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Welcome to the newsletter for August 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting - 27th August. 1.00pm in clubroom.

Monthly Meeting (AGM) - 5th September. 1.00pm in clubroom.

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

Doveton Show, 10 am – 4 pm, Sunday 23 September 2018. Myuna Farm 182 Kidds Road Doveton

Timber & Working With Wood Show. Seaworks Maritime Precinct, 82 Nelson Place, Williamstown.
10.00am - 4.00pm 7th - 9th September.

AUGUST GENERAL MEETING:

As announced in the July issue of this newsletter, we were expecting **Bob Blaker** to make a presentation to the **Olivier Newton-John Cancer Foundation**. Unfortunately Bob has had to cancel the event while he undergoes further treatment for his illness.

Our thoughts and Best Wishes are with you, Bob, at this difficult time.

In the time usually allotted to a guest speaker we selected an instructional video on **Mastering the Band Saw**, from the club's library.

SHOW & TELL: The one item this month was this cutting board by **Jack Croucher**. Jack has once again tried his hand at pyrography. The wood is, in Jack's words, "plain old pine".



NOT FOR SHOW & TELL: Here is some of **David Murden's** turned work. David, who has been turning since last November, has taken one of **Bill Munt's** turning courses.

David says, "*The votive cup candle holder was a small experiment to find out if I could use up some of the spindles I turned while doing the course with Bill.*"

Bill Munt will hold another turning course in late August.

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE **GENERAL** **SPEAKERS ETC**
 27th August 5th September (AGM) --

FARMERS

MARKET
 25th August
 8th September

Committee of Management:

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President	Len Preece	59405564
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 Rick Hoare 9707 4608
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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 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.

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 -	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.

TRIVIA ITEM from Keith Towe.

Saw an Ad for Snakewood (Brosimum guianse) used for knife handles. Size 5"X 1.5" x 1" priced at \$186 plus.

This equates to about \$25per cubic inch. You could not afford a mistake at that price.

NOT AT ALL TRIVIAL: From time to time, as might be expected in a public area such as the Old Cheese Factory, incidents will occur on site, that may cause concern. Such incidents may take the form of

- an accident or medical emergency
- an assault or harassment
- vandalism.

It is the responsibility of those who are regular tenants of the Old Cheese Factory to report any witnessed incident. To this end Berwick Woodworkers have an incident record book which is kept in the club's first-aid cabinet. This incident book must be kept up-to-date with **date, time and names** and, if possible, **contact details** being recorded.

If you should see an event of a disturbing nature happening would you please ensure that a report is entered into the book. or let one of the committee members know about it so that details may be reported to OCF Management.

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"THE TIMBER & WOODWORKING INDUSTRY EXPO"

Timber & Working With Wood Melbourne is a 3 day event being held from 7th September to 9th September 2018 at the Seaworks Maritime Precinct at 82 Nelson Place, in Williamstown, Vic 3016. This is Australia's premier event for woodworking. The event provides the attendees with an opportunity to see the best in the industry, share their expertise, have fun trying new techniques and tools and experience some of the world's finest timbers.

10:00 AM - 04:00 PM (General) Phone 0417 292 021, or email seaworks.williamstown@gmail.com .

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This month has gone extremely fast with many things happening, first of all we had the Farmers' Market on 11th August not the best of weather but the team made the best of it; after all we run the market rain, hail or shine, let us hope for better weather next time.

My thanks go to **Rick Hoare** for the magnificent effort he put in arranging our luncheon at the Cardinia Park Hotel, just a pity the hotel could not cope, with some members waiting nearly one and a half hours for their meal which when it did arrive it was OK.

We were extremely lucky the other day receiving a generous donation from **Alice Poxon** on behalf of **John Poxon**, a long time and extremely valuable member given his difficulties. The money will be used to set up the Disabled corner in the workshop in memory John, we also received a medium size bandsaw from Alice which was set up for John in his workshop and we will set it up in the disabled area in the new workshop with the lathe and Drill press. Many thanks to Alice Poxon, for her wonderful support.

We also received some good information the other day in relation to our new workshop, that work will commence middle September, and could be ready for us by early January 2019. During construction members **MUST NOT** go near the construction site and any questions must be directed to one of the committee members.

Just a note for your diary our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday 5 September 2018**

Len Preece - President

IN MEMORY OF JOHN POXON: Pictured at right are **Alice & John Poxon**. As club President, Len has already mentioned, John was a constant and faithful member of Berwick Woodworkers for many years and a pioneering wheelchair member. Confined to his wheelchair for more than 20 years following an accident at his home, John's energy and cheerful disposition was an inspiration to us all. John was an enthusiastic participant in all the club activities and was sadly missed when he passed away in February 2015.



Berwick District Woodworkers Club.
Minutes Monthly Meeting 1st August, 2018.

Meeting Commenced 1.05pm

Welcome to Members President Len Preece welcomed 25 members, including new members Mirwais Janbaz and Kerry Hendricks.

Apologies Keith Towe, Stewart Moyes, Peter Angwin, Bob Blaker, John McMahon and Rudy Hendricks.

Minutes of previous monthly meeting. – 4th July 2018.

- In Newsletter.

Motion to accept minutes. Proposed – Alexander Drysdale, Seconded – Martin Van Diemen. 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 – Brian Crowe. Motion carried.

President's Report.

- Thanks to Alexander Drysdale for organising the removal and slabbing of four Cypress logs from Thompsons Road. They will be delivered to Alan Rundell who will slab the logs and then they will be stored at members' properties.
- The next turning course will start in early August. Contact Bill Munt or Len Preece if you are interested.
- Kits for Kids will be held at the Officer Special School on the 20th to 22nd August. Thanks to Ken Whitefield and Brian Crowe for preparing the Kits. We are looking for more members to attend. A list is on the table.
- The display of Tasmanian timber will be held on 15th August at 10.30am.
- Our club lunch will be held at the Cardinia Park hotel on the 9th August at 12 noon. A list is on the table.
- The last two Farmers' Markets have had good attendances and donations. A list is on the table for this month.
- On Friday 3rd August the roads in the OCF will be undergoing repairs. There will be no access to park in Elm Drive. We can park in the main car park or outside the gates at Elm Drive.
- We received a letter from the City of Casey announcing that the minor capital works program has been approved. This will cover the cost of the installation of the dust extraction in our new workshop.
- We have applied for a grant through the Westpac Bank and are waiting for a reply. The submission was prepared by Brian Crowe, Richard Gething and Len Preece.
- We have changed our contract with Suez for the removal of our timber scraps. This will save us money and the skip will now be 1.5 cubic metres.

Motion to accept President's report. Proposed – Pat Mahoney, Seconded – Bert McGinty. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report.

- The Treasurer is working on our end of year statements and is not present today.
- Our total funds look good and will be needed soon for the workshop.
- Membership dues are coming in steadily.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Proposed – Bill Munt, Seconded – John Damon. Motion carried

New Workshop.

- Nothing happening at the moment. A window needs to be replaced and work should start soon.
- We are preparing a list of things to be done and we will ask for the help of members in carrying them out.

Farmers Market.

- Going well at present.
- The fencing and entrances will be finished shortly.
- On 13th October there will be a Food and Wine Festival at the OCF. We will still hold our market and coordinate as required.

Functions and Demonstrations.

- Club lunch as above.
- Our annual dinner will be on the last Saturday in November.
- Bob Blaker is not well so we have deferred the rocking horse presentation. Our best wishes to Bob at this time.

News Letter.

- All okay. Thank you, Elsie.

General business.

- When there has been an incident or accident in the OCF area it is important that we record the date, time, location, names and other details. We may be asked for information even though the Casey Council will take formal responsibility.
- If we see E cigarettes at the market we would only ask them to stop if the smoke was going over the stalls.

Show & Tell.

- One item of wood burning by Jack Croucher.

Door Prize.

- Won by Bob McArthur.

Meeting closed at 1.40 pm. Next meeting 5th September, 2018 at 1.00pm with the AGM.

President - Len Preece

Secretary – Richard Gething.

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FARMERS MARKET. Despite the unfavourable weather early in the morning, the sun did manage to break through on a couple of occasions. **Dianne Gething** couldn't resist the opportunity to take this photo.



CLUB LUNCHEON: It was a heart-warming turn-up which everyone seemed to enjoy although the length of time some had to wait to be served their meal was disappointing. **Rick Hoare**, who organises our regular luncheon events, would like your comments on the venue. Here are some photos that I took on the day.



NEW MEMBERS: President **Len Preece** welcomed two new members at this month's meeting - **Mirwais Janbaz** and **Kerry Hendricks** (son of club member **Rudy Hendricks**).

SPOTTED IN THE WORKSHOP: **Martin Van Diemen**, finishing off some wheels on the lathe, was unable to find a spindle of the correct diameter. However, a handy screwdriver proved to be 'just the ticket'. Inserted into the chuck, the screwdriver fitted the wheel hubs perfectly. It has been said that '*necessity is the mother of invention*'. A bit of clever thinking doesn't go amiss either. Nice work, Martin



KITS FOR KIDS: August 20th - 22nd, from 9.00am until just after lunch. Once again we are heading down to **Officer Special School** to help some of the students to make up the kits that we prepare especially for them. This year we are offering small spice racks.

Many thanks to **Ken Whitefield** who took on the job of cutting out over 200 kits and to **Brian Crowe** for some able-bodied assistance.

We are spoiled by the school staff who provide morning tea and lunch for us and the students are always proud of the gift that they are able to make and take home to their parents. A win, win situation all round. There's still time to join in if you'd like to come along and give us a hand.

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AMAZING INFO ON WD 40: **Ken Barnes** has sent me a reminder of the surprising things that can be done with this very useful product. The list is way longer than I have room for here so I'll include a few more next month. The list just happened to arrive at the same time as the cartoon from **Len Preece**.



1. Protects silver from tarnishing.
2. Removes road tar and grime from cars.
3. Cleans and lubricates guitar 20 strings.
4. Gives floors that 'just-waxed' sheen without making them slippery.
5. Keeps flies off cows.
6. Restores and cleans blackboards.
7. Removes lipstick stains.
8. Loosens stubborn zips.
9. Untangles jewelry chains.
10. Removes stains from stainless steel sinks.
11. Removes dirt and grime from the barbecue grill.
12. Keeps ceramic/terra cotta garden pots from oxidizing.

I AM NOT OLD, I JUST NEED SOME WD40.

That's about all for now but before I go, just thought you might like to know - Because metal was scarce during World War 11, the Oscars given out, during that time, were made of wood.