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Welcome to the newsletter for January 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting 14th January 2019 - 1.00pm in clubroom.
Monthly Meeting 6th February 2019 - 1.00pm in clubroom.
Free Demonstration Day - Robbo's at Tooradin has his annual open day on 23rd February. (Saturday) from 8.00am until approx. 4.00pm. - Free, take own chair and lunch.

DECEMBER CATCH UP.

Well, December 2018 has come and gone and so much has been packed into the weeks since the last newsletter.



The club participated in the demonstration weekend that was held by **Hare & Forbes Machinery House**. At left are **Ken Whitefield** and **Paul Ryan** supervising as **Rick Hoare** uses the lathe.

At a special afternoon tea on 13th December some of our members gathered to say goodbye and thank you to **Judith Graley** who has supported the club for the past 12 years. We had the pleasure of presenting Judith with the gift of a rocking horse, made for her by **Bill Bradshaw**. As the horse wasn't finished at the time, **Nellie**, the club's own rocking horse, acted as stand in for the day.

At right are **Judith Graley** & **Bill** at the special morning tea. Below, **Bob McArthur**, **Rick Hoare**, **Bill Bradshaw** and **David Murden** pictured as Judith takes possession of her finished horse.



Our Annual Dinner/Gala Weekend, although hectic, was a resounding success. On page three are some of the photos that I managed to take of the events.

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

28th January

GENERAL

6th February

SPEAKERS ETC

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FARMERS' MARKET

26th January

9th February

Committee of Management:

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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 - Ken Whitefield
 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 - Wayne Lucas.
 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.

Membership Fees:
 Individual Joining Fee - \$40.00
 Single Membership - \$65.00
 Family Membership - \$100.00
 No Attendance Fee.
 Tea & Coffee complimentary.

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 **Garey Maas MP** State Member for Narre Warren South, and his staff for their 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.





It wasn't easy to get these busy people to stand still for a photo. Above left is **Elise Barnes** sorting bedding for the beds, cradles, bunks and prams. Above are **Wayne Lucas, Bob McArthur** and **Oscar Ordenes** consulting a distribution list, while at left is **John McMahon** filling one of the lists.

While these members were busy with this job, others were on duty with the running of the Farmers' Market in another section of the Old Cheese Factory grounds.

THE END-OF-YEAR DINNER

Following are some of the photos taken during the evening. Below are **Graham Rogers, Pat & Sue Mahoney, Marilyn & Ian Chong** plus thumbnails of

the many other members and their partners present.



Joyce Hayes



Bob McArthur



Val Moyes



Anne & Ken Whitefield



Kaz Kingette, Mike Kingette



Elise Barnes



Ken Barnes



George Young, Bill Bradshaw, Stewart Moyes.



Seated, Margaret Baker, Eric & Cath Guthrie



Pat & John Ostroff, with Lance Baker



Dianne & Richard Gething



Peter & Carol Hamill



Amelia Rogers chatting with Elise & Ken Barnes.



John Membrey



Brian & Marilyn Crowe



Katerina Zorin, Beverleigh Preece,



John Damon



Marge Angelucci



Ross Blackwood, Jillian & Alexander Drysdale

GALA DAY

We were delighted to be able to offer another 900 toys this year. At right is Club President, Len Preece making the presentation to representatives of the local welfare organisations: Casey North Support Service, Cranbourne Support Service, Windermere in Narre Warren, Outlook In Lyndhurst and Migrant Support Centre, Dandenong.





As in past years we were entertained by Berwick Primary School Choir. Since singing is thirsty work **Ken & Elise Barnes** (below) made sure there were refreshments awaiting the children at the end of the afternoon.



Marilyn Crowe & Elise Barnes were kept busy preparing afternoon tea for our guests.



Many thanks to club members who brought along delicious offerings for the tea table and especially to **Val Moyes** who supplied three of her very popular 'ginger fluff' cream sponges.



At right **Ken Barnes** helps with afternoon tea while **Ian Chong** joins in with the carol singing.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome back to the New Year I hope you have all had a pleasant Christmas and New Year and are nice and relaxed for another year.

We started the year off with our welcome back BBQ which over 40 people attended on a pleasant evening in Elm Drive. Ken Whitefield was presented with the MOTY award and I received a Certificate of Appreciation for my work on getting the new workshop underway.

Talking of the new workshops they are now underway we have access to the new buildings and we have now just about got the Log Cabin set up, with tables and chairs to arrive shortly. The Breezeway is also almost set up with saw benches in place and the timber racks also there. The paint shop is also ready. The dust extraction contractors will be in on the 28th January and the machinery moved shortly after that, we are hoping to be fully in operation by mid February when the buildings will be officially handed over to us by the City of Casey. Many thanks to all members who have contributed to the move so far.

Len Preece - President

The club is pleased to welcome new members: **David Hobby, Ramon Bellett (Ray) & Rory Fink.**

SHOW & TELL: No, there wasn't any this month but I still managed to see some of the work that members have been doing over the break.

Paul Ryan made this small bowl as a Christmas gift for one of his relatives.



The wood is an attractive piece of Oregon.

David Murden has also used his time to make gifts, these bird feeders were birthday gifts for an Aunt and a friend.



David's cutting board at left is made from offcuts. Below is David's small table which is made from rubber wood with a pine top. David also took the opportunity to furnish a stall at the Community Fair held in Timbarra Community Hall in early December. Picture below.



MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE CLUB:

With the move to the club's new premises due to take place in the next few weeks, work on the mammoth task of dismantling our machinery in preparation for the big transfer started in the week following Gala Day. With the ducting for the dust collector removed, **Martin Van Diemen** and **John Damon** are seen planning their next action.

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Following the news that club member **Bruce Scott** has been very ill, it is good to hear that he is out of hospital and feeling much better.



IT HELPS TO KEEP A SENSE OF HUMOUR.

The notice below caused some amusement: the machine in question being not only out of service but also conspicuous by its absence.



ON A MORE SERIOUS MATTER: Above right is a disappointing photo of the club's thicknesser which has received some abuse. It is obvious that something metallic has been embedded in wood that was put through the cutter resulting in deep gouges in the smooth surface of the plate. Please ensure that there are no **NAILS, SCREWS, STAPLES or STONES** in your wood before attempting to put it through the machine.

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The clubroom is becoming more and more bare every day as machines are dismantled and furniture moved to the new premises. Without the dust extractor operating only a minimum of woodwork has been taking place but there is still plenty to do. Most members attending the club have been involved in the process of clearing and sorting the evidence of our past 30 years. **Brian Crowe** snapped the photo at right (with apologies for the thumb intrusion) of **Bob McArthur** and **Colin Ellard** taking a breather before moving the cupboard that is behind them.



At left, **Ross Blackwood** takes the prize for the first messy mishap when he spilled an unknown substance on the floor. Ross doesn't look in the least penitent.

WELCOME FEEDBACK:

Bill Bradshaw received a pleasant surprise recently when **Jillian Drysdale** sent to him this paragraph from a letter in her personal email. One of the horses Bill had made is mentioned. *" I was also pleased to read the Berwick District Woodworkers Club is still as busy as ever. We have one of their rocking horses from Christmas 2003 that Scott won in a raffle from his days working part time after school at Bunnings. All these years later*

so many people gravitate to the horse to admire the wonderful workmanship. So "Jarrah" the horse still has pride of place in our dining room! "

PAKENHAM PATCHWORKERS AND QUILTERS AGM. On December the 5th **Rick Hoare** and I had the pleasure of attending the above mentioned meeting. Berwick Woodworkers are indebted to the members of the Pakenham Patchworkers & Quilters for the beautiful miniature quilts that they give us every year to dress our doll's bed, cradles, prams and double bunks. Each quilt is a perfect



Some of the patchworkers' quilts.

little masterpiece made with as much care and attention as the quilters give their larger quilts. Machine embroidery and lace enhance the colourful

patches which add a beautiful finishing touch to our work. This year we were presented with 78 quilts. I was happy to be able to present, to the club, a very handsome clock, made and donated for the purpose by **John McMahon**. The clock will be used as a fund raiser by the patchworkers.



John McMahon's clock.

WELCOME BACK BBQ: Once again the weather was kind to us and we were able to enjoy the pleasant atmosphere under the elm trees at the OCF

BERWICK WOODWORKERS' AWARD NIGHT: As he has done in the past, Club President **Len Preece** took this gathering as an opportunity to present the **Member of the Year Award**. Pictured below with Len is **Ken Whitefield** who received the **MOTY** award for 2018. On a personal note, Ken recently celebrated his 70th birthday. Many Happy Returns, Ken.



There was a surprise awaiting **Len** when **Rick Hoare** presented him with the club Committee's **Certificate of Appreciation** for his outstanding contribution to the construction of the new workshop and clubroom. As Rick pointed out, there is probably not a day in the past two years that Len has not had his mind firmly fixed on the project.



A LOOK INSIDE OUR NEW PREMISES: During the evening of the BBQ, **Len Preece** spent some time giving club members and their partners a tour of the new buildings. On the following page are some of the photos that I took.



The clubroom looking towards the kitchen, office and toilet facilities.



The breezeway and storage area between the two buildings

It is possible that we will be able to make our final move in mid February.



A portion of the new workshop.

A NOTE FROM AMANDA STAPLETON.

Club member **Wayne Lucas** sent us a copy of the following media article which was published by Casey Mayor, Amanda Stapleton.

*"CRANBOURNE TOY LIBRARY - THANK YOU Berwick Woodworkers.
I was thrilled to handover these lovingly handcrafted wooden toys to the Cranbourne Toy Library at their Sausage sizzle today
These were generously donated to me in early December by the Berwick Woodworkers. THANK YOU"*

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That's all for now but here's just a thought or two to finish off:

Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young I had to walk 9 feet through shag pile carpet to change the TV channel.

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

Why do toasters always have a setting that burns the toast to a horrible crisp, which no decent human being would eat?