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Welcome to the newsletter for February 2020

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Committee Meeting 24th February, 1.00pm in clubroom.

Monthly Meeting 4th March, 1.00pm in clubroom.

Berwick Show. 22nd & 23rd February, Akuna Park Berwick.

Pakenham Show, 21st March - P.B. Ronald Reserve, Cnr. Henry & John Sts, Pakenham.

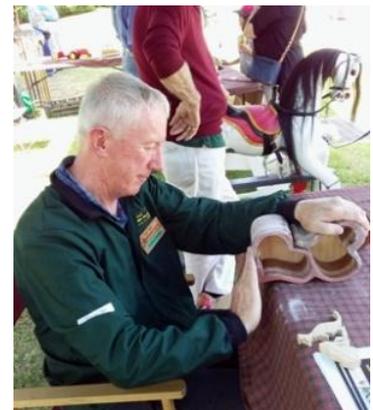
**Berwick District Woodworkers Club First Annual Open Weekend** - 2nd & 3rd May 2020, 10.00 - 4.00 pm at the clubrooms at the Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Rd., Berwick.

**AUSTRALIA DAY at PIONEER PARK.** The tent for Berwick Woodworkers was in the spot that we have occupied for the past few years, alongside the footpath on the Peel Street side of the park. The weather was just right and the crowds showed the usual interest in our display.



The scroll saw was, as always, kept working all day with several members taking a turn to cut out the little animal shapes that are so popular with the children.

At left is **Paul Ryan** who was kept busy helping to keep up the supply. Below, **John McMahon** worked on the lathe while **Mark Bellis** took the opportunity to work on a private project.



At left, having received a lift from a friend, **Bob McArthur** dropped in to visit.



Left, **Elsie Hoare** spent time helping children to master the technique of keeping the spinning tops spinning.

**CLUB INFORMATION:**

**MEETINGS:**

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>SPEAKERS ETC</b>	<b>FARMERS' MARKET</b>
24th February	4th March	--	22nd February 14th March

**Committee of Management:**

<b>Contact Details</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>
President	Len Preece	59405564
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Secretary	Richard Gething	9704 5417
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Treasurer	Peter Angwin	5941 1272

**Committee**

Mark Bellis	9769 9596
John McMahon	9796 1097
Martin Van Diemen	9707 5305
Ken Whitefield	9704 9701
Ken D. Barnes	0419 114 738
Paul Ryan	0400 538 577

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.  
**8783 6959.**

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.



**PACKING UP:** Its trite but true, all good things come to an end and tents and equipment must be dismantled and packed away ready for the next outing. Below are **Bill Bradshaw, Rick Hoare, Lance Baker, Chris Drysdale, Paul Ryan** and **Wayne Lucas**, whose combined efforts took care of the job.



The club's next outing is scheduled to be the **Berwick Show** on the 22nd & 23rd February, Akuna Park Berwick. Following that we will be attending the **Pakenham Show**, 21st March - P.B. Ronald Reserve, Cnr. Henry & John Sts, Pakenham.

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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Once again we are well and truly into our new year with a good number of new members into our club. We welcome them along and hope that they have an enjoyable time with us. We have also been lucky to see some members who have been on the not-so-well list back at the club with **Oscar Ordenes, Ian Chong** and **Jack Croucher** who was able to make it to Pioneer Park on Australia Day thanks to his son. **John Fowler** still has not been well enough yet but we hope to see him soon.

Our new building is now nearing completion with the internal door to the workshop nearly finished. The verandah lights have been fixed and will come on at dusk and go off at dawn each day. There are still one or two little things to be rectified by Ducon our builders, and our lease is in the hands of the Government.

With the Ryobi bandsaw and the Compound Mitre saw the extraction system will come on automatically when you turn the saws on; no need to turn the vacuums separately.

With all the toys now well under construction and plenty of timber available in the breeze-way, we should not have any hold-ups this year. All the extension leads have been check and all have been tagged again, thanks to **Brian Crowe**.

The Triton table saw and a number of other items in front of the saw are for sale to members; just pick out what you need and see one of the committee members who will gratefully accept a donation from you for your selection.

Our next demonstration is at the Berwick Show on Saturday and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February, names can be placed on the list in the lunchroom, and the Farmers Market is also on Saturday 22nd.

**Len Preece - President**

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**A JOY TO BEHOLD.** Well perhaps that's an exaggeration but it's certainly a pleasant sight. As our President has already mentioned, our long awaited connecting door from the clubroom to the workshop has materialised. The new door will make a very welcome difference from the round-about journey between the two buildings over rough and sometimes muddy terrain. Easier to transport bulky projects too.

At left, **Martin Van Diemen & Len Preece** inspect the new doorway.

The club's sub-committee, presently working on plans for our inaugural Open Weekend, would like to remind all members that it is time **now**, to think about submitting some work for our display. We have also advertised that there will be *'a selection of items for sale'*. The sub-committee is emphasising the fact that this is **not a woodwork competition** but a display of the kind of wood-crafts that members like to make. The intention is to promote the club as one that welcomes all levels of woodworking talent, from novice to expert.

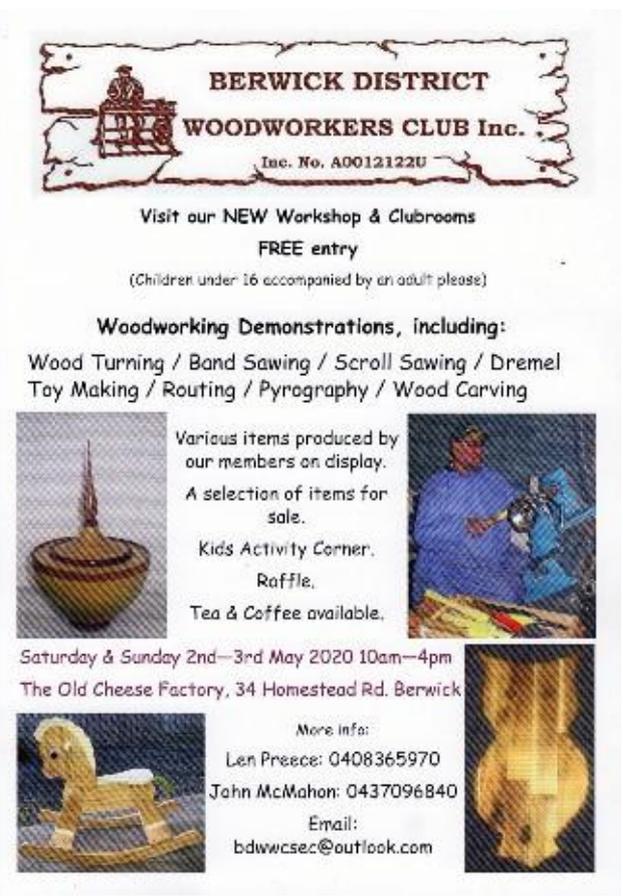


**Berwick Woodworkers Presents**  
1st Annual Open Weekend  
**Woodworking Display and Expo**

Saturday 2nd May 2020 10.00am—4.00pm  
Sunday 3rd May 2020 10.00am—4.00pm

At the clubrooms  
**The Old Cheese Factory**  
34 Homestead Rd., Berwick

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**BERWICK DISTRICT**  
**WOODWORKERS CLUB Inc.**  
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Visit our NEW Workshop & Clubrooms  
**FREE entry**  
(Children under 16 accompanied by an adult please)

**Woodworking Demonstrations, including:**  
Wood Turning / Band Sawing / Scroll Sawing / Dremel  
Toy Making / Routing / Pyrography / Wood Carving

Various items produced by our members on display.  
A selection of items for sale.  
Kids Activity Corner.  
Raffle.  
Tea & Coffee available.

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As the subcommittee working on the project consists of just 4 club members, additional help will be needed to cover the various tasks to be undertaken. Following are some ways you can help.

- Local letter box delivery of pamphlets, March/April.
- Preparing the exhibition: Cataloguing entries and setting up display areas.
- Help during the weekend: Manning the front door, providing information, selling raffle tickets, directing foot traffic.
- Supervision in workshop and Kids Corner assisting parents to assist their offspring.
- Demonstrators - lathe, bandsaw, scroll saw, pyrography, Dremel, carving.

Above all we need **ENTRIES**, without which there can be no show. Don't forget the committee is interested in all levels of expertise.

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**BUSHFIRE RELIEF:** As we announced in the last newsletter, Berwick Woodworkers has pledged the gate takings from our December Farmers' Markets to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund. So far, we have been able to donate \$1,212,45 to this cause, from one market, with the second donation to be sent off shortly.

**FEBRUARY SHOW & TELL:** **Chris Drysdale** has used his CNC machine and plywood to create his shark's jaw and floral cross. Both are yet unfinished. Chris plans to use coloured Livos oil to tint the grapevine design on his cross in purple and green.

**John McMahon** used wisteria for his chalice. John used copper gilding paste for the metallic appearance inside and verdigris paste wax for the exterior.



The large burl bowl at left is also by **John McMahon** and will be presented as one of the raffle prizes at our coming Open Day Exhibition. Another work by John is the natural edge bowl below, made from macadamia. **Mark Bellis** showed us the jewellery box that he had been working on during the Australia Day event (shown on front page). The wood is laminated Victorian ash and merbau.



**Simon Robbins** made his letter box from Baltic pine and radiata pine with pyrography by Simon's wife, **Diane**.



Simon's fruit bowl is spalted silky oak, a piece that had been discarded and rescued by Simon. His pencil box is hardwood with mahogany lid and redgum keys.



**Keith Towe** showed us his clever burger box made from mixed wood.



On a more serious note is Keith's lidded box in red gum. Keith has used his blacksmith skills to make the metal handle in the shape of a leaf. Just for fun is the apple core ornament also by Keith Towe.



**NOT FOR SHOW & TELL.** David Murden brought along his cheese board to show us at the Welcome Back barbeque. The wood is laminated apricot.

As we had no Show & Tell that evening I saved the photo for this newsletter.



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**THE MYSTERY CONTINUES.** As reported last month, **Anees Koya** is still working on a large project. **Brian Crowe** is now guessing that it is to be a pot pourri bowl.



**UNEXPECTED VISITORS:** Proving that The Old Cheese Factory grounds are a popular venue for family recreation. **Peter Angwin** snapped this photo recently.



**BUNNINGS CARD:** The club now has an account with Bunnings which will allow us a 5% discount on purchases. Members wishing to take advantage of the discount may borrow the card. See a committee member.

Don't forget **HARE & FORBES** and **CARBATEC**; club members have long been able to obtain a discount on purchases from these businesses. Make sure you have your club badge with you when you go there.

**UPGRADE:** Two of our large lathes are to be upgraded to variable speed.

**DUST EXTRACTION:** The Ryobi band saw and compound saw are now automatically attached to the dust extractor. There is no need for member to engage or disengage the vents.

**FOR PAKENHAM PATCHWORKERS & QUILTERS.**

Many thanks to **Eric Guthrie** who took time out to turn six cotton-reel stands for the Pakenham Patchworkers and Quilters, and to **Len Preece** who helped out, sacrificing some wire coathangers to make the thread guides for the stands.

While I'm at it, thank you also to **Keith Towe** for the gift of some daintily turned stitch pickers for the ladies. The gifts were received with much pleasure by the Patchworkers who, for approximately 20 years, have been supplying us with the quilts that dress our doll's beds and prams so beautifully. The doll's beds and prams are a regular part of the toys that Berwick Woodworkers make and give away each year to local underprivileged children.

**THE PASSING OF COLIN MCKINLAY.**

Club members were saddened to receive the news of the recent passing of club member **Colin McKinlay**. Colin mostly attended the club on Wednesday evenings and also took part in the club's fishing trip.

We send our condolences and best wishes to Colin's family.

**Berwick District Woodworkers Club.**  
**Minutes Monthly Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.**

**Meeting Commenced 1.10 pm**

**Welcome to Members** - President Len Preece welcomed 21 members.

**Apologies**

Ian Chong.

**Minutes of previous monthly meeting.** – 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2019.

- In Newsletter.

**Motion to accept minutes.** Proposed – Ken Whitefield. Seconded – Brian Crowe. Motion carried.

**Business arising from previous meeting**

- Nil.

**Correspondence.**

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

**Motion to accept correspondence.** Proposed – Chris Drysdale. Seconded – John McMahon. Motion carried.

**President's Report.**

- The compound mitre saw and small bandsaw have automatic vacuum cleaners installed that will start when the machines are started.
- The telephone is now connected using a new number – 87868794. The delays in getting our own number back were unacceptable. John Damon is installing cable to the workshop for the external bell.
- The new door in the club room has been installed and will be finished soon.
- The exhaust fan in the finishing room is finished.
- We are waiting for our contractor to check one of our roller doors as it has become noisy. Also the light and fan in the toilet will be checked.
- The sensor lights on the verandah will be installed soon.
- We will be meeting with the Shire of Cardinia to discuss the closing of the 4Cs charity and its effect on us.
- We will be meeting with the charities to discuss the toys for this year.
- Two older Triton work, router and saw benches are available to members for a donation. Also some older tools are available. They will be passed to the Kimbe group if not taken.

**Motion to accept the President's report.** Proposed – Paul Ryan. Seconded – Ken Whitefield. Motion Carried

**Treasurer's report.**

- As attached.
- The fixed term deposit will be renewed soon.
- The Farmers Market donations are lower at present but are steady.
- We have 86 financial members.
- We are waiting for the security sensor invoice when the work is done.
- New member membership fees will be adjusted until the end of the financial year.
- Our insurance is being reviewed before it is renewed. We will raise the contents cover to include our new machinery.
- We have sent our first donation to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund Inc. for bushfire reconstruction works. This fund is run by the local council and is suitable for our donation. The second donation will be sent by the committee when the situation is clearer. The donations are from our two January Farmers Markets donations. We will consider putting a notice at the Farmers Markets to tell customers what has been donated.
- A mobile wifi unit for direct purchases and payments is being considered by the committee.
- We were unsuccessful in obtaining a grant from the Lynbrook Hotel. We will still put variable speed on two lathes when funds are available.
- Our security package at the bank may be reconsidered because of its cost.
- We have written to Zagame's regarding their grant.
- The lowest age for new members family membership is usually 13 to 18 years. This can be reduced where insurance is available and the senior member takes total responsibility for the junior and we are satisfied our safety requirements will be upheld. The number of junior members would need careful monitoring.
- Some of our lathes need to be checked and maintained. The indexing pin on one lathe is not secure.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report.** Proposed – Pat Mahoney. Seconded – Paul Ryan. Motion carried.

**Farmers' Market.**

- We need to add additional stalls to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Farmers Market.
- We are putting out extra road signs.
- We are looking at advertising on community television and we could consider the RACV magazine.

**Functions**

- None organised at present.
- The club lunch will be in April.
- We are looking for someone to organise our functions,

**Demonstrations.**

- We are looking for someone to organise our demonstrations and we need ideas for the future.
- The RACV Safe Driver program can give us a session.

**Newsletter.**

- Len Preece and Elsie Hoare will discuss which items from the committee meeting should be added.

**Woodworking Display and Expo.**

- As attached.
- We will distribute brochures in March. We will need help from members to distribute the brochures.
- We will need a catalogue system and the members to provide pieces they have made.
- We will be putting articles in the local press.

**General Business.**

- The new linisher is close to the ground. Can it be raised? Not at present.
- The bbq three days a per month will continue.
- Congratulations Elsie Hoare for her MOTY award and Keith Towe and David Murden for their wins in the President’s Challenge.
- A club Facebook page has been opened. Consider joining as it is informative and secure.

**Door Prize** – won by Mark Bellis.

**Show and tell.** - Presented by Brian Crowe.

**Meeting closed at 2.20 pm.**

**Next meeting Wednesday 4th March, 2020 at 1.00pm.**

**President - Len Preece**

**Secretary – Richard Gething.**

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**NOT FOR SHOW & TELL:**

Berwick Woodworkers are a versatile bunch with many & varied talents. Here are before and after photos of a couple of old chairs that were given a new life by club member, **Peter Hamill.**



**MYSTERY SOLVED:** Sorry **Brian Crowe**, you were way off the mark.

Here is **Anees Koya** with his finished project, an Indian, musical drum. Anees is busy tuning the drum, to reach the correct pitch, by tightening the skin, using a shifting spanner on the bolts holding the skin in place. Anees, who grew up playing and listening to the music from this type of drum, tells me that they are also used in the music of Pakistan, Shri Lanka and Afghanistan. As a tuning assistant Anees uses a *Garage Band* app on his mobile phone.



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**ONLY IN AUS.**

Australia's Royal Flying Doctor Service is well known for the vast distances it covers in ministering to the health and welfare of those living in remote areas on this continent of ours. To combat the tyranny of distance, clever measures must be taken which rely on the resourceful nature of outback residents.

All outlying homesteads and hamlets are supplied with a medical survival kit. It contains everything possible to provide assistance under advice by a doctor from the service. In one instance a call from a homestead detailing certain symptoms resulted in the doctor advising the patient to take one number 9 tablet at night and ring in next day to report how the patient was. The doctor was chuffed when told that the patient had responded and was OK. That was until he was advised that they could not find a number 9 tablet so they decided that a 2 and a 7 would do the job.

Sounds like the outback version of a blonde joke to me.

That's all for now until next time.