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Welcome to the newsletter for July 2018

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Committee Meeting 23rd July, 2018, 100 in clubroom.

Monthly Meeting 1st August, 1.00pm in clubroom.

Club luncheon. 9th August at Cardinia Park Hotel. Upper Beaconsfield Road, Beaconsfield.

Woodworking Exhibition - 1st - 16th September - Warratina Lavender Farm, Wandin Yallock.

**Club Annual Membership Fees Due.** - in Treasurer's absence pay, **Len Preece, Richard Gething, Brian Crowe or Rick Hoare.**

#### JULY GENERAL MEETING.

In the absence of a formal speaker for our July meeting, club members were given a talk by Club President **Len Preece** regarding the correct use of the club's router and the thicknesser.

Following Len, **John McMahon** gave us some pointers on turning. John's motto is "**Safety First and Always**" so his demonstration started with the all important safety equipment. As an example, John told us how the helmet, seen at right, saved him from serious injury when a piece on which he was working, flew off the lathe and struck the visor directly in front of his left eye.

John gave us a very informative and interesting talk and demonstration on the use of the lathe and the tools. A number of members expressed their appreciation, one saying he learned more in ten minutes of John's talk than he had in years of videos and other self-help methods.



**CLUB INFORMATION:**

**MEETINGS:**

**COMMITTEE**

**GENERAL**

**SPEAKERS ETC**

**FARMERS**

**MARKET**

23rd July

1st August

Bob Blaker - Livia Newton-John  
Foundation.

28th July

11th August

**Committee of Management:**

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Monthly meeting speaker – temporarily vacant  
 Functions Coordinator - Rick Hoare  
 Newsletter Editor – Elsie Hoare  
 Public relations – Len Preece  
 OCF users group – Len Preece  
 Toy Coordinator – Ken D. Barnes.  
 Machinery maintenance Supervisor – Jack Croucher &  
 Brian Crowe  
 Health and Safety Coordinator – Whole committee  
 Member’s welfare coordinator – Ken Whitefield  
 Kits for kids coordinator – Len Preece &  
 Brian Crowe  
 Raffle Coordinator – Len Preece  
 Farmers Market Coordinator – Martin Van Diemen  
 Special interest group coordinators – Depends on group  
 Librarian – Keith Towe  
 Screws – Martin Van Diemen  
 Paint – George Young  
 Timber coordinator – Martin Van Diemen  
 Web/Web master – Jack Croucher  
 Mens' Shed coordinator - temporarily vacant  
 Great Art Show - John McMahon (with sub-committee)

**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.

**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 -	John Damon
Wednesday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	General -	Bob McArthur
Wednesday Evening	5.00 pm - 9.00 pm	General -	Martin Van Diemen
Thursday Morning	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	Fine W/work -	Maurice Deeker
Friday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	General -	Richard Gething
Saturday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm on market days or by private arrangement on other Saturdays.		

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Berwick Woodworkers wish to thanks **Judith Graley MP** State Member for Narre Warren South, and her staff for their continued support in printing this newsletter for us. 9704 6055.



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.



**SHOW & TELL for July.**

Graham Rogers used a large piece of purple heart for his bowl at right.

Keith Towe's spalted bowl is below that. Keith says the wood was almost rotten but was rescued by soaking it in *Earl's Wood Hardener*. Keith also made the large platter at left, from a particularly nice piece of juniper. The corkscrews are Keith's as well. Keith made them from African blackwood, Indian rosewood, gidgee and bull oak pen blanks. An accomplished blacksmith, Keith made the metal parts and the metal corkscrew.



**THE AUSTRALIAN WOODTURNING EXHIBITION.**

Four Berwick Woodworkers club members entered work in this year's AWTEX event; they were **Chris Drysdale, John McMahon, Simon Robbins & Keith Towe.**

John McMahon's butterfly bowl achieved First place in the **Hollow Form Section.** Keith was pleased to sell a piece of his work.



At left is a reminder of John's prize winning bowl as it was published in the April 2018 issue of this newsletter.

**NOT FOR SHOW & TELL:** George Sokol turned the spurtle at right from a branch of a pear tree that grows in his garden.

George says the branch has been drying off in his shed for a few years. DIY in its most pure form, I think.

**Dianne Gething** has cut out the little animals below left. They are about 10cms x 10cms. A request from her grandson prompted Dianne to make the

mobile phone stand. It is to represent a spitfire fighter plane in take-off.



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well another month has gone and the weather is now very cold and we must expect that in the middle of winter. However the weather is looking good for our Farmers' Market on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>.

On Tuesday Night 8 members attended the City Of Casey Council Meeting after receiving a tip off that the new building was to go through council on that night. When we arrived and collected the council's agenda for the night sure enough our building was on the agenda as well as the recommended projects for the Minor Capital Works Programme. In this case our requested Dust Extraction had been transferred to other projects. The list of Officers Reports were available to all councillors and they were asked to nominate any item they wanted to discuss and our new building was not requested, which meant all the other items were then put to the Councillors to pass for sealing and signing; as the new building was not withdrawn it went through and was approved. The officers were then to go back to the successful tender and request some items be withdrawn - items that we did not want in the new building. Once that is done then work will commence very quickly and we hope the new building will be completed by Christmas. We were not told where the Dust Extraction request had been moved to but it could be included in the new contract.

At the conclusion of the council meeting Cr. Tim Jackson then thanked the club members for their attendance and mentioned to the council the amount of work that the club did and we received a standing ovation not only from the councillors but all the officers at the meeting.

I must thank Sarah and Krissy at the Old Cheese Factory along with Callum Pattie and his team also the Councillor Timothy Jackson for unending support throughout this process, without their assistance we may never have achieved this result.

We are still finding items being misused in the workshop and some machinery being used incorrectly. If you are not sure please ask another for guidance and assistance, they are only too willing to assist you.

Just a note for your Diary: our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 5th September 2018.

**Len Preece - President.**

**INCORRECT MACHINE OPERATION:** Concern has been raised recently regarding incorrect and dangerous operation of the club's router. The wrong size cutter has been forced into the collet, thus **splitting the collet**. This is **VERY, VERY** dangerous and **MUST NEVER** be done. The whole cutter assembly could fly out and become a missile. Please ask for help if you need it.

**REMINDER:** It has also been noted that there has been incorrect use of the thicknesser.

Recommendation for the successful use of this machine is that the blades should be lowered by a maximum of **one quarter** of a turn of the handle at each pass. However if hardwood or wide boards are being used **an eighth** of a turn or **less** is required. Incorrect use will damage the cutters causing grooves in the work.

**A SPECIAL GIFT.** For some time Berwick Woodworkers have enjoyed the generosity of Bob Blaker who is an accomplished leather worker. Bob has made saddles and other leatherwork for several of the club's rocking horses.

As a mark of his gratitude, Pat Mahoney has built a rocking horse as a gift for Bob. Both Bob and his wife, Pam are cancer survivors, so Bob, in turn, has decided that he would like to present the rocking horse to the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Foundation.

Plans are afoot, to have a speaker from the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Foundation at our August General Meeting and Bob will be able to present the horse to them on that day.

It is also possible that there could be television and local press coverage.

**COMING EVENT.** Warratina Lavender Farm will hold a Woodworking Exhibition at 105 Quayle Road, Wandin Yallock on 1st -11th September from 10.00am - 4.00pm. Entry is by Gold Coin Donation and proceeds are for the COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY.

**Berwick District Woodworkers Club.**  
**Minutes Monthly Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.**

**Meeting Commenced 1.05pm**

**Welcome to Members** President Len Preece welcomed 23 members.

**Apologies** Peter Angwin, Ces King, Ross Blackwood, Maurice Dunn, Colin Ellard and Mike Kingett.

**Minutes of previous monthly meeting.** – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

- In Newsletter.

**Motion to accept minutes.** - Proposed – Alexander Drysdale. Seconded – Brian Crowe. Motion carried.

**Business arising from previous meeting**

- Nil.

**Correspondence.**

- A summary of the correspondence from the latest committee meeting was read.

**Motion to accept correspondence.** Proposed – Ken Whitefield, Seconded – John McMahon. Motion carried.

**President's Report.**

- Members are having problems with the thicknesser and router table. A demonstration will be held today.
- We held a meeting with Sarah Hill of the OCF. She notified us that the final tenders for our new workshop will be put to Council on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.
- There will be functions at the OCF on 13<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October. Bill Bradshaw will defer his session on the 31<sup>st</sup> and we will negotiate how we can operate our Farmers' Market on the 13<sup>th</sup>.
- We visited Hare and Forbes to look at a thicknesser and bench drill. We also looked at retractable power cables.

**Motion to accept President's report.** Proposed – Martin Van Diemen. Seconded – Bill Munt. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report.**

- As attached.
- Membership fees are now due and can be paid to Len Preece, Brian Crowe, Rick Hoare and Richard Gething. Only paid up members are covered by our insurance.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report.** Proposed – Ken Whitefield. Seconded – Chris Drysdale.

**New Workshop.**

- We met with Sarah Hill of the OCF to get an update.
- We read the reports to be presented to the Council on Tuesday.
- A number of our members attended the Council meeting to show their support.
- All reports were adopted so the tenders have been approved by Council.
- We will negotiate with Council and remove some of the items in the plans.
- We want to construct the breezeway at the same time as the shed construction. We will assist with the financing.
- The dust extractor has been fully funded and approved by Council.
- Councillor Tim Jackson welcomed the club members to the Council meeting and thanked us for the work we do.
- Amendments to our lease are being arranged. We must follow up as the lease is vital for our security.

**Motion to accept the new workshop report.** Proposed – Ian Chong. Seconded – Alexander Drysdale. Motion carried.

**Functions and Demonstrations.**

- The next club lunch will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> August at the Cardinia Park hotel.
- Our demonstration today will be on our router table and thicknesser. John McMahon will give a demonstration on lathe safety.
- At the next monthly meeting we have a speaker from the Olivia Newton John Cancer Foundation. We will present a rocking horse to the foundation. There could be television and local press coverage.
- The AGM will be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> September meeting.

**News Letter.**

- All okay. Thank you, Elsie.

**Motion that we thank Pat Mahoney and Bob Blaker who constructed and donated the rocking horse. – Proposed – Elsie Hoare, Seconded - John McMahon. Motion carried.**

**General business.**

- We have received the quote from Hare and Forbes for the new thicknesser and bench drill.
- We received an email from Tony at Tasmania Timber advising that he will be visiting to show his timber for sale. He will be here on the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> August. We will contact Tony and negotiate a suitable day to visit us.
- We will look at obtaining a retractable air hose for our new workshop.

**Show & Tell.**

- Presented by Rick Hoare.

**Door Prize.**

- Won by Bill Munt.

**Meeting closed at 1.50 pm. Next meeting 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2018 at 1.00pm.**

**President - Len Preece**

**Secretary – Richard Gething.**

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A Note from Richard Gething - Club Secretary.

This is to notify you that we are arranging a presentation of various Tasmanian timbers with Tony from TasTimber. The timbers will be on sale.

The presentation will be at our clubrooms at 10.30 AM on Wednesday 15 August 2018.

The timbers include furniture grade boards and an extensive range of craft type timbers.

The timbers include Huon Pine, Celery Top Pine, Myrtle, Blackwood, Black Heart Sassy, Tas Oak, Macrocarpa Pine and limited supplies of Musk, Native Olive (Doral), King Billy Pine and Leatherwood.

There will be turning blocks, box boards, pen blanks, knife scales, guitar & uke timbers, veneers, slabs, burls and full range of most timber sizes. We can slice boards to 3.5mm if someone is looking for book matched timber.

If any of our members is looking for something specific Tony would be happy to see if he can assist. He would also welcome members giving him a call to discuss their special needs.

NB Tony's contact info is : Phone: 0418 598 095. Email: [Sales@TasTimber.com.au](mailto:Sales@TasTimber.com.au)

Website: <http://www.TasTimber.com.au>



**BIRTHDAY WISHES:** Club members shared a special morning tea recently when long-time club member Cecil King had his 90th birthday. Here are Doug Hughes (left) and George Young (right) about to enjoy some of the birthday cake. The very best of Birthday wishes to you Cec and many thanks to Keith Towe who sent the photo to me.



Don't forget the club luncheon 9th August, 12.00noon, Cardinia Park Hotel (the old Cardi Pub) in Upper Beaconsfield Road, Beaconsfield. A list is on the table in the lunchroom. We'd love to see your name there.

Also don't forget that the club membership fees were due at the end of June. Only current membership covers you with the club's insurance.

**WANTED KNOWN:** **Katerina Zorin** has access to a timber sewing table that is looking for a new home., free of charge.

On 4 castors, the size is High 72cms (28+ 1/2" ) Wide 50.5cms (19+ 3/4") Length 74cms (29+ 1/4")  
 Length with drop-down flap extended, 106cms (41+ 1/4")  
 If interested, phone Margarat O'riadan - ph. 97700237.

**TIME FOR A SMILE:**

A guy walks into a bar and approaches the barman.  
 "Can I have a pint of Less please?" he asks  
 "I'm sorry, sir," the barman replies, looking slightly puzzled, "I've not come across that one. Is it a spirit?"  
 "I've no idea," says the guy. The thing is, I went to see me doctor last week and he told me that I should drink Less."

*The biggest lie I tell myself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."*

No one ever says, 'It's only a game' when their team is winning.

If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhoea, does that mean that one enjoys it?'



That's all for now but before I go, just a thought to those of our members and their wives who are on the sick list. Best wishes to you all for a speedy recovery.