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Welcome to the newsletter for July 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting 29th July, 1.00pm in the clubroom.

Monthly Meeting 7th August, AGM. 1.00pm in the clubroom.

GV Woodworkers 29th Annual Woodworking Show. 26th & 27th October 2019. 9.30am to 4.30pm both days at Shepparton Showgrounds.

Club Membership fees are now due.

FUNCTIONS:

Down Under Turn Around at Philip Island, 13th, 14th & 15th September. \$210. for the weekend includes accommodation and meals. Take your own tools, lathe etc.

The next **VMSA Cluster Meeting** will be on the 23rd July, 9.45 am at Corner Inlet Men's Shed.

Club Lunch 15th August, 12.00 noon at Lynbrook Hotel, 550 Sth. Gippsland Highway, Lynbrook.

JULY 2019 GENERAL MEETING.

This month we were visited by **Andrew Wearne** and **Leigh Colbert** from **Hare and Forbes Machinery House**.

The club has had a long standing relationship with Hare & Forbes, attending their Open Days to help demonstrate their woodworking tools and machinery. In turn, Hare & Forbes offer club members a discount when purchasing equipment from them and have been generous in their assistance, helping with the club's move from our old premises.



Originally founded in the mid 1930's as a scrap metal dealer that sold fuel and scrapped planes, the firm is a family run business with a strong interest in community support, focusing on its customers and especially supportive of retired people, **Men's Sheds** and **Beyond Blue**.

Leigh Colbert outlined the company's product range and gave us the chance to discuss the pros and cons of various types of machinery.

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

GENERAL

SPEAKERS ETC

FARMERS' MARKET

29th July

7th August (AGM)

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27th July

10th August

Committee of Management:

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President	Len Preece	59405564
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Committee

Rick Hoare	9707 4608
John McMahon	9796 1097
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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.*
- Workshop Coordinator - *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 -	Bill Bradshaw
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 **Gary 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.



SHOW & TELL: The bowl below left is by **John McMahon**. A nicely marked piece of ash, it had been lying around in the shed and was in danger of being thrown out until John rescued it. John has used wood dyes and Danish oil. **Paul Ryan** used a scrap of Huon pine to create the pendant, in response to a suggestion made at the last meeting, for some imaginative ways to use up off cuts. **John Damon** made the bowl at far right, using wattle.



NOT FOR SHOW & TELL:

Knowing that he would be unable to attend this month's meeting, **Chris Drysdale** showed me the plaque that he has made for a Tasmanian Dog Club.

Katerina Zorin has been busy cutting out these little animals. Rather than using the scrollsaw, as might be expected, Katerina favours the band saw, thus demonstrating the versatility of the machine.



Peter Hamill has shown me some of the work that keeps him busy when he's not at the club. Having taken a course in French polishing some years back, Peter enjoys renovating old pieces of furniture



that might otherwise be consigned to the scrap heap. Indeed, the scrap heap is often where he gets his projects. Here is a sample of Peter's work. A bundle of bits and pieces picked up at the Camberwell market (left) plus a slab of marble from a second hand dealer, morphed into this attractive wash stand under Peter's ministrations.





At the request of **Boukje Kleinekoort**, club members have spent the past couple of weeks clearing out **Joe's** workshop ready for Boukje's move in August. Several of Joe's pieces are now on display in the clubroom. Joe was known for his scroll saw work and I snapped this photo of his pot and stand. Knowing that each hole has to be pre-drilled and the saw blade unmounted, inserted into the drilled hole, then remounted, I find the patience required to complete this masterpiece is impressive. I haven't even attempted to calculate the hours of work involved. The stand is about 90cm high. The photo frame and the weather station are also by Joe.



Following the clearance of Joes workshop, a large collection of hand tools, some machinery and various pieces of equipment were offered to the **Poinini Agricultural and Technical School** in West New Britain Province, Papua New Guinea. This is a project that the club has supported in the past and Joe's family was pleased to help out again. Following is an excerpt from an email sent to the club, from Barbara & Adrian Corkeron, for the Kimbe Assistance Project Inc., conveying the joy they felt at such a generous gift.

"Please pass on our grateful thanks to the Berwick Woodworkers for the magnificent donation of tools for the Poinini Agricultural and Technical School in West New Britain Province, Papua New Guinea. The tools will be travelling on our next container hopefully leaving Melbourne in early September. We hope to meet up with the container in Kimbe, and take many photos of the distribution process. We will be looking out for the look on the face of the Poinini Woodworking Teacher when he sees the two woodworking lathes. We do not think there would be many tech schools in PNG with operating lathes and the chisels to go with them. We have attached a photo of Rick and Martin as they delivered the tools. We are really grateful for their assistance."



I have passed this expression of thanks to Joe's family.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Jack Croucher is still waiting to have his hip operation. We hope that Jack can receive the attention he desperately needs. We hope it will be sooner rather than later.

The new honour boards are now completed and are hanging in the lunch/meeting room. We also have a great display of **Joe Kleinekoort's** work on display including his two clocks, all of which has been donated to the club by the Kleinekoort family.

Our Farmers' Markets continue to go very well and it is important that we get more support from all members. (the last couple of markets we have been a little light on numbers) so if any member can spare an hour or two on the fourth Saturday of every month, your help would be very much appreciated. Remember it is these markets that keep the club healthy financially. These markets take a lot of organising and I must thank **Geoff Rankin** and **Martin Van Diemen** for their great efforts.

Unfortunately Wednesday the 17th of July was **Bob McArthur's** last day with us as he moves down to Seaford to be with friends and family in that area. Bob is moving because of his failing eyesight and will not be able to drive much longer. We wish him all the very best for the future and thank him for his untiring efforts here.

It has been very pleasing to hear the comments from our many visitors and potential members as to the cleanliness of the workshop, congratulations to all members.

We ask all members to remember to open and close the vents on the dust extractor before and after using the machines.

Len Preece - President.

CLUB NEWS:

Parking: It's good to see that club members are adhering to requests by OCF management to avoid parking on wet grass areas. We are asked to use the designated parking places along the Farmers' Market drive and along the fence near the skip bins. We may pull into the area by the workshop roller door to unload then move to the accepted parking areas.

Grant Nomination: As reported in the minutes, the club has been nominated for a grant by the local Westpac Bank. The grant will enable us to upgrade two Vicmarc lathes to electronic speed control.

Club Promotion: Since giving up the club's Annual Raffle, with its visits to various public venues such as shopping centres, Berwick Woodworkers has dropped out of the public eye somewhat. These events have had the pleasing side effect of bringing the club to community attention from which we have gained many new members.

We are considering some suggestions that may raise our public profile:

- Running an open day/exhibition /demonstration in the clubroom, over a weekend. This would feature a display of club members' work and also involve guided tours of the workshop.
- Developing the Wednesday evening and Saturday sessions, for the benefit of prospective members who are in full time employment.
- At the Farmers' Markets we need to tell visitors that our workshop is open and we could show them around. We need to inform them how their donations are used. The donations keep our subscriptions low.
- We could create a club brochure to hand out and put on our veranda.
- We will also try to be included in the local press by submitting occasional articles for publication.

LIBRARY ADDITIONS:

The Kleinekoort family have donated two quality books to the Club:

Sculpted Band Sawn Boxes and **Decks and Pergolas.**

BEST WISHES: To **Stewart Moyes** who has had a driving accident whilst on his way to the clubroom recently. Fortunately Stewart, although shaken up, has not been injured although his car is not driveable.

MORE NEWS FROM KEN & ANNE WHITEFIELD, who are making full use of their opportunity to dodge Melbourne's freezing temperatures. With only a few weeks left of their holiday in the "top end" here are a couple more photos and a note from Anne.

" We went to the valley of giants today, Ken needed to see wood, he's missing it. In Denmark near Albany. Only three weeks before we're home. Can't believe we've been away over three months."



A NOTE FROM KEITH TOWE:

Drooping Sheoak: *Allocasuarina verticillata*. Formally - *Casuarina stricta* - Keith Towe

This is one of the Species that had a name change some years ago.

Prior to the change, we only knew this species as *Casuarina*, I guess the academics needed to keep themselves in a job and decided that a name change would be a good idea, incidentally, this recently happened with the *Acacias*, it looked like our Australian *Acacias* would be renamed as comparison with the Sth. African *Acacias*, and that would have been an expensive and difficult situation, but wiser world minds left the Australian *Acacias* be, and changed the Sth. African species. The Drooping Sheoaks occur in Sth. Australia, NSW. Victoria and Tasmania

In times past our Aboriginal natives ground the raw cones and seeds and applied them to sores and to joints o treat Rheumatism and for general medicine. (should try it on my knee)

There have been reports of the green leaves being chewed to relieve thirst.

Editor's note: *The fronds are also useful for baskets making. and favoured by hand crafters.*





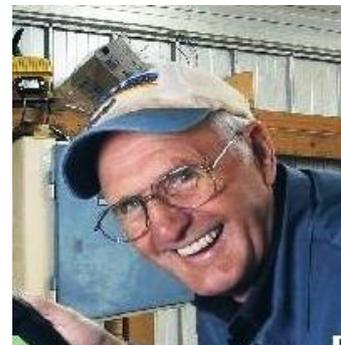
BY WAY OF A CHANGE:

Instead of the customary rocking horses usually seen about the club, the workshop is now playing host to this small herd of rocking cows which are the combined effort of **Bill Bradshaw, Marilyn Griffiths, Jaqui Saddington and Jim Graham.**

Could milking stools and pales be next on the agenda?

MOVING ON: As **Len Preece** has mentioned in his President's Notes, long serving club member, **Bob McArthur** is leaving the Berwick area and heading for the bay-side suburb of Seaford to be nearer family and friends.

At his last morning with us on Wednesday 17th July, Bob was presented with a plaque stating the club's appreciation of his time with us. Bob's knowledge of machinery and woodwork has made him a much valued member, as has his cheerful disposition. Always willing to lend a hand in all sorts of situations, whether club related or personal, Bob will be sorely missed and we wish him the very best in this new venture.



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Berwick District Woodworkers Club.
Minutes Monthly Meeting 3rd July, 2019.

Meeting Commenced 1.05 pm

Welcome to Members President Len Preece welcomed 21 members and guests Andrew Wearne and Leigh Colbert from Hare and Forbes.

Apologies

Ken Whitefield, Lance Baker, Lois Berglund-Dack, Jim Graham, Chris Drysdale and Ross Blackwood. Chris Drysdale is recovering at home after hospital treatment. Best wishes Chris.

Minutes of previous monthly meeting. – 5th June 2019.

Motion to accept minutes. Proposed – John McMahon. Seconded – Brian Crowe. Motion carried.

Business arising from previous meeting

- The bollards are on the way.
- The turning smocks are In Newsletter.
- expected soon.

Correspondence.

- A summary of the correspondence from the latest committee meeting was read.
- Email from Doreen Langerak asking if we make dining tables. The meeting agreed we will not take up this project. Secretary will reply.

Motion to accept correspondence. Proposed –Pat Mahoney. Seconded – Ken D. Barnes. Motion carried.

President's Report.

- Bob McArthur will be moving on the 16th August. At the AGM a presentation will be made to Bob to thank him for his many services over the years.
- Sarah Hill from the OCF will be leaving to take up another position at Greater Dandenong Council.
- The parking arrangements the OCF requested are being met. Please avoid the wet grassed areas. Thank you.
- A number of visitors have commented on how clean our workshop is. Thanks to all members.
- The first aid kits have all been updated.
- The defibrillator session last week went well.
- We have been nominated for a grant by the local Westpac Bank. We will upgrade two Vicmarc lathes to electronic speed control with the grant.
- A portable electric extension lead was left out after closing so creating a tripping hazard. We must return leads and portable tools to their storage areas when work is finished.
- We are considering running an open day/exhibition /demonstration over a weekend to raise our public profile.
- We are considering developing the Wednesday evening and Saturday sessions, working with the Farmers' Market, to encourage new members.
- At the Farmers' Markets we need to tell visitors that our workshop is open and we could show them around. We need to inform them how their donations are used. The donations keep our subscriptions low.
- We could create a club brochure to hand out and put on our veranda. We will also try to be included in the local press.
- We are trying to chase up our telephone with the OCF and are following up with Adapt and the Casey Council members.
- The workshop external lighting is inadequate when we leave on Wednesday night. We will ask the OCF for more flood lighting to show the access paths. For the present we will leave the outside lights on overnight.

Motion to accept the President's report. Proposed – Wayne Lucas. Seconded – Keith Towe. Motion Carried

Treasurer's report.

- As attached.
- Final reports are being audited
- Our balances will cover expected our expenditure.
- The Farmers' Market income is good.
- Our membership is currently 85 members. We need to encourage more members. A printed brochure would help.
- We don't need to hire out our building to cover our costs.
- Our electricity bill is still based on an estimated usage.
- Membership fees are now payable.
- We need member support to keep the Farmers' Market going.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Proposed – Brian Crowe. Seconded – Paul Ryan. Motion carried.

Farmers' Market.

- Going well. The weather has been uncertain.

Functions

- Our Club lunch will be at the Lynbrook Hotel on 15th August.

Demonstrations.

- The AGM will be held at the next monthly meeting.

Newsletter.

- All okay. Thanks Elsie.

General Business.

- The next VMSA Cluster Meeting will be on the 23rd July.
- We could erect signs pointing to our workshop entrance.
- All visitors to the workshop must be accompanied by a member.
- We could give small animal cut outs to our visitors.
- Alistair White has some tools free of charge.
- Turning weekends coming up -
 1. The Forest Edge at Neerim East will be on the 19th to 21st July.
 2. The Downunder at Cowes will be on the 13th, 14th and 15th September.

Show & Tell.

- Presented by Rick Hoare.

Door Prize.

- Won by Leigh Colbert. (Editor's note - this should read "The door prize was drawn by Leigh Colbert and won by Bert McGinty".)

Meeting closed at 1.50 pm.

Next meeting Wednesday 7th August, 2019 at 1.00pm.

President - Len Preece

Secretary – Richard Gething.

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A FEW THINGS YOU SHOULD HAVE LEARNED BY NOW.

Don't worry about what people think, they don't do it very often.

Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

For every action there is an equal and opposite government program.

Experience is a wonderful thing, it enables you to recognise a mistake when you make it again.

JUST WONDERING...

'I am' is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language.
Could it be that 'I do' is the longest sentence?

How do those dead bugs get into those enclosed light fixtures?

How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?

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That's pretty much all for now. Bye until next time.