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The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road Berwick, 3806
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Welcome to the newsletter for February 2021

DATES TO REMEMBER: (Covid Restrictions permitting)

Committee Meeting - 23rd February. 1.00pm in clubroom.

Monthly Meeting - 3rd March. 1.00pm in clubroom.

FUNCTIONS: **April Club Lunch** - Pine Grove Hotel (to be confirmed Covid Restrictions permitting)

MOTY AWARD FOR 2020 AND WELCOME BACK BARBEQUE

Following months of restrictions, Berwick Woodworkers were, happily, able to get together for their Annual Welcome Back barbeque on January 20th. It was good to be able to catch up with members and their partners.

As is customary, Club President **Len Preece** took the opportunity to present a well-deserved **Member of the Year** award to Club Secretary, **Richard Gething**. The award has a little extra significance this year as Richard is standing down from the position of Secretary, following his 6 years of service to the club in this office.

Many thanks for a job well done, Richard



Richard Gething receiving his MOTY Award from Len Preece

CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

23rd February

GENERAL

3rd March

SPEAKERS ETC

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FARMERS' MARKET

13th March

Committee of Management:

<i>Contact Details</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
President	Len Preece	59405564
Vice President	Brian Crowe	0438 012 155
Secretary	Mark Bellis - 0439 991 134	
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Treasurer	Peter Angwin	5941 1272

Committee

Martin Van Diemen 9707 5305
 John McMahon 9796 1097
 Ken Whitefield 0402 256 134
 Ken D. Barnes 0419 114 738
 Colin Ellard 8770 0149
 Ross Blackwood 0490 668 515

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.*
 Web/WebMaster - *Jack Croucher.*

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:

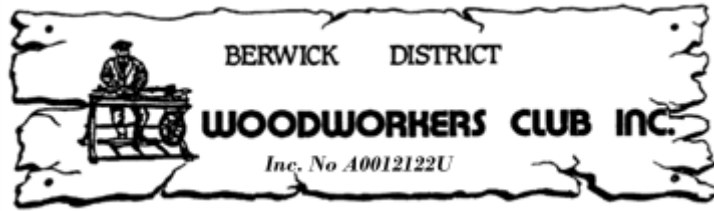
Weekly	Hours	Activity	Leader
Monday Morning	9.00 am – 2.30 pm	Toys -	Eric Guthrie
Tuesday Morning	9.00 am – 2.30 pm	Toys -	Ross Blackwood
Wednesday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	General -	Bill Bradshaw
Wednesday Evening	5.00 pm - 9.00 pm	General -	Bill Bradshaw
Thursday Morning	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	Fine W/work -	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.
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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.





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MINUTES

2019/2020 Annual General Meeting - Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 1.00pm.

- **Welcome to members.**
Club President, Len Preece welcomed 33 club members.
- **Apologies.**
Lois Berglund-Dack, Paul Parer, Oscar Ordenes, Jack Croucher, Bill Munt
- **Minutes of 2018/2019 Annual General Meeting of 7th August 2019.**
In newsletter.
- **Correspondence addressed to the AGM.**
Nil.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- This is my report for the last year now nearly six months late and another year has gone since I wrote my last Presidents Annual Report, the time has flown.
- Unfortunately this year we saw the passing of one of our members **Stan Firmin** we send our condolences to his family. We also saw the passing of one our past members in **Denis Nicholson** we also send our sympathy to his family.
- We have now been in our new workshop for just over twelve months and all seems to be working well, my thanks go to the many members who have assisted in the setting up of the workshop in a safe and orderly way, I also request that members continue to keep the workshop clean and free of rubbish. We have also seen a rearrangement of the lunchroom to make it cov-id safe. The committee is now looking at cost and methods of installing a monitoring system.
- This year we've had excellent results from the Farmers' Market, despite the pandemic we experienced this year but fortunately with the determination of **Geoff Rankin** our Farmers' Market manger the market has been able to continue. We must also thank **Martin Van Diemen** who has organised the market on behalf of the club which has been an enormous benefit to the club. I must also thank the great number of members who have supported the club on market days. As many will have noticed we are now only running one a month on the second Saturday of each month, the fourth Saturday was cut for a number of reasons mainly due to the unavailability of stall holders and the lower attendance at the second market because of the lack of stalls.
- Unfortunately we were unable to have our normal **Annual Dinner** and **Gala Day**, but we were still able to gather together just short of **900 toys** which were distributed to the various charities. Thanks to the number of members who continued to make the toys at home during the lock down, this was an enormous effort and my thanks to all that contributed.
- Unfortunately this year our Secretary is standing down due to ill health. I would like to thank **Richard** for the job he has done for the club over the last 6 years. It has been a real pleasure to work with him. **I would like to acknowledge the work and support and effort of the committee over the last twelve months as this support has been much appreciated during this trying year.**
- I must thank our hard working Treasurer **Peter Angwin**; for the outstanding job this year. Whilst thanking members I must pass special thanks to **Elsie Hoare** for her work in editing and preparing our monthly newsletter as well as other pieces of advertising material.

- I must also thank the staff of the **Old Cheese Factory** particularly **Kristy Pole** and other members of the office staff, and the two **Scotts** for their support and assistance throughout the year. It has been a hard one, but one of great achievement for everyone.
- I would also like to welcome all our new members to the club and hope that they have a long happy time with us.
- Finally I would like to thank all members for your trust in me as your President again this year and I hope to be able to continue to work with you over the ensuing year.

Len Preece - President 2019/20

- **Treasurer's Report.**

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

Proposed by - George Young **Seconded by** - John Damon.

- **Notified Motions.**

Nil

- **Election of Office Bearers and Committee.**

The election of office bearers for 2020/2021 was presided over by Ken Coleman.

Position – President Len Preece

Nominated by – Martin Van Diemen **Seconded by** - Brian Crowe

Position – Vice President Brian Crowe

Nominated by – George Young **Seconded by** – Colin Ellard

Position – Hon Secretary Mark Bellis

Nominated By – Richard Gething **Seconded By** – Ross Blackwood

Position – Hon Treasurer Peter Angwin

Nominated By – Wayne Lucas **Seconded By** – Brian Crowe

Position – Committee Martin Van Diemen

Nominated By - Ross Blackwood **Seconded By** - Brian Crowe

Position – Committee Colin Ellard

Nominated By - Len Preece **Seconded By** - Brian Crowe

Position – Committee Ross Blackwood

Nominated By - Richard Gething **Seconded By** - Mark Bellis

Position – Committee John McMahon

Nominated By - Mark Bellis **Seconded By** - Bill Bradshaw

Position – Committee Ken Barnes

Nominated By - Brian Crowe **Seconded By** - Peter Angwin

Position – Committee Ken Whitefield

Nominated By - Len Preece **Seconded By** - Richard Gething

- **Election of Auditor.**

Carried over

- **Other AGM related business.**

Motion for the AGM minutes to acknowledge the tireless work done by outgoing Hon Secretary Richard Gething over many years. Thankyou Richard – much appreciated.

Similarly for the AGM minutes to acknowledge the great effort in keeping BDWWC running by President Len Preece.

Proposed by – Lance Baker and Pat Mahoney **Seconded by** - Elsie Hoare

Mark Bellis - BDWWC Hon. Secretary

YOUR NEW COMMITTEE



President - Len Preece



Vice President - Brian Crowe



Secretary - Mark Bellis



Treasurer - Peter Angwin



Martin Van Diemen



Ken Whitefield



Ken D. Barnes



John McMahon



Ross Blackwood



Colin Ellard

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To the Berwick District Woodworkers Club,

It gives us the greatest pleasure to know that during this time of COVID-19 we are not alone. In fact the human spirit has shown it is stronger than anything that can happen to it.

At SMRC we have successfully been able to continue our much needed services to the most vulnerable in our community. Our workforce has come together and shown through innovative ways to transform traditional methods of service delivery.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally acknowledge the Berwick District Woodworkers Club for going above and beyond especially with the generosity you show SMRC at Christmas time with all your wonderful handmade toys made for our young clients. Your contribution is significant and for that we are deeply grateful.

I wish to all of your members and family continued good health, stay safe.

Regards,

Brian Oates | Acting CEO

SHOW & TELL: Yes, it's finally happened; a real, live Show and Tell which took place at the February Monthly meeting.



John Damon made the folding stool at left, from a design he found on the internet.

Yan Veenstra worked the platter below, titled 'Music and Dance' using pyrography on Kauri.



Known for his reluctance to waste small scraps of wood, **Keith Towe** has made the tiny lidded container below. The 10cent piece beside it shows its size. The wood is rewa-rewa which Google tells me is also known as NewZealand honeysuckle. The small lidded box below that, also by Keith is English Ash, and Keith's vase to the right is river red-gum.



Chris Drysdale made the bagette platter below, using pencil pine. Below that is a wall plaque representing a ship's wheel, made from a burl, also by Chris.



John McMahan showed us his textured bowl from elm (below left) and his pierced bowl, made from pin-oak.



NOT SHOW & TELL: Although the club has been open for the past few weeks, some of our members are still working from home. **Simon Robbins** has sent me a photo of a bowl he turned recently, using white cedar.

Simon also mentioned a trip he took. Here's what he says, *"Diane & I recently visited Barwon Park Homestead near Winchelsea just the other side of Geelong (National Trust open to public Weds & Sun) with only guided tour at cost. A lovely day out...take a picnic."*



Some incredible pieces of furniture. Owned originally by the Austin family who helped pay for the Austin Hospital in Melbourne. The chair in picture attached is solid Ebony!"



And for good measure, Simon included the quote for the month, below.



David Murden is sharpening his turning skills:

"Here is the latest project I've been working on for ever since I got a bowl gouge for my birthday. They are my off-cuts that I've made into tank shells from Warthunder (a vehicular combat multiplayer video game) that my cousin and I play. Each is representative of a type of shell found in the game, that is, one is supposed to be an APCBC (armour-piercing capped ballistic cap shell), another APFSDS (armour-piercing fin-stabilised discarding sabot shell), HEAT-FS (high-explosive anti-tank fin-stabilised shell), and so on. To showcase these I've made a display for them and I've also turned a shell casing out of pine."



These are just a few of David's shells which David says are a present for his cousin. The birds are an experiment and the bowls are from the off-cut bin at the club.



Rob Koch sent this note, "Here is a short video of my courtyard table, completed over Christmas break with the support of the BDWWC. <https://youtu.be/vwC4jMIBCSc> Many thanks to all!"

Rob's patio table is definitely not the 'every day' kind, and way too big to bring in for Show & Tell, but worth a look. Thanks for the link, Rob.



From **Paul Parer**.

"Just thought I would share a photo of my grandson's workbench, which we made together during Christmas holidays. Nicholas, aged 14, who has been with me to woodworking, decided during last year's lockdown that he needed a workbench. We had fun making it and it turned out reasonably well."

Rick Hoare had some fun making this toothpick holder from a scrap of redgum. That's a 10 cent piece beside it, to show the size.



Here's **Bill Bradshaw** deep in thought as he plans the crosses that were requested by Beacon Hills School in Pakenham. Below are the crosses with one of them finished off with mosaic tiles by one of the school's teachers.



FARMERS' MARKET: As **Len Preece** has already mentioned, the Farmers' Market has been able to continue throughout the pandemic with club members attending as usual, during those blissful days before the latest lockdown. Here is **Pat Mahoney**, a regular on the entrance gate, with a visitor named Billie.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Happily, the club has received several new members over the past year. **Bernie Zhang** snapped this photo of 11 year old **Marcus Wilson** who comes along with his Father, **Mathew**, on Wednesday evenings. Marcus will not be permitted to use club machinery until he is 16, but he is learning about woodwork and is delighted with the tool box full of hand tools that he received for Christmas





Another new member is **Peter Ball**, who is enjoying familiarising himself with the club's machinery

FREE ON-LINE APP: **Simon Robbins** wonders if club members might be interested in a free First Aid Course that his wife, Diane has found on the internet. Simply named FIRST AID FAST, the app is designed for students and teachers and is free.

GREETINGS FROM OLD FRIENDS: Distance prevents them from visiting us these days but we've recently heard from **Bert McGinty**, now living in Canberra, **Gary King**, Yarrowonga, and **Bob McArthur**, Frankston. These three, well-liked past club members send their best wishes and have asked to be remembered to us.

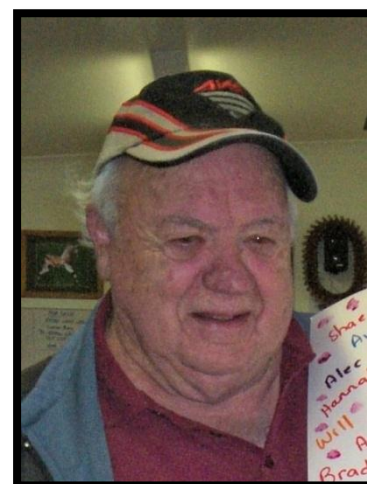
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GOODBYE DENIS

Those of us who knew **Denis Nicholson** will remember a talented, good-natured club member who was always ready to share his skill and his knowledge. Denis, who passed away on 16th January, was one of our solid, steady members for many years and designed the toy doll's bunks that are still made and given away on Gala Days every year. Denis also made the service stations that are another of our popular toys.

In recent years, since his departure from Berwick Woodworkers, Denis has been a member of Pakenham Men's Shed where he will be sadly missed. We offer our sincere condolences to Coral Nicholson and her family.

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**For Sale: Nova 3000 Swivel Head Lathe
plus extras: **\$1,000.00****

I've upsized my lathe so the old one has to go. Before advertising it more widely, I'm offering it to any interested club member.

Includes: Lathe, Stand, Extension Bed, Outboard Turning Attachment, Drive Dog, Live Centre, 300mm tool rest, 80mm face plate & all original attachments & documentation.

1110mm between centres, 400mm swing over bed, 740mm swing outboard, 8 speeds via manual belt change.

John McMahon 0437096840 for more info.

John McMahon would also like to encourage club members to give some thought to the work they plan to submit for the BDWWC Woodworking Display which will be held in conjunction with the Casey Arts Festival around August/September this year. Now is the time to get started.

PARKING AT WORKSHOP: Those of us who have been enjoying the luxury of parking close to the roller doors of the club workshop may continue to do so **only while loading or unloading** . All vehicles must now be removed to parking behind the workshop or in the parking area near the market site.



KOOKABURRA NESTING BOXES. Once again the expertise of Berwick Woodworkers has been sought. This time the club has been asked to make up some Kookaburra nesting boxes to replace the natural habitat, lost in the East Gippsland fire area. Of the 350 needed, Berwick Woodworkers have made 26 boxes. Here is **Bill Bradshaw** with just a few of the boxes awaiting their final coat of dark brown paint by the finishing room team.

More boxes will be made up by other clubs and some school woodwork students.

In addition, as mentioned in the monthly minutes, the club has been asked to make 50 turned wooden pens for the South Gippsland Shire Council.

With **Martin Van Diemen** and **Chris Drysdale** offering to make 10 pens each, there is an opportunity for other club members to make up the remaining 20 pens.

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Berwick District Woodworkers Club Monthly Meeting Minutes 3rd February 2021

Meeting Commenced – 1.30 pm

Welcome to Members –

Club President Len Preece welcomed 33 club members.

Apologies –

Lois Berglund-Dack, Paul Parer, Oscar Ordenes, Jack Croucher, Bill Munt.

Minutes of last monthly meeting. – 4th March 2020

- In news letter.

Motion to accept minutes.

Proposed - Alexander Drysdale - Seconded – Chris Drysdale
Motion carried.

Business arising from previous meeting

- Nil

Correspondence.

- Nil

Motion to accept correspondence.

- NA

Presidents Report.

As per attached AGM Minutes.

Motion to accept the President’s report.

Proposed – Martin Van Diemen Seconded – Elsie Hoare

Treasurer’s Report.

The Treasurer's Report was read and accepted. The presentation of the Treasurer’s report Included a discussion regarding a **reduction** in club membership fees to cover the lack of club member engagement during the 2020 COVID19 lockdown.

The membership resolved that the current level of membership fees should remain unchanged.

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s report.

Proposed by - Len Preece Seconded by – John Damon

Farmers’ Market.

The currency of the Farmer’s market will continue at one market per month.

Functions.

The Berwick Cheese Factory function has been booked for the club end of year function.

Bookings are in progress for the club quarterly luncheons with Pine Grove being named as the likely venue for the April function. Club members will be informed of the arrangements by Ken Barnes with sufficient notice.

Demonstrations.

To be arranged later in the year by the committee.

Newsletter.

Elsie Hoare will continue her great work on the BDWWC Newsletter through 2021. Thankyou Elsie.

Woodworking Display and Expo.

The BDWWC Woodworking Display is planned to coincide with the Casey Arts Festival in midyear.

Club members are requested to get to work ASAP if they have plans to enter any woodwork in the Expo.

General Business.

- **South Gippsland Shire Pens**

A request has been received from South Gippsland Shire Council for the BDWWC to make and supply 50 wooden pens.

Chris Drysdale, Keith Towe and Martin Van Diemen have offered to make 10 pens each.

Thankyou to those gentlemen and there is an opportunity for other club members to make up the remaining 20 pens.

- **Kookaburra Nest Boxes**

Ply sheets have been cut and prepared for the manufacture of 350 kookaburra nest boxes.

- **Storage for finished toys**

It is expected that there will be sufficient storage for toys in and around the workshop and finishing room after work on the bird boxes has been completed.

- **Car Parking**

Members are directed to cease parking cars near the workshop roller doors. This area is to be used for

dropping off and picking up of items only.

- **Club "Housekeeping"**

Wheelie Bins to be placed out on the club access road on Thursdays.

Collect timber offcuts after completion of work and place them in the bins provided.

Keep wastage to a minimum and stack useable timber offcuts within the current timber racks in the breezeway.

Door Prize - The door prize was won by Keith Towe.

Show and Tell. - Presented by John Damon.

Chris Dysdale – Bagette Platter and Ship's Wheel

Keith Towe – Redgum Vase, and two lidded boxes

Jan Veenstra – Pyrography "Music & Dance" on Kauri disc.

John McMahon – Pierced Pin Oak bowl & Elm textured bowl.

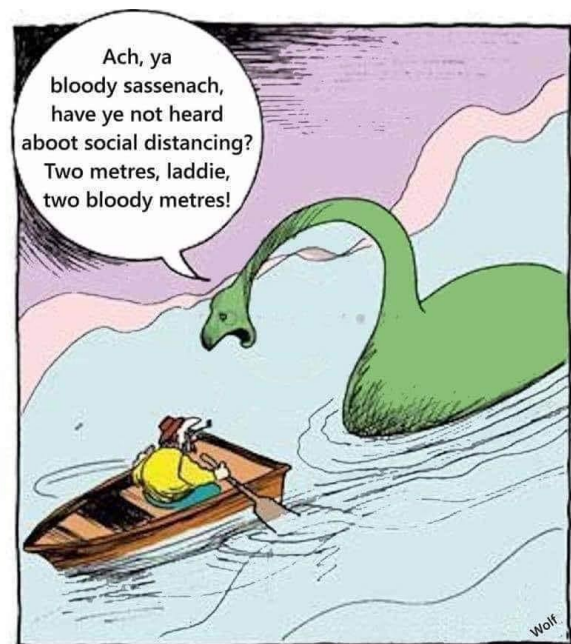
Meeting closed – 2.00 pm

Next Meeting – 3rd March 2021

President – Len Preece -
Hon Secretary – Mark Bellis

With apologies to all my Scots friends. The cartoon at right is from Alexander Drysdale.

Below, sorry, couldn't resist this one. Thanks Amelia Rogers. That's all for now. Bye until next time.



THE LOCH DOWN MONSTER