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Welcome to the newsletter for October 2018

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Committee Meeting - Monday October 29th, 1.00pm in clubroom.

Monthly Meeting - Wednesday November 7th, 1.00pm in clubroom.



**Have you renewed your club membership, due on 1st July? If not you may no longer use the club machinery.**

**FUNCTIONS: End of Year Dinner.** 24th November, 6.30pm in Function Room at the Old Cheese Factory. \$25.00 per head. BYO drinks and glasses. **Gala Day.** 25th November, 2.00pm in Function Room at the Old Cheese Factory. **Welcome Back BBQ,** Wednesday 16th January, 5.30pm in elm drive at rear of workshop.

#### OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING SHOW & TELL.



**Jack Croucher** is continuing to develop his pyrography skills and has adorned this cutting board with a sketch of an old farmhouse.

**John McMahon** rescued a scrap of unknown wood (possibly acacia) from his son's firewood pile to make this natural edge dish.

John has used



a combination of pyrography, Dremel engraving and UBeaut dye to decorate his caldera bowls. Both bowls are messmate, the one below is on a Cypress stand. John confessed to about 60 hours work and ten coats of Danish oil on this bowl. The high gloss finish on the stand is two coats of super glue. *More show & Tell on page 3.*



**CLUB INFORMATION:**

**MEETINGS:**

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>SPEAKERS ETC</b>	<b>FARMERS' MARKET</b>
25th September	3rd October	--	22nd September 13th October

**Committee of Management:**

<b>Contact Details</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>
President	Len Preece	59405564
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**Committee**

Rick Hoare 9707 4608  
 John McMahon 9796 1097  
 Martin Van Diemen 9707 5305  
 Ken Whitefield 9704 9701  
 Ken D. Barnes 0419 114 738

- 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 continued.**

**Simon Robbins** showed us the results of his weekend at 'Down Under Turn Around' at Philip Island. Below is a small platter in ash and a bowl from an unknown wood (possibly elm) with a 1920 penny coin inserted into its base. The coin is Simon's solution to a mishap that saw a hole appear in the bottom of the bowl during turning. At right are the tiger myrtle and Huon pine bowls as seen in last month's newsletter,



**Alexander Drysdale** showed us the platter, at right, that he has made from an environmentally safe and extremely durable treated pine. The process called '*acetylation*' uses acetic anhydride, which comes from acetic acid (vinegar when in dilute form) and does not add toxins to the environment.

Although not for Show & Tell, Alexander had an item of interest to show us at morning tea recently. Alexander challenged us to guess what this is. It is approximately 28cms long and feather-light with



a dry rattle sound when shaken. If you haven't guessed you aren't alone, as we couldn't guess either. I'll show you the answer on the last page.



**WANTED KNOWN.**

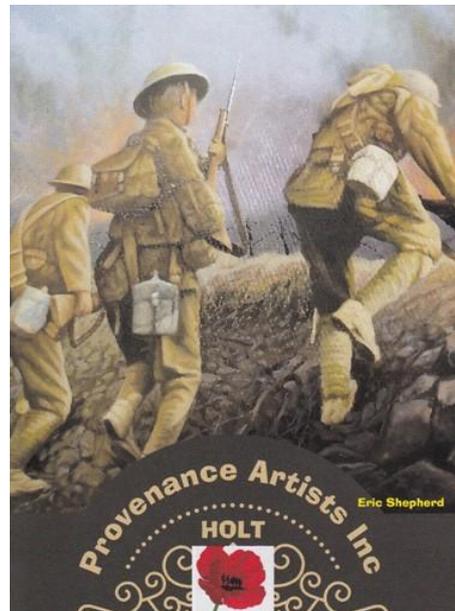
Russell Owen would like to let us know about the **ARMISTICE 100 year ART EXHIBITION** that is to be held in Narre Warren Mechanics Institute Hall 59 Webb Street - 27th - 28th October. and at Casey Central on 5th - 11th November. by Provenance Artists Inc.

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During his visit to the recent Men's Shed Cluster Meeting, **Brian Crowe** picked up some leaflets regarding "*Be Connected, an Australian Government Initiative that aims to empower all seniors to gain access and thrive in this faster moving digital world.*"

The program is free and being run through Langwarrin Men's Shed which has been chosen as the Be Connected Network Partner. Support is offered to develop skills and confidence in using modern technology like;

- Online communication, internet browsing, online safety,
- Entertainment, shopping, searching for things and
- Learning about mobile phones.



With digital technology demanding more of our lives every day, this is an opportunity to gain control. There are leaflets in the clubroom if you would like to enrol. Club tech-heads, John Membrey and Wayne Lucas have offered to help.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This month has gone extremely fast with many things happening; first of all we had the Farmers market on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Fortunately the weather on both days was first class and we had an excellent result, let us hope for good weather again this month. Remember the market goes on rain, hail or shine, let us hope for good weather.

We have also seen the start on the new workshop with the concrete slab being poured last week and it is hoped the concrete surrounds will be done this week with the steel frame being put up soon after. Then work will cease for a short time while the concrete cures, then it will be all systems go again. It is hoped to have the workshop completed by Christmas. Meanwhile work is also being done inside the log cabin. Brian and I had an excellent meeting the other day with Micronaire the company doing the dust extraction system, and we will have a final costing on this very shortly with the drawings to submit to Council for final OK to proceed.

It is very pleasing to see the workshop reasonably clean, my thanks to the members assisting in this task each week.

Ken D. Barnes, the toy co-ordinator, informs me that we are again on target for another good year with just over 800 toys to give away again this year. Many thanks to all members who have contributed to this wonderful effort.

Finally just a reminder that on Saturday 24th November we have a Farmers Market and also we need to set up the Function Room ready for the Annual Dinner on that night, the Gala Day the following Day, and the toy collection on the Monday 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Len Preece - President**

**DOVETON SHOW.** It was another successful day for Berwick woodworkers when we attended the Doveton Show, however crowds queuing for the show bag caravan, which was adjacent our site became a problem. Show officials placed barriers in front of our tables, isolating us for a few hours in the afternoon. Club President **Len Preece** has learned that the problem will be remedied next year. At right is **Bob McArthur** working on the lathe that has been donated to us by **Hare & Forbes Machinery House** While **Graham Rogers** looks on. Below **Ross Blackwood** takes a turn at the scroll saw, with

**Graham Rogers and Richard Gething supervising.**



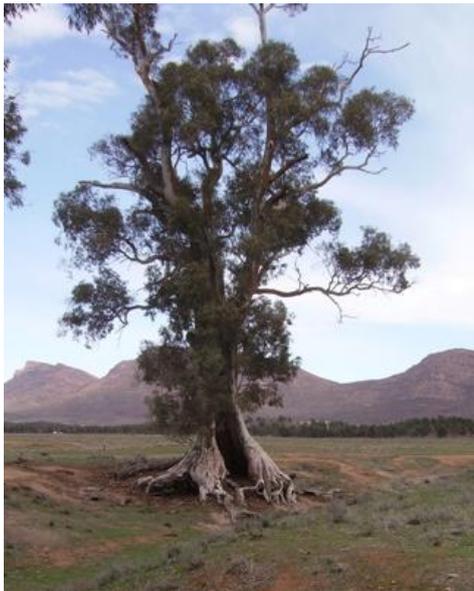
## ARTHUR STRAFFEN

Club members were recently notified of the passing of one of our longer serving members, **Arthur Straffen**. Arthur was a regular member for many years, mostly attending our Wednesday evening group, and will be remembered by a number of our longer serving members.

The funeral was private to the family only.

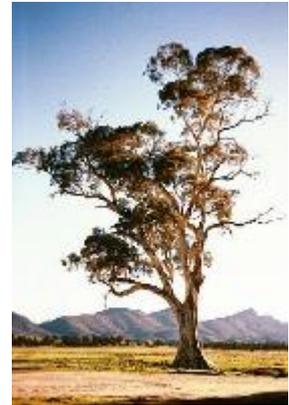
We wish to express our deepest condolences to Arthur's family.

During a recent trip to the Flinders Ranges **Simon Robbins** became interested in **Cazneau's Tree** near Wilpena Pound, and has sent me this short item.



*The Cazneau Tree - by Simon Robbins.  
"Harold Cazneau took a photo of this REDGUM tree in 1937(it was fully grown then) & called it "**The Spirit of Endurance**" Because of its age he felt it reflected human resilience. As photographed by me this year the tree still stands and is a reminder to me that we all can be in awe of this magnificent tree and what it stands for."*

As a matter of curiosity I had a look at an internet article about this famous tree and found the original photo (at right) taken in 1937. The photo won international acclaim and since then the tree has been photographed and painted many times.



**MACHINE DAMAGE.** An unpleasant surprise greeted Club President **Len Preece** when he entered the sanding room on the morning of Friday 12th; yet another of the club's machines has been rendered inoperable following damage during use. Below is a photo of the **almost-new** sanding belt from the large sander, showing a rip that covers nearly half the length, and an additional hole.

We all know that, in woodworking, accidents can happen, sometimes with **serious** results. When a mishap like this occurs, leaving it for someone else to find can turn an **accident** into a **disaster**.

If you are the unlucky person who happens to cause some damage **PLEASE TELL SOMEONE** who is in charge so that the problem can be remedied.

You will not be "*shot at dawn*" but you could save another club member from being hurt.

If you are not sure of how to use a machine please ask for advice.



**PARKING IN ELM DRIVE.** Old Cheese Factory staff have reminded us that we are **not** to park our vehicles in the elm drive at the back of the clubroom. Parking is permitted during **loading and unloading** of equipment only, following which we must proceed to a parking spot in the market area or in the general car park at the front of the OCF grounds.

Parking, for those who have **Disabled Parking Rights**, is still available at the rear of the potters shed.

**RELOCATION PLANS.** With the completion of the laying of the slab for our new premises, the committee is giving some thought to how the big move to the new building will be accomplished.

In order to leave our present premises ready for '*vacant possession*' we will have to remove all fixtures and fittings from our present workshop. It is thought that the quieter period over Christmas may be useful for this project, depending on the progress of the new workshop. At present it is thought that we may be able to make the move in January 2019. With this in mind, it has been suggested that we could begin removing ducting from the dust collector following Gala Day. Although we will be without a dust collector for a while, with the exception of the drum sander, sanding machines may be used in the outdoor section outside the back door. The committee is interested in members' opinion.

**FORMEN NEEDED.** Anyone who has moved house can imagine what a daunting task this move will be, therefore, Len Preece has suggested that we divide the work into sections with each to be overseen by a member who can direct activities. We have been offered assistance by **Hare & Forbes Machinery House** who will take care of the heavy lifting with forklifts. If you would like to take on a supervising job, please let a committee member know.

**Berwick District Woodworkers Club.**  
**Minutes Monthly Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2018.**

**Meeting Commenced 1.05pm**

**Welcome to Members** President Len Preece welcomed 25 members.

**Apologies**

Jackie Saddington, Keith Towe, Ken D. Barnes, Maurice Dunn and Martin Van Diemen.

**Minutes of previous monthly meeting.** – 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2018.

- In Newsletter.

**Motion to accept minutes.** Proposed – Alexander Drysdale. Seconded – John Damon. 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 – Pat Mahoney. Motion carried.

**President's Report.**

- Most of my time has been spent on the new workshop.
- Len Preece and Brian Crowe will visit Micronair on Friday to confirm the final dust extractor design.
- We need to keep clear of the current building works.
- We donated an oak shelf for Neil Stone, a shop owner, who is renovating a shop in Berwick shopping centre.
- Len Preece and Brian Crowe will be asking some members to take control of an area of the new workshop during our relocation. Each Group will ask for help of other members as needed.
- After our Gala Day we will remove some of the ducting and clean and store it for the new system. Most machines will still be useable with care and regular cleaning to keep the dust down. We have to remove all items in our building after we move.
- The relocation should occur in January 2019.
- People can take timber for their own use.

- There will be three cleaning outlets in the new duct system.

**Motion to accept President's report.** Proposed – Colin Ellard. Seconded – John McMahon.  
Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report.**

- The Treasurer read the report as attached.
- We are still waiting for advice on the dates for our fixed term deposits.
- The Farmers' market is going well.
- Seventy nine financial members.
- A letter will be sent to unpaid members to remind them and a notice put in the newsletter.
- We will publish an unpaid member list.
- Unpaid members can still visit the club as a guest.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report.** Proposed – Ken Whitefield. Seconded – Brian Crowe.  
Motion carried.

**New Workshop.**

- The final floor levels needed to be confirmed. The concrete pouring will be done next week.
- The steelwork is under construction and should be complete at the end of October. The total work should be complete by the end of 2018.
- The work on the log cabin is proceeding.
- All work must be suitable for wheelchair access.
- The door details need to be finalised.
- The sewer and drainage will be installed in one go.
- The roof will be three metres high with a 15 degree pitch roof. There will be a fire proof wall between the cabin and the workshop.

**Farmers Market.**

- The next market will be on the 13<sup>th</sup> October with the OCF Festival Day. We will coordinate with them and close early.
- Thanks to all members who help with the early setups.

**Functions and Demonstrations.**

- Our annual dinner will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> November. A list is on the table.
- Our welcome back BBQ will be on 16<sup>th</sup> January at 5 pm.
- Our next lunch will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> April at a venue yet to be confirmed.
- Alexander Drysdale arranged a speaker for today but was cancelled at the last minute.

**Newsletter.**

- No problems. Thank you, Elsie.

**General business.**

- Ken Whitefield will be the Kits for Kids coordinator for this year. Ken is looking for 400 pieces of scrap pine, approximately 180 X 180 X 19 mm. Please pass on any you may have. We will look at alternative glue supplies.

- The Be Connected program for computer learning is available to our members. John Membrey and Wayne Lucas will help members get started.
- We must be aware of scams.
- Check your junk folders on your home computers as our newsletter can be diverted.
- Some people also have trouble opening the newsletter.

### **Show & Tell.**

- Presented by Colin Ellard.

### **Door Prize.**

- Won by Lance Baker.

**Meeting closed at 2.00 pm. Next meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2018 at 1.00pm.**

**President - Len Preece**

**Secretary – Richard Gething.**

### **MORE WD40 HINTS**

21. WD-40 is great for removing crayon from walls. Spray on the mark and wipe with a clean rag.
22. Also, if you've discovered that your teenage daughter has washed and dried a tube of lipstick with a load of laundry, saturate the lipstick spots with WD-40 and rewash. Presto! The lipstick is gone!
23. Lubricates tracks in sticking home windows and makes them easier to open.
24. Spraying an umbrella stem makes it easier to open and close.
25. Restores and cleans padded leather dashboards in vehicles, as well as vinyl bumpers.
26. Restores and cleans roof racks on vehicles.
27. Lubricates and stops squeaks in electric fans.
28. Lubricates wheel sprockets on tricycles, wagons, and bicycles for easy handling.
29. Lubricates fan belts on washers and dryers and keeps them running smoothly.
30. Keeps rust from forming on saws and saw blades, and other tools.

**Bill Munt** has let me into the secret of what makes this oh-so-useful product work:

### **THE MYSTERY OF THE MAGIC OF WD40 EXPLAINED. by Bill Munt**

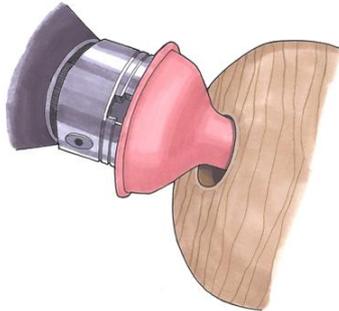
WD 40 consists (put simply) mainly of baby oil, Vaseline and lava lamp goop (Internet quote). So what is WD 40? A chemical analysis reveals: Decane, Nonane, Tridecane, Tetradecane, Undecane, DimethylNaphthalene, Cyclohexane and Carbon Dioxide (propellant). Most come from mineral oil. Each compound contributes to one or more of WD 40's properties: freeze resistance, water resistance, heat resistance, as well as lubricity. Because it is not made from synthetic compounds, it is 100% biodegradable. WD 40 was created in the early 1950's – an incredible achievement that has stood the test of time. More modern products specialize in particular applications. For example "Top savers" used for working metal surfaces include nano particle waxes which reduce friction on the surface long after the solvent has evaporated. On the down side of WD 40: don't breath in the vapours – it is bad for you. **Bill Munt.**

**LATHE SPEED** *When you finish your wood turning session* make sure that the power is "OFF" and the speed is set on LOW. If the machine is belt driven put the belt on the SMALLEST PULLEY at the electric motor and the LARGEST PULLEY at the headstock spindle. If the machine has a variable speed control, turn the spindle speed to its LOWEST speed setting. If the machine has a cone drive, return the speed control handle to the LOWEST spindle speed. *After mounting a new piece of wood, and before you start the lathe,* ALWAYS check and adjust the speed setting – EVERYTIME. - **Bill Munt**

## FROM THE INTERNET.

### *Use a Sneaker to Clean Sandpaper*

Make sandpaper nearly new again with a lowly old sneaker. Start up your power sander and dust collection system (remember to wear hearing and eye protection). Then slowly press the rubber sole of an old sneaker along the sandpaper—you'll see a difference instantly!



By [Pop Wood Editors](#) Posted [August 26, 2018](#) In [Shop Blog](#), [Tricks of the Trade](#)

Go to your local building supply store, and find a cheap plunger (mine was \$3). Then take the handle off and use it for a jam chuck on your lathe – mine gets the most use when reversing hollow forms and removing the tenons. Works great and is super cheap!

Noah Schuerman, Pullman, Washington

**DID YOU GUESS CORRECTLY?** Here is the answer.

That strange looking gourd-like, bean-like object is actually a loofah. When that brown skin is peeled off this is what it looks like underneath. My dictionary says it's the pod of *Luffa aegyptiaca*, used as a flesh brush. but my poor Word program is seriously confused as it didn't recognise the word at all.



**With weddings so much in the air at present here's a topical joke.**

At a wedding, the pastor asked if anyone had anything to say concerning the union of the bride and groom. It was their time to stand up and talk, or forever hold their peace.

The moment of utter silence was broken by a young beautiful woman carrying a child.

She started walking toward the pastor slowly.

Everything quickly turned to chaos. The bride slapped the groom. The groom's mother fainted. The groomsmen started giving each other looks and wondering how best to help save the situation.

The pastor asked the woman, "Can you tell us why you came forward? What do you have to say?"

The woman replied, "We can't hear in the back."

A guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge (still working), he put it in his front yard and hung a sign on it saying: 'Free. You want it, you take it.'

For three days the fridge sat there without anyone looking twice.

He eventually decided that people were too mistrustful of this deal.

So he changed the sign to read: 'Fridge for sale \$50.'

The next day someone stole it!

### **Traffic Camera**

A man was driving when he saw the flash of a traffic camera. He figured that his picture had been taken for exceeding the limit, even though he knew that he was not speeding. Just to be sure, he went around the block and passed the same spot, driving even more slowly, but again the camera flashed. Now he began to think that this was quite funny, so he drove even slower as he passed the area again, but the traffic camera again flashed.. He tried a fourth time with the same result. He did this a fifth time and was now laughing when the camera flashed as he rolled past, this time at a snail's pace.

Two weeks later, he got five tickets in the mail for Driving without a seat belt!!

That's all for now until next time.