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Welcome to the newsletter for March 2020

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Committee Meeting, Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, 1.00pm in clubroom.

Monthly Meeting 1st April, 1.00pm in clubroom.

Hare & Forbes Demonstration. 19th, 20th & 21st. March. 4 Abbots Road, Dandenong South.

**FUNCTIONS:** Club lunch at Lynbrook Hotel 16<sup>th</sup> April. 12.00 Noon.

### BERWICK AGRICULTURAL SHOW

It was another successful weekend for Berwick Woodworkers when we attended the Berwick Show. Below, Paul Ryan, Rick Hoare & Ian Chong enjoy a joke, while Bill Bradshaw takes a break from helping visiting children to ride Nellie, the clubs faithful rocking horse.



Below Len Preece attends to the serious business of demonstrating lathe work.



**CLUB INFORMATION:**

**MEETINGS:**

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>SPEAKERS ETC</b>	<b>FARMERS' MARKET</b>
23rd March	1st April	--	28th March 11th April

**Committee of Management:**

<b>Contact Details</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>
President	Len Preece	59405564
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**Committee**

Mark Bellis	9769 9596
John McMahan	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 McMahan*  
 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.



## MARCH SHOW & TELL

**John McMahon** has made the two bowls below from some burls that have been sitting around in the workshop for a long time. The bowl on the left is redgum and on the right the lidded box is a red Mallee burl with a red gum base and spire.



**Keith Towe** has also been working with burls. Keith's lidded box on a pedestal is made from mixed burls. The bowl below centre is mahogany and the lidded box at right is carob, also known as St. John's Bread; these are by Keith as well.



**Mark Bellis** made the pine jewellery box below left. The handles are red gum.

**Chris Drysdale** has shown us his Easter Cross, shown last month, now finished with coloured Livos oil.

The dolphin below is also by Chris, cut from pine using his CNC machine. Chris has also shown two sunbursts, labelled Autumn Sun & Half Moon Half Sun. *(continued next page)*



(continued from page 3) Chris cut his sunbursts with his CNC machine using 60 ml thick plywood and tells me the cutting time took about 15 hours each as they are cut on both sides. All up, counting sanding and finishing time each took about 40 hours.

Another item by Chris is the apple cutting board at left. Chris again used his CNC machine. The wood is spotted gum.

The little bear at right is by **Elsie Hoare**, cut on the scroll saw using scraps of pine from the club's off cuts box. The arms and legs are attached with elastic to enable them to be moved.



### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our new building is now completed with the internal door to the workshop finished. The veranda lights have been fixed and they will come on at dusk and go off at dawn each day. Our lease is well on the way; Chris Drysdale, Brian Crowe and I met with council recently and we have received application forms now to be completed and negotiated with council, then sent to the government for final approval.

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 saws are for sale to members, just see one of the committee members who will gratefully accept a donation from you.

Our next demonstration is at Hare and Forbes - list on the table for members to indicate their availability and also a list for Pakenham show, on the 21st March, is on the table.

On the table just inside the door are all the forms for our Open day and Exhibition, please fill in your availability and complete the entry forms for any item you wish to display and indicate as to whether they are for sale or not.

We received a pallet of 8 x 4 x 3/8 ply for us to cut up for the Bird boxes for the Gippsland Fire Relief group. The boxes will be assembled by some of the Secondary schools in the area.

Len Preece - President

### LIBRARY ADDITIONS by Keith Towe.

A kind lady, Mrs. Sue Carr, recently donated a number of her late husband's wood and craft books to the Club. There are a number of books on Lead Lighting with scale plans, books on Guitar making and Cigarbox-Guitars etc, and several general woodworking Books.

There is also a full size plan of a carved Mirror frame with some completed components available if a member may be interested.

Our thanks to Sue Carr for these donations to the Library.

**NESTING BOXES.** As Len has mentioned in the President's Notes, Berwick Woodworkers have been requested by Gippsland Fire Relief to help with a project to supply nesting boxes for the many wild life creatures that have been made homeless following this year's bush fires. A large amount of plywood has been delivered which club members will cut to size. The cut pieces will then be made into the boxes by students in woodwork classes at various secondary schools in the area.

**THANKS.** The club has received a letter from Casey Councillor and ex Mayor Susan Serey, expressing her thanks for the club's continued co-operation in negotiations to do with our move to our new premises.



Len Preece



Brian Crowe

**REITERATING SOME NOTES FROM THE MINUTES.**

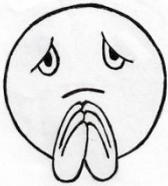
There is no doubt that the past approximately two years have seen momentous changes in the life of the Berwick District Woodwork Club Inc. From the first whispers of changes that were to take place regarding the club's premises, to the upgraded buildings that we now occupy, a great deal of responsibility has fallen on the shoulders of the club's committee and sub-committees. Plans and negotiations do not take place by themselves. Continual liaison with Casey Council and OCF Staff have kept things running smoothly. In addition, organising

dust collecting, waste wood disposal, power and telephone connections had to be handled. The committee was certainly kept busy. At the helm, **Club President Len Preece** and his very able backstop, **Vice President Brian Crowe** were continually on call for meetings, conferences, inspections, negotiations etc. The list goes on.

As recorded in the minutes for the March monthly meeting, **Chris Drysdale** congratulated **Brian Crowe** and **Len Preece** on their activity during the recent lease negotiations, noting that there has been a lot pressure on both Brian and Len resulting from misinformation from the Council and others.

The Council has apologised for the mistakes and misinformation in the past.

Our **linisher sanding disc** needs your help. Repeated improper use has resulted in severe burning and clogging due to excessive pressure. Please let the sander do the work, only light pressure on the disc is required.



The area in front of the **main switchboard** in the work shop (shown right) must be kept clear for safety reasons. Please do not stack timber, project materials or tool boxes within the marked area in front of the switchboard.



When you have finished work for the morning, please clear away **timber, project materials and tools** from the work benches, especially if you are not returning to the workshop for a day or two. This makes room for other members to use the benches.



The **cleanliness of the workshop** has been “slipping” lately and members are asked to put in some time in cleaning up any shavings, dust and scrap wood regularly.

Members are requested to take more care when using the dust vents associated with the machines in the workshop. Open the dust vents when using the machine and **please close the vents when you have finished** with associated machine.



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**NOT FOR SHOW & TELL:**

Another of our members who enjoys making use of the scraps from our off-cuts box is **Katarina Zorin**. Katarina prefers to use the band saw instead of the scroll saw and produced these tiny cars and a tractor for Lewis, a young friend who is autistic and loves

cars. Katarina again used the band saw to cut the Spiderman key rings which are also for Lewis.



## Berwick District Woodworkers Club Minutes Monthly Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020

### Meeting Commenced 1.10 pm

**Welcome to Members** - President Len Preece welcomed 29 members.

**Apologies** - Paul Parer, Richard Gething, Alexander Drysdale, Pat Mahoney, Martin Van Dieman, Ian Chong, and Russell Owen.

### **Minutes of last monthly meeting.** – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020

- In news letter.

**Motion to accept minutes.** Proposed Ken Whitefield. Seconded - Chris Drysdale. Motion carried.

### **Business arising from previous meeting**

- Nil

### **Correspondence.**

- A summary of correspondence from last Committee meeting was read re: City of Casey lease, Road Safety for Seniors presentation, Letter of Thanks from the Australia Day Celebration Committee, Kambrya College and request for assistance with the construction of nesting boxes etc.

**Motion to accept correspondence.** Proposed - Wayne Lucas. Seconded Ross Blackwood. Motion carried.

### **Presidents Report.**

- A cordial meeting has been held with representatives from the City of Casey regarding the BDWWC lease. The details of the lease has proven to be complex and the finalisation of the lease will most likely not occur until June/July 2020. The site on which the BDWWC club rooms and shed are established are covered by a heritage overlay and as such is to be referred to Parliament.

The City of Casey have admitted that mistakes have been made and have apologised. The City of Casey will provide a monthly update on the progress of the finalisation of the lease.

- The cleanliness of the workshop has been “slipping” lately and members are asked to put in some time in cleaning up, any shavings, dust and scrap wood regularly.
- Members are requested to take more care when using the dust vents associated with the machines in workshop. Open the dust vents when using the machine and please close the vents when you have finished with associated machine.
- The exhaust fan in the finishing room has been installed and is operating.
- It has been noted that the linisher sanding discs have been exhibiting severe burn and clogging due to excessive pressure. Please let the sander do the work, only light pressure on the disc is required.
- The area in front of the main switchboard in the work shop must be kept clear for safety reasons. Please do not stack timber, project materials or tools boxes within the marked area in front of the switchboard.
- Please clear away timber, project materials and tools off the work benches after completion of work, especially if you are not returning to the workshop for a day or two.

**Motion to accept the President’s report.** Proposed – Ken Barnes. Seconded – John McMahon. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's report.**

- As attached.
- The fixed term deposit has been renewed at %1.1 for 5 months.
- There are no major outstanding expenses.
- The bi-monthly Farmers Market donation revenue has been holding well for the last quarter. Stall holder numbers have been down slightly due the impact of seasonal produce being in short supply.
- Expected expenses going forward maybe the cost to upgrade two lathes to electronic speed control and for security cameras to be installed in the workshop and club rooms. (Bill Munt suggested infrared cameras be selected to provide better identification of facial features).
- The club insurances are adequate to cover the club trailer and the general insurances are in line with those provided by the VMSA network. Public Liability insurance costs have increased recently but there is no need to increase club membership fees as yet.
- No response from Zagame's regarding their financial grant to the club as yet.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report.** – Proposed Ken Barnes. Seconded Ken Whitefield. Motion carried.

### **Farmers' Market.**

- In the absence of Martin Van Diemen, Paul Ryan is placing street signs advertising the Farmers' market.
- The performance of the Farmers' Market is adequate but it is hoped that the number of stalls can be increased. The low level of seasonal produce is keeping stall numbers lower than usual.
- It has been noted by some club members while supervising the Farmers' Market car parking that some customers are entering the market car park via the lower gate off Homestead Road. Ross Blackwood suggested that some Entry/No Entry signage be placed to help reduce traffic in flow via the lower gate.

### **Functions.**

- A social function has been arranged for the 16/4/2020 at the Lynbrook Hotel. An attendee list will be available soon for club members to add their names and number of attendees to.

### **Demonstrations.**

Demonstrations are being arranged for the April, May and June meetings. The RACV is providing a road safety talk in April, the SES will give a talk on their activities in May and the Stroke Foundation will talk to us in June.

### **Newsletter.**

Elsie Hoare was congratulated on the excellent quality of the club news letter.

### **Woodworking Display and Expo.**

A roster is in preparation to gather volunteers for:

- Front of house
  - Car park supervision
  - Letter box drop
  - Flyers to be distributed around local businesses
  - Demonstrations of Lathe, Dremel, Pyrography, Scroll Saw etc.
  - Kids Corner to assist Ken whitefield
  - Flyers have been printed and are available in the office
  - John McMahon is to be informed of the businesses canvassed to avoid double ups
  - Advertisements are to be placed in The Victorian Woodworkers' Calendar, The Casey Council Calendar of Events and on 3AW daily event listing and many other outlets. Full details can be obtained from John McMahon
  - Paul Ryan will distribute flyers among woodworking machinery outlets both locally and as far afield as Geelong.
- Entry forms for item display and/or sale will be available from 8/3/2020 and must be completed and returned by 14/4/2020. The items must be handed in by 27/28/29 April 2020 to be included in the Expo.

- Rope and Bollard safety and crowd control barriers will need to be set up 2 days prior to the Expo and any machines not being used in the demonstrations will be unplugged during the Expo. The workshop will be off limits from Thursday/Friday prior to the Expo.
- There will be a raffle and prizes available including,
 

Rocking Horse	\$500
Burl Bowl	\$50
Serving Board	\$40

Raffle tickets will be sold at the Expo and the Farmers' Markets prior to the Expo.

- The toy cows and cattle dogs will be set up on the grassed areas outside the clubrooms.

**General Business.**

- Chris Drysdale is reconstructing the club flyer to fix some formatting issues.
- Bill Munt will be running the latest Lathe/Wood turning course on Thursday and Friday for the next 6 weeks. It is requested that the lathes are kept clear prior to each session.
- It has been proposed that an electronic payment system be purchased by the club to facilitate purchases of items during the Expo and into the future for the convenience of club members. This proposal generated a “lively” discussion among club members both for and against the proposal.
- The commercial name of the proposed system is “The Square” card reader, the cost of the system is \$59 outright and will incur % 1.5 commission on each transaction. A tablet or mobile phone will be required to allow access of “The Square” card reader to the internet. Internet access is enabled via a wifi capable tablet or mobile phone.  
A suitable tablet will cost \$500 along with a cost of \$15 per month for a mobile data plan if the tablet is to be used out of range of the club rooms wifi. It is proposed that a % 10 commission will be paid to the club for any item sales obtained during the Expo.

**A Motion to be put to the meeting to authorise John McMahon and the Treasurer to purchase the card reader and tablet afore mentioned in the minutes.**

Proposed – Bill Munt

14 Members voted for the motion

7 Members voted against the motion

8 Members abstained

**Motion carried.**

- Chris Drysdale congratulated Brian Crowe and Len Preece on their activity during the recent lease negotiations. There has been a lot pressure on both Brian and Len resulting from misinformation from the Council and others. The Council has apologised for the mistakes and misinformation in the past.

**Door Prize** - won by Keith Towe.

**Show and Tell.** Presented by Brian Crowe.

**Meeting closed** – 2.45 pm.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 1.00pm**

**President – Len Preece**

**Acting Secretary – Mark Bellis.**

**AN EXPERIMENT:** A few issues ago I published a hint concerning an alternative to putty. The suggestion was that a few drops of wood glue mixed into a paste with fine saw dust makes a useful filler if the normal kind is not available. So I tried it out and here is the result. A disappointment I must say as for some reason the glue which dries clear, mixed with the pine coloured sawdust, turned an unattractive grey colour. It sanded smoothly and would be OK under paint but not for clear varnish which is the intended finish. Lesson learned.



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### **CORONA VIRUS DISRUPTION.**

Due to Government restrictions on social gatherings over 500 persons, many events have been cancelled. Berwick Woodworkers **will not** be attending Pakenham Show which has been cancelled.

Although things change day by day, at the time of writing, club attendance remains as normal with the Farmers' Markets, Club Luncheon in April and our Exhibition in May all going ahead. Our committee is conscious of problems and will advise us on any alterations that occur.

*Note: Food markets are defined as essential gatherings - and accredited Victorian farmers' markets are food markets.*

### **CURRENT HEALTH ADVICE - CORONA VIRUS.**

I have received varying information from many different sources. Myths abound but all appear to agree on the basic health advice which is:

- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly (for 20 seconds) with soap & water or high alcohol-based hand sanitiser, after using the toilet or blowing your nose and especially following time spent in public and before touching food.
- In between washes, keep your hands away from your face, especially eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue or your elbow - bin the tissue and wash your hands.
- Kisses, hugs and handshakes are out. Keep a metre-and-a-half away from others if possible.

The web addresses below are good places to find out what's true and what's not.

[www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/myth-busters>

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With medical matters so much in the news I thought the following might lighten the mood a little.

Glasgow Hospital Medical Secretaries' Notes! These are sentences exactly as typed by medical secretaries in NHS (National Health Service) Greater Glasgow.

1. Patient had waffles for breakfast and anorexia for lunch.
2. She is numb from her toes down.
3. While in ER, she was examined, x-rated and sent home.
4. The skin was moist and dry.
5. Occasional, constant infrequent headaches.
6. Patient was alert and unresponsive.
7. Rectal examination revealed a normal size thyroid.
8. She stated that she had been constipated for most of her life until she got a divorce.
9. I saw your patient today, who is still under our care for physical therapy.

**That's all for now until next time. Meanwhile, best wishes and stay well.**