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Welcome to the newsletter for September 2019

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting 23rd September, 1.00 in clubroom.

Monthly Meeting 2nd October, 1.00 in clubroom.

Celebrations Around the World. 30th November, 11am to 3pm. Oakgrove Community Centre, Oakgrove Drive, Narre Warren South.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

We have a Farmers' Market prior to Christmas which will be a twilight market from 4.00pm – 7.30pm on Monday 23 December, The Farmers' market continues to go very well and it is important that we get support from all members, so if any member can spare an hour or two on 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.

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

The suspended power points around the walls will be replaced with double power points fixed to the walls. The committee has also given the OCF the OK to go ahead with the door between the lunch room and the workshop and the exhaust fan in the paint shop, these works will be completed within the next couple of weeks.

A retractable air hose has been fitted to the end of the storage racks near the door to the breezeway.

We have now got both the security lights mounted on the east side of the workshop, one on the end of the veranda and another over the door to the workshop.

Finally the club now has in stock a range of sizes of **Club Polo shirts** and **Jumpers**, see notice on notice board for prices.

Len Preece - President

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE	GENERAL	SPEAKERS ETC	FARMERS' MARKET
23rd September	2nd October	--	28th September 12th October

Committee of Management:

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President	Len Preece	59405564
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Committee

Mark Bellis	9769 9596
John McMahon	9796 1097
Martin Van Diemen	9707 5305
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Ken D. Barnes	0419 114 738
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Monthly demonstrations - *Vacant looking for help*
 Functions Coordinator - *Vacant*
 Newsletter Editor - *Elsie Hoare*
 Public relations - *Len Preece*
 OCF Contact group - *Len Preece*
 Toy Coordinator - *Ken D. Barnes.*
 Machinery maintenance supervisor. - *Brian Crowe*
 Health and Safety Coordinator - *All committee members.*
 Member's welfare coordinator - *Ken Whitefield*
 Kits for kids coordinator - *Ken Whitefield*
 Farmers Market Coordinator - *Martin Van Diemen & Paul Ryan*
 Special interest group coordinators - *To suit group*
 Librarian - *Keith Towe*
 Exhibition and Show - *John McMahon*
 Gala Day coordinator - *Len Preece*
 Our Lease - *Chris Drysdale*
 Screws - *Martin Van Diemen*
 Paint - *George Young*
 Timber coordinator - *Martin Van Diemen*
 Equipment authorisation approved members. - *Len Preece, Brian Crowe, John Damon, John Membrey and Bill Bradshaw.*
 Mens' Shed coordinator - *Wayne Lucas.*

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 -	Bill Bradshaw
Wednesday Evening	5.00 pm - 9.00 pm	General -	Bill Bradshaw
Thursday Morning	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	Fine W/work -	Brian Crowe
Friday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	General -	Len Preece
Saturday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	Farmers' Market supervisors - Martin Van Diemen and Ken Whitefield or by prior 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.
 Tel: 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.



SEPTEMBER SHOW & TELL



The small bud vase at left was made by **Mark Bellis**, using beech wood. The box with a sliding drawer is also by Mark using the band saw. The body is plywood and front and back facings in ash.



The vase at top right is by **John McMahon**. John has used his Dremel tool and pyrography to achieve the decoration. The wood is Victorian ash, a laminated scrap that John found in the shed. The myrtle burl bowl at left is also by John. The grain of the wood was sealed with glue to help achieve the glossy finish.

The Cypress vase at right is by **Len Preece** as is the lidded red gum bowl at left. Len also made the clock below, using Clyde Road Oak.



The small ring box at right is by **Rick Hoare**, the wood is gidgee. Rick also made the small goblet at right using Tasmanian Maple.



NOT FOR SHOW & TELL. Ian Chong made this little sugar scoop from a scrap of pine but didn't submit it for Show & Tell.



The little dog at left was made by the rocking cow team, **Bill Bradshaw, Marilyn Griffiths, Jaqui Saddington and Jim Graham.**

Someone suggested that the cows needed a dog to round them up. No sooner said than done, here is the little dog at work. Many thanks to **Mike Kingett** for the photo.



ITEMS AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE CLUB.

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| 1. Club polos | 6. Pen Kits |
| 2. Club fleecy line jumpers | 7. Livos oil |
| 3. Turning smocks | 8. CA Glue |
| 4. Caps | 9. Pen inserts. |
| 5. Hats | |

The club's small Pop's Shed lathe is for sale. Offers are invited from those members who are interested.

Free to a good home, a work bench. See Graham Rogers.



PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Club members have been offered the chance to stretch their imagination and turn this bundle of dowels and rods into something. Rules are as follows:

1. All 10 pieces must be used.
2. At least 75% of each piece must be used.
3. Other timbers may be introduced.
4. Article cannot have any more than three other pieces of timber.
5. Article must comprise of no more than 25% of other timbers.

Judging will take place at Welcome Back Barbeque in January next year.

CLUB OPEN DAY. Plans are afoot to run an exhibition on the club premises. **John McMahon** has taken on the task of organising and preparing the event and will need some help. The exhibition will take place on a weekend in May 2020 and will give club members an opportunity to display and sell their work. Demonstrations and tours of the workshop will be part of the program. John is interested to hear from anyone who would like to give him a hand.



On the subject of hands, someone has left a couple of nasty, painty **handprints** on a wall in the clubroom and on the door of the finishing room in the workshop.

Removing the handprints from the wall and door is a problem as doing so damages the finished surfaces which will need repainting.

To prevent such accidents in future, **please remember to clean paint from your hands** with the turpentine that is always available in the finishing room.



BERWICK LIBRARY PRESENTATION. **Russell Owen** has sent the following photos. At the recent AGM of the Berwick Mechanics Library, Russell's wife **Judy Owen** became the Library's Vice President. Also present at the meeting was honorary Berwick Woodwork Club member **Joyce Hayes** who, on behalf of the **Hayes Family** and in memory of our past Secretary, **James Hayes**, presented an illustrated Map of Berwick by artist **Katherine Newman**. The map depicts the *Historic Landmarks of Berwick District*. and Russell was interested to note that **Berwick Woodworkers Club** is represented in a sketch in the bottom left corner of the work. In addition, **Lorna Coleman**, wife of club member and past President, **Ken Coleman**, was presented with an award to acknowledge her **30 years of service** to the library. Pictured below are from left, **Corinne Brewis**, President of the library, **Joyce Hayes**, artist **Katherine Newman** and Casey Mayor, **Amanda Stapleton**, who unveiled the painting. At right in a close-up of the corner in which Berwick Woodworkers is featured.



“Illustrated Map of Berwick District”
Bequest from the Hayes Family in Memory of James Hayes,
a valued friend of the library

Above is a close-up of the dedication plaque on the painting and at right are **Ken Coleman** with **Lorna Coleman** who received the award for her 30 years of service to the library.

A blunt utility knife isn't very helpful when working with wood, but what do you do without a sharpener? Take a regular ceramic mug, turn it upside-down and scrape the blade against the bottom rim just as you would with a sharpening stone.

TURN AROUND DOWN UNDER - by John McMahon.

Turnaround events are held in various locations around Australia on an almost monthly basis throughout the year. While each event is different, they all follow a common format. They are live-in weekends for wood turners, with accommodation & meals provided. Some events cater for other activities as well, such as pyrography and scroll-sawing. Attendees need to bring all their own equipment, including lathes, tools, safety equipment and wood. In Victoria, Jim Carroll, and Neil Ellis from U-Beaut, will also have pop-up shops for supplies. The format of these weekends is, I believe, unique to Australia and New Zealand, as turners spend the time working on their own projects, talking and sharing ideas and experiences with others, and learning lots from some exceptional turners. Attendees range from complete beginners who have never turned on a lathe, to some of the world's best demonstrators and teachers.

Recently I attended the Forest Edge Turnaround in Neerim East, near Warragul, in July, and the Down Under Turnaround at Cowes, Phillip Island in September. About 40 attendees were at Forest Edge, including a number of scrollers and pyrographers. The photo shows some of the lathes set up for the weekend.

Phillip Island is where these events originated, and this year was the 23rd event. Although numbers were down slightly on last year, there were still more than 80 attendees, including a number of lady turners. Several attendees came from Queensland, NSW, Tasmania and South Australia. Many of the male attendees were accompanied by their wives, and a number of craft activities and shopping excursions kept them occupied. A lot of the attendees go to several of these events on a regular basis, and friendships are formed between people that would otherwise never cross paths.

Both events were very enjoyable, with lots of friendly people. Everyone is there ready to lend a helping hand, provide advice, and share their experiences. I learnt lots, and would thoroughly recommend both of these weekends to anyone interested in woodturning, no matter what your level of experience.



A screw with a burred head can be almost impossible to remove. Try placing a square of rubber cut from a rubber glove over the screw head before applying the screw driver. The extra grip supplied by the rubber may be just enough to achieve the screw's removal.

An accident with a hammer? Holding a banana peel over the bruise (for 10 to 30 minutes) will remove its colour.

Berwick District Woodworkers Club.
Minutes Monthly Meeting 4th September, 2019.

Meeting Commenced 1.05 pm

Welcome to Members - President Len Preece welcomed 26 members.

Apologies

Mike Kingett, Chris Drysdale, David Murden, Ken D. Barnes and Maurice Dunn.

Minutes of previous monthly meeting. – 7th August 2019.

- In Newsletter.

Motion to accept minutes. Proposed – Alexander Drysdale. Seconded – Paul Ryan. Motion carried.

Business arising from previous meeting

- Nil.

Correspondence.

- A summary of correspondence from the last Committee meeting was read.

Motion to accept correspondence. Proposed – Brian Crowe. Seconded – Martin Van Diemen. Motion carried.

President's Report.

- The cleanliness of the workshop has been good. We have received many compliments. Keep up the good work.
- Paint marks have been found on the toilet and finishing room walls. Please clean your hands after painting.
- We will have an open weekend in early May. (Possibly 2nd and 3rd of May.) John McMahon will be coordinating. Please lend a hand. We will include sales of members' wooden items.
- The Doveton Show will be held on the 22nd September. A list is on the table. Only one car and trailer can park on the site.
- A list of pen kits and other items for sale has been put on the notice board.
- The hanging power points on the walls will be changed to fixed double power points and the cables changed and put in conduit by the OCF contractor.
- The phone cables will be run and connected by the OCF Technical Department.
- We will install a new retractable air hose near the workshop doors. The hose must be emptied prior to winding it up.
- A new draft club brochure was handed around for comment. We will issue shortly to the OCF and local groups.
- The small "Pop's Shed" lathe will be sold. If you are interested please submit a bid to Len Preece, Brian Crowe or Richard Gething.
- We have a new President's Challenge. Details attached. Prizes will be awarded at our Welcome Back BBQ.
- Graham Rogers has a work bench available free to a good home.
- The OCF have contracted us to manufacture 2000 Christmas tree decorations. Chris Drysdale will manufacture them with his CRC machine. Thanks Chris.
- We had good Kits for Kids sessions at the Officer Specialist School. The items manufactured by Ken Whitefield will used next year. Thank you Ken.

Motion to accept the President's report. Proposed – Ken Whitefield. Seconded – John McMahon. Motion Carried

Treasurer's report.

- No report as Treasurer on holiday.
- Financially we are in a good position to handle any expected expenditure.

Farmers' Market.

- We are expecting better weather for our upcoming markets.
- We may run a twilight market this year.
- We would like a few extra helpers at about 7.00am for setting up.
- Akoonah Park market will run a few evening craft markets this year. We don't see it as competition as our produce is local food.

Functions

- The club lunch at the Lynbrook Hotel went well.
- Thanks to Rick Hoare for organising our previous lunches and dinners. Rick is unable to continue this task so we are looking for someone to take over the role. Rick will continue to assist the Treasurer.

Demonstrations.

- None planned at present.

Newsletter.

- Elsie Hoare will continue to produce the newsletter. Thanks again Elsie.
- A list of the items for sale in the club will be included without the prices.

General Business.

- Football tipping winners were announced.

Door Prize.

- Won by Rick Hoare

Show and tell.

- Presented by Ken Whitefield.

Meeting closed at 1.40 pm.

Next meeting Wednesday 2nd October, 2019 at 1.00pm.

President - Len Preece

Secretary – Richard Gething.



Refinishing Wood With Coconut Oil

One of the best, most versatile finishes, coconut oil can be used for a warm, not too shiny and easy to take care of wood finish. Whether you are new to woodworking or a seasoned DIY pro, if you have not tried finishing wood with coconut oil, you should definitely try this idea out. Much easier to deal with than traditional wood oil, the coconut oil finish will leave your wood glowing. Hides imperfections and scratches, too!

Accidentally gluing your work to the bench is a mistake that usually only happens once. Keeping a roll of wax or parchment paper under your glue-up will not only keep your workbench clean by catching glue drips, but will also prevent your work from sticking to the bench while it's drying

JUST A DOG - from Pat Mahoney.

From time to time, people tell me, "lighten up, it's just a dog," or "that's a lot of money for just a dog."

They don't understand the distance travelled, the time spent, or the costs involved for "just a dog."

Some of my proudest moments have come about with "just a dog."

Many hours have passed and my only company was "just a dog," but I did not once feel slighted.

Some of my saddest moments have been brought about by "just a dog," and in those days of darkness, the gently touch of "just a dog" gave me comfort and reason to overcome the day.

If you too think it's "just a dog" then you probably understand phrases like "just a friend," "just a sunrise" or "just a promise."

"Just a dog" brings into my life the very essence of friendship, trust and pure unbridled joy.



THINGS TO THINK ABOUT - Things that go through your mind when you can't fall asleep

If you attempt to rob a bank you won't have any trouble with rent/food bills for the next 10 years, whether or not you are successful.

Intentionally losing a game of rock, paper, scissors is just as hard as trying to win.

100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.



That's all for now until next time.

"Just a dog" brings out the compassion and patience that make me a better person.

Because of "just a dog" I will rise early, take long walks and look longingly to the future.

So for me and folks like me, it's not "just a dog" but an embodiment of all the hopes and dreams of the future, the fond memories of the past, and the pure joy of the moment.

"Just a dog" brings out what's good in me and diverts my thoughts away from myself and the worries of the day.

I hope that someday they can understand that it's not "just a dog" but the thing that gives me humanity and keeps me from being "just a man" or "just a woman."

So the next time you hear the phrase "just a dog," just smile, because they "just don't understand."



Gary Maas MP
STATE LABOR MEMBER FOR
NARRE WARREN SOUTH

**CELEBRATIONS
AROUND THE
WORLD**

30 November 2019
11am till 3pm

Oakgrove Community Centre
89-101 Oakgrove Drive,
Narre Warren South VIC 3805

✳️ **FOOD TRUCKS** ✳️ **CHILDREN'S ART SHOW** ✳️
✳️ **MULTI-CULTURAL PERFORMANCES** ✳️
✳️ **MULTI-CULTURAL TRADITIONAL DISPLAYS** ✳️

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