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Happy New Year to All.



Welcome to the newsletter for January 2020

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** **Committee Meeting**, Tuesday 28th January at 1pm in the clubroom.  
**Monthly Meeting** February 5th, 1.00pm in clubroom.

**FUNCTIONS:** **Australia Day** 26th January - Pioneer Park, Berwick  
**Berwick Show**. 22nd & 23rd February, Akuna Park Berwick.  
**Pakenham Show**, 21st March - P.B. Ronald Reserve, Cnr. Henry & John Sts, Pakenham.

### WELCOME BACK BBQ

Due to Melbourne's torrential rain storm on the late afternoon of Wednesday 15th, club members revised the plan to hold the Welcome Back Barbeque beneath the trees in the elm drive. Instead we made good use of the clubroom, setting up tables there and using the club's barbeque in the covered breezeway between the clubroom and the workshop. Although the weather kept many members at home, those of us who ventured out, enjoyed the evening.

Following our meal, Club President **Len Preece** took the opportunity to present his awards to the winners of the **President's Challenge**.

It is always interesting to see what the imagination of our talented members can conjure up from a few odd scraps of wood and we weren't disappointed with this year's entries.



From the four entries submitted, Len chose the tiny birdhouse made by **Keith Towe** as the winner of the \$50. Bunnings voucher, with an encouragement award of a \$20 voucher to **David Murden** for his cheese board. A quirky feature of David's board is the blue luminous power mixed into the resin in which the pieces are set. When exposed to UV light for 2 hours, the resin area glows in the dark for roughly 20 minutes.



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**CLUB INFORMATION:**

**MEETINGS:**

**COMMITTEE**

28th January

**GENERAL**

5th February

**SPEAKERS ETC**

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**FARMERS' MARKET**

25th January

8th February

**Committee of Management:**

**Contact Details**

**Name**

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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](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.

**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:**

<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 -	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

Welcome to 2020 and a Happy New Year to all. I hope you have all had an enjoyable break, with family and friends and look forward to seeing you all fit and well in the coming days.

The welcome back BBQ was attended by some 25 people, numbers down on previous years but I feel the weather on the day did not suit all however those that attended had an enjoyable night in the club rooms.

This year for the President's Challenge, because of the standard of the entries, I decided to award a winner and to give an encouragement award. The winner **Keith Towe** received a \$50.00 Bunnings Voucher and the encouragement award of a \$20.00 Bunnings Voucher went to **David Murden**; congratulations to both gentlemen.

The MOTY award last year went to **Elsie Hoare** for her outstanding work both at the club and at home. We all enjoy reading the Newsletter each month which Elsie prepares for us, she also does a lot of work in obtaining the lovely Quilts for the beds, Bunks and prams we make each year. Congratulations Elsie on a wonderful achievement.

Over the break we have purchased a new Linishing/Disc Sander as the old Disc Sander had stop working and the cost of repair was not an option.

**Len Preece - President**

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### *Welcome Back BBQ continued:*



Other entries in the President's Challenge were the elegant table lamp at left, made by **Paul Ryan** and the miniature picnic bench and table below, by **John McMahon**. Pictured also is **David Murden** with his prize winning cheese board.



**MOTY AWARD - 2018 - 2019:** Another formality of the evening was the presentation of the **Member of the Year** award, which went (to her great surprise) to **Elsie Hoare** pictured at right receiving the award from Club President **Len Preece**.



At left, just to prove that we did brave the weather, is a photo of a few of us, gathered at the table in the clubroom.

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## GOODBYE, BEST WISHES AND MANY THANKS.

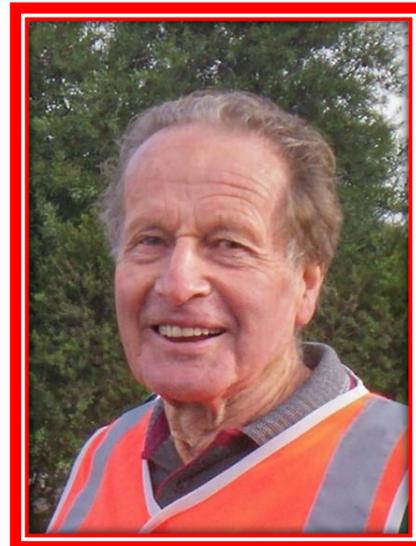
As most of our members are aware, long serving club member **Bert McGinty** has left us to go to live in Canberra, to be near his son Nigel and family.

We had hoped to be able to farewell Bert at the Welcome Back BBQ but the date of his move to Canberra was brought forward, making a formal farewell impossible.

Fortunately Bert was able to drop in to the club room a couple of Mondays ago which gave those of us present the chance to say goodbye and present him with a certificate of our appreciation..

Bert who has been one of Berwick Woodworkers for twenty two years has been a most valuable member - a fund of knowledge, conversant with all the machines and only too willing to help out in any way. Bert participated in all the club activities, leading some projects such as the making of a grandfather clock some years back.

We'll miss you Bert and wish you the very best of good wishes in this new venture.



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## BUSHFIRE APPEAL:

There can be few who are not moved by the plight of the victims of Australia's devastating bushfires. **Berwick Woodworkers** are joining with those who are contributing to the relief fund by donating the gate takings of our last Farmers' Market. Patrons have been generous in their giving enabling us to pass on approximately \$1,200 to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund.

At left are **John Membrey** and **Eric Guthery** in attendance at the entrance to the market.

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## VICTORIAN MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION NEWS.

Although Berwick District Woodworkers Club Inc. is not a Men's Shed, the club belongs to the Association, hosting and attending Cluster Meetings whenever possible. Club member **Wayne Lucas** is our representative, keeping us informed of Men's Shed news and activities. Following are some snippets from the latest **VMSA Special Bulletin** in response to the Victorian State of Emergency. Although, so far, no Men's Sheds have been lost in the fires, we are reminded that " *Accessing the affected areas is not recommended. Note that we have also been advised the Victorian fire season peaks around early February and in some areas it may be later.*"

In the event that Men's Sheds may be lost, recommendations are:

*Cash donations should only be passed to organisations that pass on 100% of the monies.*

*Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund is our nominated organisation to receive cash for the Gippsland area:*

<https://www.gerf.org.au/donate/>

*Donations of Food should be forwarded to **FOODBANK**:*

<https://www.foodbank.org.au/s.../make-a-donation/donate-food/...>

*Donations of Tools, Clothing and Materials.*

*It is recommended to wait until further notice as storage and distribution centres are overloaded at this time. The VMSA is and will be coordinating with Emergency organisations and local people to respond to need. After community consultations the VMSA will be notifying Sheds of what tools and materials are required and how to distribute them.*

Note: Next Heads of Sheds meeting at Nyora FC, 27th February to plan the year's Cluster meetings.

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**MORE AWARDS.** This time it's Berwick Woodworkers who are receiving the accolades. Pictured are three Certificates presented to the club in appreciation of the toys that we gave away in 2019.

The certificates are a pleasant addition to the club's notice board and a warm reminder of the service provided by those of us who take part in making the toys.



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**FREE TO A GOOD HOME.**  
The walking aid at left is looking for somewhere else to live.  
See David Murden - Ph. **0430 228081**

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*Best Wishes.* To those of our members who are kept at home due to ill health we send our best wishes. We hope to see you in the clubroom again soon.

**Just a few thoughts:**

If you answer the phone with "Hello, you're on the air." most telemarketers will hang up.

When you get a headache, take two Aspirin and keep away from children just like it says on the bottle.

The grass may be greener on the other side but at least you don't have to mow it.

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That's all for now . Until next time, keep safe and be happy.