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Welcome to the Newsletter for November 2019



DATES TO REMEMBER: **Committee Meeting**, 25th November, 1.00pm in clubroom.
Monthly Meeting February 5th, 2020 - 1.00pm in clubroom.
Twilight Farmers' Market - 23rd December - 4.00pm - 7.30pm. no market on 28th December.

End of Year Dinner, 7th December. 6.30 pm in Function Room at OCF. Cost
\$25.00 per head. BYO drinks and glasses.

Gala Day, 8th December. 2.00 pm in Function Room at OCF.

Welcome Back BBQ. 15th January. 5.00 pm. BYO MEAT AND DRINKS. Salads supplied.

HARE & FORBES DEMONSTRATION DAYS.

From time to time, Berwick Woodworkers are invited, by **Hare & Forbes Machinery House**, to take part in the demonstration of their woodworking machinery. The event usually runs for three days and club members are invited to take along their own work for the lathe, band saw and scroll saw. This time we were asked to help make up some billy-carts which were raffled by H & F for charity and some little stools for visiting children to paint. **Peter Angwin** and **John Damon** took some photos for me.



Above left **John McMahon** and **Ken Whitefield** take on the task of putting a billy-cart together while **Anees Koya** tries out the lathe (above). Left **Simon Robbins**, **Rick Hoare** and **John McMahon** discuss the method of making a three legged stool.

More pictures on page 3.

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

25th November

GENERAL

5th February 2020

SPEAKERS ETC

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FARMERS' MARKET

23rd November - 14th December.

Twilight Market 23rd December.

Committee of Management:

Contact Details

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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.
 Members can pay either direct at club or by EFT bank transfer to WBC Berwick BSB 033 609, Acct # 41 6074. Please remember to put your surname as a reference.

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 -	Ross Blackwood
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. 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.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jack Croucher has had his hip operation; we hope that his recovery is good and he is able to get back to the club soon. **Oscar** is recovering at home. We wish both these members a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing them back at the club. It was great seeing **Ian Chong** back at the club after his illness. A big thank you to all members who assisted at **Hare and Forbes** over the three days; all went very well and we received great comments from their General Manager who was down from Sydney for the three day sale. Also a big thank you to **Ken Whitefield, Martin Van Diemen, and Wayne Lucas** who gave up their Saturday afternoon last week to unload sort and stack all the pine that was donated and delivered; a great job and we have more to come in approx. two weeks.

A reminder to all members - hearing and eye protection is available for all to use. It is located on the shelves above the grinders.

Finally the club has in stock a range of sizes of Club Polo shirts and Jumpers, and has more Turning Smocks being delivered this week; see notice on notice board for prices.

Len Preece - President

Continued from front page at Hare & Forbes Demonstration Days.

It wasn't all work, **Ken Whitefield, John McMahon** and **Katerina Zorin** took time out to try out the billy-carts.



CLUB NEWS:

CANCELANATION OF ELECTRICAL WASTE COLLECTION

Peter Angwin would like members to know that he is no longer collecting waste electrical goods as the Outlook collection point in Pakenham has closed down.

REMINDER: The club will run a twilight Farmer' Market on December 23rd from 4.00pm to 7.30pm this year instead of the 4th Saturday market scheduled to be held on 28th December, which will be cancelled. Flyers will be printed to let the public know of the change.

There will be a sales table for members to sell their work at the next two markets. The table will be in the club room if the weather is bad.

CLUB CAR PARKING: Members are now permitted to park in the gravelled area next to the workshop. This is a temporary arrangement and will be rescinded when the OCF Staff need the area for future development. We are glad of the change as the close proximity to the workshop roller doors makes unloading of equipment etc. much easier. For those of us who have a disabled sticker, there are designated parking spots closer at hand in the Elm Drive.

ROADSIDE MARKET SIGNS: We have received notice from Casey Council advising us that we are no longer permitted to place advertising signs for the Farmers' Market along roadsides throughout the Berwick area. This leaves the committee looking for other means to advertise the event. Signs in private cars of members has been suggested.



WELCOME BACK BBQ; as previously mentioned this event is scheduled for 15th January at 5.00pm. As in past years we plan to use the Elm Drive area near the BBQ with the club room as a back-up if the weather is unfavourable. **BYO MEAT AND DRINKS.** Salads and bread will be supplied. **Don't forget the President's challenge** which will be judged at this event.

This will probably be our last chance to farewell long serving member **Bert McGinty** who is leaving Melbourne to live in Canberra near his son and grandchildren.

IN THE WORKSHOP:

The Committee has applied for a grant to upgrade our two big lathes.

The finisher is out of action at present, awaiting repairs.

We are again reminded to close off dust extractor vents after use as leaving them open weakens suction to other machines using them. We all benefit when this excellent system is enabled to work at its full capacity.

ITEMS AVAILABLE AT CLUB:

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| 1. Club polo shirts | 6. Pen kits |
| 2. Club fleecy lined jumpers | 7. Livos oil |
| 3. Turning smocks | 8. CA Glue |
| 4. Caps | 9. Pen inserts |
| 5. Hats | |

MEN'S SHED CLUSTER CALENDAR for 2020. The club has received, in PDF form, a copy of the Men's Shed Cluster Calendar, which details cluster meetings throughout the year, as well as the usual noted days on a normal calendar. Each month features a different Shed with Berwick Woodworkers for February, (pictured at right), and Akoonah Park Men's Shed for August. If you would like a copy of the calendar it can be printed from the PDF. See Wayne Lucas.



Berwick Men's Shed

MARINE PLY: Vermont Shed has plenty of 12mm marine ply which is approx 1700 mm x 300mm. Open Mondays and Wednesdays 9 - 3

Contact: David Lewis, Vermont Men's Shed,
640 Canterbury Road, Vermont.
david@autotech.com.au 0419827873.

February 2020

						
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Best Wishes To those of our members currently on the sick list we send our warmest good wishes. It was good to see **Ian Chong** back in the club room for the November meeting and we look forward to seeing **Oscar Ordenes** for a morning tea visit soon. The news that **Jack Croucher** has at last had his hip surgery is something we've all wanted to hear.

Berwick District Woodworkers Club Inaugural Woodworking Exhibition. by John McMahon

Over the weekend of the 2-3 of May 2020, the club will hold its first ever public exhibition. The purpose of the exhibition is to showcase the club and it's work, as well as the work of individual members, with the aims of promoting the club in the local community, showcasing our new facilities, and encouraging new members.

The exhibition will be held in the clubrooms, and entry will be free. As well as displaying the work of members, those who wish to do so will also have the opportunity of offering their work for sale. We will also

conduct a number of demonstrations in the workshop, and run a kids' corner, utilizing our kits for kids, in the breezeway. We will also have a refreshments corner.

An organizing committee has been formed, comprising of **John McMahon, Mike Kingett, Elsie Hoare, Paul Ryan, and Chris Drysdale**. However, we would welcome any other members who wish to help.

The exhibition should showcase all the activities of the club and its members, including toys, turning, carving, pyrography, boxmaking, rocking horses, scrollsaw, furniture, and any other woodworking that members engage in. The entries in this year's President's Challenge will also be displayed. We anticipate conducting demonstrations on the lathe, scrollsaw, bandsaw, carving, rocking horse making, Dremel use, signmaking with the Torquemaster, and toy assembly.

The exhibition will be promoted throughout Casey & Cardinia with the help of both councils and the Old Cheese Factory management, through flyers distributed through the club's suppliers & other woodworking outlets, an entry in the Australian Woodworker magazine Calendar of Events, and by notices to all surrounding woodworking clubs and Men's Sheds.

You can imagine that in order for the exhibition to be successful, the help of all club members will be needed in the lead-up and over the weekend. We will also need lots of entries from the members, so you all need to start giving some consideration to what you can contribute, as from now. We want to showcase the club as welcoming all with an interest in woodwork, irrespective of skill levels, and for this reason we are not looking for gallery-class pieces, but rather things that you enjoy creating, and illustrating all skill levels. So don't feel as if you aren't good enough to exhibit, it's a display and not a judged competition.

In order to catalogue all the pieces, members will be asked to complete entry forms prior to the exhibition, and to deliver them to the clubrooms 2 weeks prior.

As you can see, there's lots to do beforehand, and not a lot of time to do it. So we would welcome any help. Also **PLEASE GET STARTED ON MAKING YOUR ENTRIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.



SHOW & TELL for November. Mark Bellis made the bud vase below using beech and the candle stick at right, again in beech with a sheoak base.

The bowls below are by **John McMahon**, using red gum and blackwood. John also made the little snowmen using cypress pine and garden twigs. The scarves are fabric glued in place.



The hollow vessel below is by **Simon Robbins**. The wood is pine.



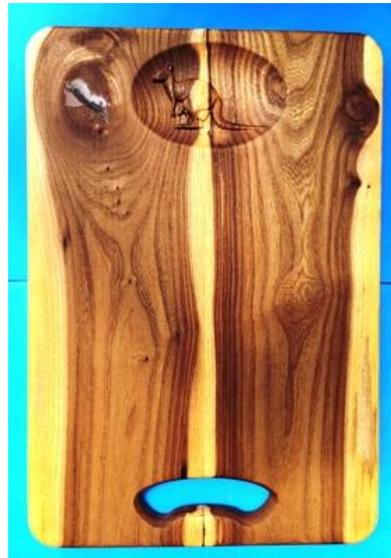
The fish shaped serving board at right is by **Len Preece** and is part of an old bench top.

The three containers below are by **Keith Towe**. At left is a lidded box made from carob or St. John's Bread. Next is a lidded container from a eucalypt burl and the last is blackwood.



Chris Drysdale made the platters at right, using Clyde Road elm, and macrocarpa gum and featuring kangaroo carving.

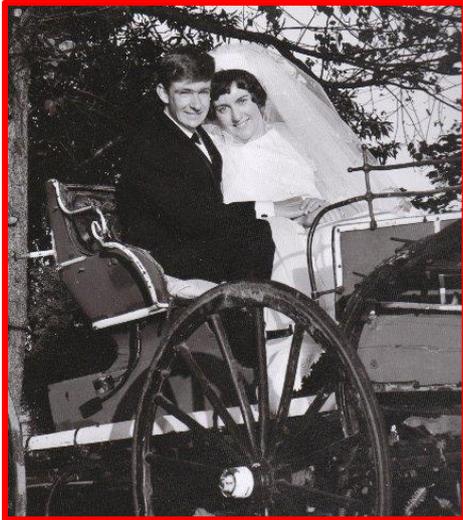
One last item not shown here is a large lidded container made by **Alexander Drysdale**. Alexander collected what he called 'rubbish wood' discarded when we moved from our previous workshop. Carefully laminated at alternating right angles then turned, the 'rubbish' made a very attractive lidded box but I was not quick enough with my camera to get a photo.



NOT FOR SHOW AND TELL:

Chris Drysdale was recently asked to renovate a motor bike rocker. The beauty of wooden toys is that they respond beautifully to a little expert attention when repairs are needed. Here is the result of Chris's efforts.





ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Russell & Judy Owen recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary which took place at St Peter's church in east Bentleigh.

The happy memory pictured here was taken in the garden of the "White House" in Bentleigh where their reception was held.

Here's wishing you many more Happy Anniversaries Russell & Judy.



KIMBE ASSISTANCE PROJECT: For several years now, Berwick Woodworkers have supported the Kimbe Project, in Papua New Guinea, by collecting tools, sewing machines, sewing gear, etc for the Poinini Agricultural Technical High School. Members may remember that the people of the area were given a school building with no equipment in it. With no more than a handful of hand tools, the students built desks from packing cases, but with one hammer between 30 woodwork students, it was a slow process. Berwick Woodworkers has helped to fill several shipping containers for the Project, the most recent gifts being the tools of **Joe Kleinekoort**, donated to the club by Joe's widow, Boukje Kleinekoort.

News from Barbara & Adrian Corkeron, who introduced us to the Project, is that "*efforts of those who are supporting the Kimbe Project are making a difference to the people of West New Britain Province, PNG.*" Barbara & Adrian have made a practice of travelling to New Guinea to meet each container, to ensure the orderly distribution of the contents. For those club members who may wish to read the report on the latest delivery, in October, there will be a copy on the club's notice board.

Berwick District Woodworkers Club. Minutes Monthly Meeting 6th November, 2019.

Meeting Commenced 1.00 pm

Welcome to Members - President Len Preece welcomed 27 members.

Apologies

Wayne Lucas, Paul Ryan, Bob McArthur, Oscar Ordenes, Colin Ellard, Ken D. Barnes, Jack Croucher and Ross Blackwood.

Minutes of previous monthly meeting. – 2nd October, 2019.

- In Newsletter.

Motion to accept minutes. Proposed – Alexander Drysdale. Seconded – Chris Drysdale. Motion carried.

Business arising from previous meeting

- Nil.

Correspondence.

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

Motion to accept correspondence. Proposed – Ken Whitefield. Seconded – Martin Van Diemen. Motion carried.

President's Report.

- Power point alterations completed.
- We met with the OCF to discuss alterations and repairs to our lighting.
- Turning smocks have been delivered and more jumpers will be ordered.
- More members needed to attend the Hare and Forbes display. A list is on the table.
- List for next Farmers' Market is on the table.
- A list for our dinner is also on the table. Cost will be \$25 per person.
- One of the linisher/sanders has been damaged. We will order and purchase a new sub-assembly to repair it.

- The new door and exhaust fan have been approved and will be completed soon.
- The construction of new OCF sheds etc has been deferred. We can use the gravel area on the west side of our workshop for our parking for the present.
- Appointments with the NBN and Telstra have been made over the next two weeks to set up our phone. Once we are connected we can change to any provider we wish to reduce our costs.

Motion to accept the President's report. Proposed – Mike Kingett. Seconded – John McMahon. Motion Carried

Treasurer's report.

- As attached.
- Thanks to Chris Drysdale for making the Christmas decorations. City of Casey has paid the invoice.
- Balances are good at present.
- The takings from the Farmers' Market are down due to the inclement weather.
- We currently have 78 financial members.
- We have met expenses for the timber purchase and power points, etc.
- We will reduce the phone charges after installation by seeking a lower priced provider.
- We have applied for a grant through the Lynbrook Hotel to cover the cost of adding speed controls to two Vicmarc lathes.
- We looked at alternatives for our new door and found roller doors, etc were not suitable.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Proposed – Ken Whitefield. Seconded – John Damon. Motion carried.

Farmers' Market.

- Numbers were down last market due to bad weather.
- Geoff Rankin has received a letter from the City of Casey saying we cannot put our signs up in the road reserves. Geoff will apply for a permit and investigate further.
- A permit may be needed for the upcoming twilight market.
- We will also need handouts and a brochure to advise our customers of the market. Geoff will arrange.
- Can we cancel the market in high wind conditions? Cancellation will only occur on the day when stall holders agree. We want to keep the market as reliable as possible.
- Where ever possible we will have a stall and shed display on our market days this year. Members could also be interested in putting a stall in the clubrooms.
- A tree overhanging the car parking area has been inspected. Let Len Preece or Martin Van Diemen know about any hazards in our area.

Functions

- Our Christmas dinner is being organised. Start time is 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm on 7th December.
- Gala Day is being organised and lists will be prepared and help will be needed to set up on the Saturday. Invitations have been sent.
- Our Welcome Back BBQ will be held on January 15th 2020. The President's Challenge will be awarded on the day.

Demonstrations.

- We will have a video on whetstone sharpening today. Thanks Pat Mahoney.
- We are looking for suggestions for demonstrations for next year.
- Our whetstone grinder wheel has groove in it. Please use it carefully and keep the wheel true as it is very easy to damage.
- Please close all dust ducts when not in use. We are modifying one of the inlets.

Newsletter.

- Thank you, Elsie Hoare.
- The Pakenham Patchworkers have invited Elsie to their AGM to represent the club.
- Turning Point is picking up their toys on the 4th December.
- The 4 Cs are still operating and will distribute toys this year.

General Business.

- Our open days will be on the 2nd and 3rd May 2020.
- We had our first planning group meeting. We will use our room and workshop to display and demonstrate.
- We will scale and scope to suit local people and keep it simple for the first display
- We will encourage new members.
- We will show all aspects of our club in our displays and demonstrations, including toys, turning, carving, rocking horses etc.
- We will show all skill levels to suit a range of abilities.
- We will use as many machines as possible and set up walkways etc. We will need a children’s safety area.
- We can use the Council’s Facebook page and have brochures printed.
- We could be listed in the RACV and the Australian Woodworker Magazine.
- We will get ideas from other wood working shows.
- We will need Working with Children permits.
- We will show photographs of past club members and activities from previous years.
- We need to plan to have our items ready in time.

Club Cup Day sweep winners:

\$5 Sweep.

- First – Richard Gething
- Second – Mike Kingett
- Third – Ross Blackwood
- Last – Chris Drysdale.

• **\$1 Sweep**

- First – Marilyn Chong
- Second – Cliff Harris
- Third – Bert McGinty
- Last – George Young

Door Prize – won by Keith Towe.

Show and tell. - Presented by Ken Whitefield.

Meeting closed at 2.10 pm. - Next meeting Wednesday 5th February, 2020 at 1.00pm.

President - Len Preece

Secretary – Richard Gething.

Q: How can you tell which spiders are the trendiest?

A: They have their own websites.

That's all for now until next time.

I wish you all a Peace filled and Joyful Christmas.

