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Welcome to the newsletter for November 2019

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** **Committee Meeting** - 27th July, 10.00am in clubroom.  
**Monthly Meeting** - in abeyance until further notice. **AGM** 7th October.

**FUNCTIONS:** None until further Notice.

**CLUB FEES DUE** - For advice on how to pay please see the President's Report below.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT,



I was disappointed to hear that **Stan Firmin** had passed away recently, our thoughts and prayers are with Stan's family.

I hope this finds all members in good health it has now been 4 months of isolation and now we are faced with another 6 weeks of isolation, I hope we can all manage to come out the other end in a safe and healthy condition. On returning to the club whenever that might be, hopefully in no more than 6 weeks, we ask members that if you have any **flu type symptoms** that you **do not attend** the club. There are hand sanitisers at the entrance of the clubroom; members are asked to clean their hands when entering the clubrooms on arrival, and please enter through the lunchroom doors. Then when returning from the workshop to the club room please clean your hands.

Members having a cup of tea/coffee will be able to use disposable cups if preferred (these will be provided). There will be a maximum of 4 persons in the paint room at a time please remember the 1.5 metre spacing. Sanitising

wipes will be available in the toilets, please use and dispose in the bin provided, **do not flush them down the toilet.**

Unfortunately the Farmers' Markets have been put on hold again until further notice, we are hoping to be able to have the September market, but conditions beyond our control will have to improve.

Finally a reminder that our **Club fees** are now due and can be paid directly into our account at **Westpac BSB 033609 a/c No 416074** and be sure to add **your surname** in the comments area.

The Clubs Annual General meeting has now been put off until the 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020, more details later Until next time please stay healthy and we look forward to seeing all again soon.

**Len Preece - President.**

**CLUB INFORMATION:**

**MEETINGS:**

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>SPEAKERS ETC</b>	<b>FARMERS' MARKET</b>
27th July	--	--	--

**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 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 – *MartinVan 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.





### GOODBYE STAN

As Club President **Len Preece** has already mentioned, Berwick Woodworkers has lost popular member, **Stan Firmin** who passed away on Friday 26th June after a long illness.

A clever woodworker, Stan had been an active club member for several years, although due to illness he was unable to attend the club in recent months.

Stan will be remembered for his cheerful presence and infectious sense-of-humour. He will be sadly missed.

We send sincere condolences to Stans family, Valerie, Janet & Roy.

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**SHOW & TELL IN ISOLATION:** As a club we are still unable to meet in the clubrooms but many club members are keeping busy with woodwork. In the following pages we can see some of the results.

**Alexander Drysdale** has been working on the vintage 'Singer' sewing machine shown below, spending considerable time and effort to restore it. Here's what he has to say about it, *"The machine was manufactured in Aug 1958 and is still working well, so I am reliably advised. I have removed some 50 years of grot from Farmer Brown's hay shed and it looks quite reasonable as you can see.*

*If anybody would like to make me an offer, anything reasonable will not be refused."*

Although in its closed position, the cabinet looks almost exactly like one of the old treadle machines, it is electrically operated with a small external motor and light.



**Bernard Zhang** has obtained a 140-year-old door, made with spotted gum, which he plans to turn into a dining room table. It has given Bernard the chance to use his newly acquired hand planes. Bernard says, *"Hand planed for 4 hours to flatten it, then needs a good sand and epoxy to holes and cracks."*

Bernard's Mother will also benefit from the kitchen shelf project at right, milled from rough sawn ironbark and spotty.



**Paul Ryan's** lockdown projects: *"Huon pine except for pen which is coco gold."*



**Mark Bellis:** *"I have just finished another bandsaw box. This one is "The Minnow". The timber is Vic Ash with 6mm ply inserts. The handle is Jarrah and the whole thing is finished with satin poly and blue flocking."*



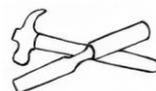
**More from Mark:** *"Due to a 'popular' request I have made an Apple bandsaw box plus several more in case I am flooded with more requests. The majority of the body was sandwiched up from 19mm Karri panel and 6mm oak ply, the drawer knob is a piece of Beech. The whole thing is finished in gloss wipe-on poly. I used my old tech's soldering iron to burn in the leaf details. A bit brutal perhaps."*



**David Murden** has made this mushroom bird birdhouse.



**BERWICK WOODIES FACEBOOK PAGE.** Many of the photos here have been copied from the club's Facebook page, but they are only a selection. If you'd like to see more and read the conversations just type Berwick Woodies into the Facebook Search.



**MORE SHOW & TELL:** Len Preece has been finishing off some of the toys that will be given away at the end of the year. Len says there's no more room in his garage so some of the toys have moved into his lounge room.



Toys invade Len's book case, hookey boards and tractor sets find a corner on the floor. Half finished trucks have taken residence in the garage while their wheels hang on a drying board on a door.



From **Keith Towe**: *"I am getting a bit tired of turning for the sake of turning and I am accumulating too much to store. I have done a couple of pieces that incorporate material given to me by friends. The first is a small lidded box (95mm. dia.) from figured River Red Gum, I inserted a small piece of built-up work that a friend gave me some years ago, and which has been getting in my way saying- "use me".*

*The second project was to make a box to hold a special knife that I made recently. The Material for the box is American Black Walnut, with the lid piece highly figured.*

*The knife blade was the special project for it was forged from a Wrought Iron Rivet about 25mm dia. from Windsor Castle. Some years ago my friend was at Windsor Castle when they were selling WI Rivets salvaged from the Fire that occurred there, as souvenirs for 2 Pounds each. Old WI is difficult to obtain and it is no longer made commercially, so it was a prize for me. I forged it to a flat section, and between 2 pieces of Carbon steel and fire welded them, reheated and twisted them, then forged the blade. The twist can clearly be seen in the blade."*



At the beginning of our Weeks of Lockdown, John McMahon set out to create what he called his COVID 19 collection, some of which we have seen in the newsletters. As lockdown restrictions continue, John has gone well past the 19 items. Here are some more pieces from John's collection.



*" No.15 Ash footed bowl approx 180mm diam 50mm tall.*



*No.17 + 18 Redgum bowl approx 180mm diam 40mm tall. A significant punky cavity became apparent after starting this one. Filled & stabilised it with coffee grounds & copious amounts of CA glue. Blackwood pedestal bowl (left) approx 160mm diam 70mm tall. Some grub holes add a bit of character.*



*No.21 blackwood crotch bowl (right) approx 290 diam 90mm tall Covid No 23: Small goblet, unknown wood approx 60mm diam 90mm tall.*



*Covid No 25: Elm bowl (left) with textured rim approx 210mm diam 35mm deep.*

*Covid No 28: (right) Inspired by Martin Pavey. I love his work. Cypress bowl approx 200mm diam 95mm tall. Pyrography, Dremel texturing, & lots of hand sanding.*



*Covid No 29: Blackwood scoop approx 120mm long 35mm diam bowl. Multi axis turning in one piece.*



*Covid No. 30: (right) Offset blackwood three-cornered bowl approx 140mm diam 50mm tall. Very punky & borer-*

*riddled sapwood required lots of sanding as the only way of getting a presentable finish on this, but it also resulted in the loss of definition on the corners. As an exercise, it's an abject failure, but as a bowl I think it's still ok.*



*Covid No 31: My "Sunbowl". Ash bowl approx 185mm diam 50mm deep. Airbrushed with wood dyes & finished with my favourite Livos oil."*

**NEW INTERNET INFORMATION RESOURCE:** Club members who are used to reading the newsletter that comes to us from Knox Woodworkers may be interested to know that you can now download it from the internet. Of special interest this month is a new feature. For about a year, **Gary Pope**, editor of **KDWC** newsletter, **Ingrained** (heading pictured below) has been working on a list of 'other clubs'. The overall list shows **173 independent Woodworking Clubs around AUST/NZ.**

Information contained in the list covers, not only the clubs, but their web sites, Facebook and newsletter addresses. A click on any of the addresses will take you directly to the site and, yes, **Berwick District Woodworkers** is there, the last time I looked we are number 115 on the list. Gary suggests bookmarking the list rather than downloading it as it will continue to become more accurate as time goes on.

**KDWC Club Website:** [www.knoxwoodies.org.au](http://www.knoxwoodies.org.au) or to bookmark the Other Clubs list: [http://webcontent.knoxwoodies.org.au/webdocs/Other\\_Clubs](http://webcontent.knoxwoodies.org.au/webdocs/Other_Clubs).



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Just a thought. Perhaps, If John McMahon had taken on a project like this one it might have saved him a lot of work on his Covid 19 collection

*With apologies to all blondes:*

A blonde woman visits her husband in prison. Before leaving, she tells a correction officer:

"You shouldn't make my husband work like that. He's exhausted!"

The officer laughs and says, "Are you kidding? He just eats and sleeps and stays in his cell!"

The wife replies: "Rubbish! He just told me he's been digging a tunnel for months."

*With apologies to all wives:*

A stock market crash is worse than a divorce, you lose half of your money and your wife is still around

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That's all for now. Once again, thanks to Amelia (Brandy) Rogers for her constant supply of jokes.

Until next time keep safe and well.

