaus, Jasmin Grothaus, Leah Grothaus, and Joel Grothaus**

We look forward to getting to know these new members.

**Of interest to those who like to enter Exhibitions**, Warratina Lavender Farm, situated in the Yarra Valley at Wandin, will be holding its 11<sup>th</sup> Wood Working Expo from 3rd September to 18th September 2022 after a most successful Exhibition in 2019. Following the disappointing cancellation of the Expo in 2020 & 2021, we want to make this one really special.

We wish to invite you again to participate at this year's Expo & make it another success. Proceeds from the entry fee will go to our local CFA in Wandin. In addition, The Eastern Wood Turners have kindly offered to be demonstrators on the weekends of the Expo.

Items exhibited can be for sale or for exhibit only. A **10% commission** will be charged on all sales.

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### Thumbs up

To the kind men at Berwick District Woodworker's Club for pushing my car to safety when it became bogged in the mud. You are champions!

When a patron's car got into difficulties in the grassed area of the car park at the June Craft Market, there were willing hands to help push it to a dry spot but it took a little extra persuasion from **Martin Van Diemen's** car and a tow-rope to finally achieve success. It was a pleasant surprise to find this note in the 'Thumbs up Thumbs Down' article in The Star News Local Papers, the following week.

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### THE LAST LAUGH: From *The Book of Heroic Failures*, by Stephen Pile.

In 1972 Mr. J. Egan from London stole a barge on the River Thames and was very soon caught. There was a dock strike on and his was the only craft moving that day.

In May 1976 Vernon Drinkwater and Raymond Heap of Blackburn were accused of stealing a car while trying to sell it to its original owner.

As part of a training exercise off Portsmouth in 1947, the destroyer, *HMS Saintes*, was required to fire at a target pulled across its bows by the tug *Buccaneer*. It fired a shell, missed the target and sank the tug.

In Detroit in 1970 two bank robbers were quickly apprehended when they rushed out into the street to find that their getaway car had been stolen.

In September 1978 a paint scraper worth 30 pence was accidentally dropped into a torpedo launcher of the US nuclear submarine *Swordfish* and jammed the loading piston in its cylinder. For a week divers tried to free the piston while *Swordfish* was waterborne but all attempts failed. She had to be dry-docked and subsequent repairs cost \$171,000.

Not wishing to attract attention to himself, a bank robber in 1969 at Portland Oregon, wrote all his instructions on a piece of paper rather than shout. "This is a hold-up and I've got a gun," he wrote and then held the paper up for the cashier to read. The bemused bank official waited while he wrote out, "Put all the money in a paper bag." This message was pushed through the grille. The cashier read it and then wrote on the bottom, "I don't have a paper bag," and passed it back. The robber fled.

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Meanwhile, Michael Berry feels this scam can't go wrong.

**Filled my car up last week, cost £110, but drove off without paying. Today I was in court, got fined £75. I'll be back with more money saving tips later.....**

That's all for now but before I go I want to send my Best Wishes for a speedy recovery to those members and their partners who are unwell at present.

