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Welcome to the newsletter for October 2022

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting 25th October - 1.00pm in clubroom.
Monthly Meeting 24th November - 1.00pm in clubroom.

FUNCTIONS: Break up Dinner is now on Wednesday 30th November.
Gala Day is now on Sunday 4th December.



Hello all,

It was at the last GM that I realised that we have been discussing Gala Day when one of our newer members asked "what is gala day?", and I realised that we haven't had a Gala Day for 2 years but we have a had a lot of new members in that time.

Gala Day is a presentation day of the toys that we produce through the year to the 6 charities that we support. All of the toys are grouped for the charities around the function room and form a very impressive sight.

The day is attended by Local and State Politicians, Local Councillors and Sponsors of our club as well as the Berwick Primary School choir and their parents and members of the public.

The toys are officially handed over to the charities during the afternoon, which is then followed by an afternoon tea or coffee

I hope this short description is of some help to our newer members

Brian Crowe. - President.

Pictured below is a gathering at one of our past Gala Days and at right, toys set out ready for presentation to the charity recipients.



CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

25th October

GENERAL

24th November

SPEAKERS ETC

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FARMERS' MARKET

22nd October (craft market)

12th November. Farmers Market.

Committee of Management:

Contact Details	Name	Phone
President	Brian Crowe,	0438 012 155
Vice President	Ross Blackwood	0490 668 515
Secretary	Don Buchanan	0431 313 998 email: bdwwcsec@outlook.com
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Committee

Martin Van Diemen	0418 316 867
John McMahon	9796 1097
Ken Whitefield	0402 256 134
Ken D. Barnes	0419 114 738
Len Preece	0408 365 970
Peter Angwin	0400 221 581

Monthly demonstrations - *Vacant looking for help*
 Functions Coordinator - *Ken D. Barnes*
 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 & Don Buchanan*
 Special interest group coordinators - *To suit group*
 Librarian - *Keith Towe*
 Exhibition and Show - *John McMahon*
 Gala Day coordinator - *Ken D. Barnes and Len Preece*
 Screws - *Martin Van Diemen*
 Paint - *George Young*
 Timber coordinator - *Martin Van Diemen*
 Equipment authorisation approved members. - *Len Preece, Brian Crowe, Bill Bradshaw, Ross Blackwood & Don Buchanan.*
 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	4.30 pm - 8.00 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.



SHOW & TELL Chris Drysdale has made these pens, one a ball point, the other a fountain pen. The wood is ebony. Chris also made the magnifying glass below. The wood is Zebrano, an endangered West African species.

The Steampunk octopus clock with goggles and respirator, is also made by Chris using his CNC machine. Here's what Chris has to say about it.

"Steampunk is a very large and significant art movement in the USA and Europe, slowly getting recognition here. The steam punk clock represents a diver and octopus with an inset clock, carved from Merbeau and finished with Livos Countertop oil, the carving was difficult to do due to the many small details that are set well below the surface."



John McMahon has made the three items below. The pierced, lace edged bowl and the bowl with pyrography round the rim are made from ash. The large dish is made from spalted ash. John says the spalting, being very soft, he had to use Earl's Wood Hardener to stabilise it so that he could work on it.



SOME HOMEWORK.:



Geoff Wylie made the Harry Potter wands pictured above for three of his grandchildren and **Wayne Lucas** has been busy at Berwick Tech making the doll's house furniture pictured, using the colleges laser cutter. Wayne says, *"I have to assemble them with no instructions but the end product is worthwhile."*

AN IMPORTANT NOTE FROM BILL MUNT:

Elsie, thanks for your efforts on the newsletter.

I would like to make a comment on the recent "jig-saw" article.

The use of a hand power tool grinding disk on any thin sheet (metal or wood) is very dangerous.

A senior, experienced member of a men's shed was using a disk to cut wood when the blade snatched and he lost control of the power tool.

He spent a week in hospital after the micro-surgeons reattached his thumb and parts of his first two digits.

I recommend that a jig-saw, fitted with a double acting blade (cuts on the up and down stroke), is a safer option.

Such blades are available at Bunnings. If necessary, employ a helper to stabilise the offcut.

MORTISE MACHINE SAFETY NOTES:

Make Adjustments with the power "OFF" and disconnected.

Ensure that the drill bit runs clear of the chisel (1.5 – 2 mm).

Ensure the drill, and the chisel, is sharp before setting-up.

Put tools away after setting-up the chisel.

Place a sacrifice piece below a "through" mortise hole to protect the cross table.

Use the machine's clamps to secure the piece. DO NOT use hands or large F or G clamps.

Set the limit stops before starting. Check after the first hole.

Ensure the drill bit moves freely before switching ON.

Keep hands away from the table whilst the machine is operating.

Keep the area clean and neat during operation.

Ensure that the chisel cuts on four sides (holes) or on two sides (shorts between holes).

Do not use excessive force to lower the chisel (sharpen the chisel).

Clear the chips from the chisel frequently (every 6 mm of depth).



A WARM BERWICK WOODIES WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.

**Cindy Bibb, Jedda Tuuta, Martin Feros, Ian Brown, Andrew Blaszczynski
and Daniel Pawlus**



OCTOBER FARMERS MARKET: from Don Buchanan.
 Yes, another Farmers Market has just passed and what a day it was!
 The weather was just right - Nice and sunny.
 We sold \$47.00 worth of kindling.
 The attendances were great and the carpark was full.
 And our gate takings were very satisfying.

This market's **BOG** award goes to....(drum roll!) ...
Peter Mason, for allowing the club to use his flat tray Mazda ute and himself to help at the market in the morning, setting up and at the end of the day, packing up and putting all the equipment away again.
 Thankyou Peter.

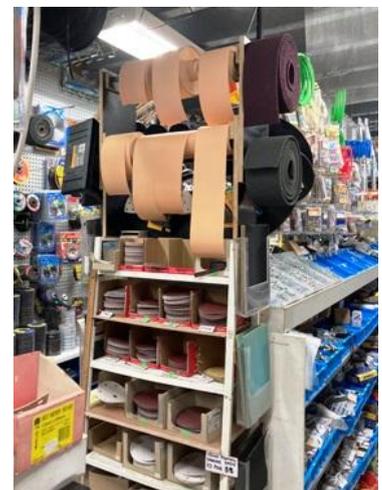
Pictured are **Andre Fonceca, Graeme Weatherley** and **Don Buchanan** managing the gate.

DOVETON SHOW: This event has always been a great way for Berwick Woodworkers to meet the public and despite the unfavourable weather on the day, this year was no different. The clubs exhibition attracted its usual interest and members were kept busy making small items to give away to the children. **Ken Whitefield** has sent this picture with the following note:



"Here is a photo from the recent Doveton Show showing yours truly with a rolling pin I made for a little Afghanistan girl. Her mother pictured could not speak a word of English and we communicated through the interpreter who also took the photo. The mother and the little girl where both absolutely over the moon with the gift, apparently nothing like that ever happens in Afghanistan. A good PR exercise all round on the day not only with them but for all the other rolling pins and animal cutouts that were given out."

A MESSAGE FROM GEOFF WYLIE: Hi everyone, I wanted to let you know about a great gold mine of a hardware store in my area of Mulgrave which sells all sorts of screws and bolts by weight and even supply the bags! Big assortment of sand papers sold by the metre. Every row is full of all sorts of hardware it's just off Princes Hwy 3/12 Elonera Rd Noble Park North. Show your name badge and John or Steve will look after you. Cheers, **Geoff Wylie.**





JUST LIKE OLD TIMES:

It's always a pleasant surprised when past members drop into the club for a visit. Earlier this month it was **Bob McArthur** who called in to say hello.

Peter Angwin snapped this photo when Bob looked in on the clubs finishing room.

Pictured are from left, **John Ostroff, Bill Bradshaw, Bob McArthur and George Young.**



ON A PERSONAL NOTE:

Simon Robbins has harvested these healthy looking beetroot from his garden.

When lockdown kept **Rick Hoare** out of the club's workshop he found a different use for his paint brush.



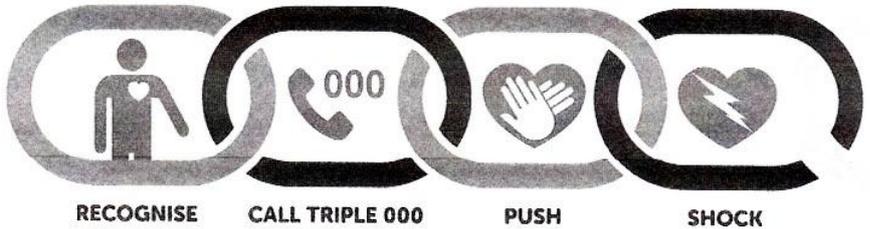
When he is not being a woodworker, **Anees Koyer** is a musician. Anees not only writes and records songs but plays several instruments and performs with a group, usually at weddings and birthday parties. Anees was interested in the gold records belonging to a friend who has a family connection to a past member of the popular Australian group 'Air Supply' and was pleased to have this photo taken. As a point of interest, the records are not solid gold, merely an ordinary vinyl disk covered with the very thinnest coating of the precious metal.

Boys will be boys and so will some men.



OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING. Club member **Simon Robbins** recently attended an educational session on the importance of being **CPR AWARE** in the case of cardiac arrest. Simon was able to give us a talk on the subject, sharing what he had learned. Cardiac arrest can happen to anyone, anytime, anywhere which is why it is vital that we all know how to take lifesaving action.

Ambulance Victoria promotes the **Chain of Survival**, the worldwide guideline for response to sudden cardiac arrest. By knowing and following the **Chain of Survival** we can save a life.



Simon mentioned an emergency app that can be downloaded to a mobile phone and **Peter Shuttleworth** who has the app showed it to us. The advantage of having this app is that it not only has all three emergency numbers, available at a moment's notice, but your exact location to enable emergency services to find you. Peter guided me to download the app to my phone. Thanks, Peter.



Best Wishes. To those of our members or their partners who are on the sick list at the moment we send our best wishes and hoping you will feel well again soon.



BACKPACK GIFTS. Following a request from **Pakenham Probus**, club members have been donating small toys to be added to backpacks that are given to children who are

caught up in traumatic situations and need to be relocated to out of home care. Along with essential items such as toiletries, clothing, sleepwear, a torch and blanket, a toy or activity which will belong to the child is included. Above are some of the toys on display in the clubroom. I also noticed a couple of carrier bags of toys waiting to be collected by Probus.

Many thanks to those members who have given their time and talents to this venture.

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The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good at all.

Important dates for the rest of the year.

Month	Date	What's on	Comments
October	Thursday 13th	Defib/CPR Session	For the 5 members who have registered.
	Saturday 22 nd	Craft Market	Member assistance is required.
	Tuesday 25 th	Committee meeting	
November	Saturday 12 th	Farmers Market	Member assistance is required.
	Tuesday 22 nd	Committee meeting	To Be Confirmed
	Thursday 24 th	General Member Meeting	All members welcome
	Saturday 26 th	Craft Market	Member assistance is required.
	Wednesday 30 th	Break Up Dinner	Registration required
December	Sunday 4 th	Gala day	Volunteers required for toy set up
	Monday 5 th	Toy pickup day	Volunteers required to help.
	Saturday 10 th	Farmers Market	Member assistance is required.
	Wednesday 14 th	Club working Bee and BBQ	Volunteers required to help.
	Tuesday 20 th	Committee meeting	To Be Confirmed
	Saturday 24 th	Craft Market	To Be Confirmed
	Sunday 25 th	Club Closed	Merry Christmas

From the October 2010 newsletter of the Goulburn Valley Inc Woodturners

FRUIT WOODS CAN BE SWEET

For turning, fruit trees suffer from 2 major defects – they come in small sizes, and tend to split when drying, so try drying out the tree intact, or season it underwater.

Apple is bland, pale and often faulty. Don't bother

Apricot is soft, can suffer fungal attack, older trees have good colour from orange to dark brown.

Cherry is used for pipes and is a desirable timber, the roots have the best colour, get the whole tree if you can.

Fig is soft and white and not worth the trouble.

Lemon is pale, close texture, feels waxy and is easy to work.

Mango is great, from pale cream to grey brown in older trees. Attractive rippled grain.

Olive is terrific, stable, easy to work, pale with many colours to almost black in large trees, but hard to find.

Mulberry has yellow mustard wood with distinct stripes and unusual patterns. Worth finding and keeping.

Orange similar to lemon, colour like sassafras.

Peach is soft, very often faulty like apricot, has interesting colours orange brown to rich, dark brown.

Pear is pale blond, easy to work and in larger sizes.

Persimmon is uncommon, but interesting, from the genus diospyros from which comes ebonies. Go for it!

It is a wise practice to fully finish a fruit-wood article immediately to ensure that it is thoroughly sealed.

Berwick District Woodworkers Club General Meeting Meeting - 5th October, 2022

Meeting Commenced

Meeting started at 1.00pm

Welcome to Members —

Apologies —

Martin Van Diemen, Pat Mahoney, Len Preece, Colin Ellard, Lance Baker, David Murden, Paul Ryan, Jack Croucher, Jackie Saddington.

Minutes of last monthly meeting. — AGM on 6th August

Motion to accept minutes.

Proposed — Ken Barnes. Seconded — Chris Drysdale. Accepted — unanimously

Business arising from previous meeting.

- It was discussed at the AGM that members should have access to a copy of the Statement of Purpose which outlines the aim or vision of the Club. Both a copy of the Club Rules and the Statement of Purpose have now been made available to members.

Correspondence.

- Notification of VMSA Forum and AGM on Monday 10th October. Ross Blackwood and Don Buchanan will be attending the Forum and AGM on Monday.
- From City of Casey – 2022 Ageing Positively Festival. Brochures on tables.
- Sales@goodsandchattles.com – Price and product lists for sale. Emailed out to members.
- Pakenham Probus – Wanting small toys for “Backpac4 Vic Kids” – foster kids.
- An email from Amelia Rogers regarding her husband, Graham. He has now been placed in full time care at Bloom Aged Care in Clyde North. He is a well-respected member of our club. Paul Ryan is still recovering from a heart condition and Russell Owen’s wife as unwell and hence the reason why we haven’t seen Russell at the club.
- Anglicare – Alexandria approached us at a Craft market asking if they could be involved in receiving donated toys. An email detailing their requirements will be forward on to Ken Barnes.

Proposed — John McMahon. Seconded — John Damon. Accepted — Unanimously

Presidents Report.

- Name tags to be worn at all times while in the club or on club activities. If you don’t have one, please ask Don and he will make you one.
- The Doveton Show was a good result. Thankyou to Peter Mason, John Damon and Don Buchanan who did the set up and packing up work as well as the other members who worked on the day. Thank you to those members.
- Car parking. If you need to unload at the side roller door, please do so but after you have finished unloading, park your car in the normal car parking area. That area should be kept clear at all times. Only members who have difficulty walking may park at the side of the concrete apron, if necessary.
- Machinery. From time to time our machines may need repair or replacement. If you are using a machine and you notice it is not running properly, giving off a burning type of smell or is noisier than usual, please report it to a “Go to Person” so it can be looked at to determine what is wrong with it.
- Workbenches. Please keep them clean and don’t leave your unfinished work on them over night. There is limited space to work sometimes, so please try not to take up too much space, allowing other members to work as well.
- The Gala Day date has been changed to Sunday 5th December at 2.00pm. And we don’t have access to the function room beforehand, so we have to set up on the morning of. As a result, we will need “All hands-on Deck” to set up all the toys in the morning. Volunteers required.
- The Breakup Dinner has also been changed. It is now on Wednesday 30th November. Closer to the time a register will be available to confirm your attendance. The dinner cost will be \$25 a per person.

Motion to accept the President’s report.

Proposed — Geoff Wylie. Seconded — Peter Mason. Accepted — Unanimously

Treasurer’s report. The Financial Report was read and accepted.

- The markets continue to be a good source of income for the club.
- Memberships up \$1500 in July. Memberships due on 1st July each year.
- A big thank you to Ron Boulton for his work on introducing a new membership data program. Making it a lot easier to work with.
- Selling firewood at the markets is giving the club an extra income but also reducing the wood waste we would normally throw out,

reducing the pickups by Veola. All wastes we produce should be sorted and placed in the appropriate bin – recycling, rubbish etc. Please help us in this matter.

- On a side issue. When cutting wood for the kindling bags, please cut the wood into thinner cuts and small enough to fit in the bags easily.
- Peter has finally solved the puzzle of the lost credit card number. Thanks Simon - Well done, Peter.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report.

Proposed -Simon king. Seconded -Nigel Dukes.
Accepted - Unanimously

Markets.

- Next Farmers Market is on Saturday 8th October – This Saturday.
- Next Craft Market is on Saturday 22nd October.
- Just a note – We are running low on plastic bags for the kindling. If anyone can source these bags or knows where we can get them. Please let us know. One idea was to take a dollar off if they return the bag. Re-using bags.

Functions.

- The dates for the Breakup dinner and the Gala Day have been changed.
- Break up Dinner is now on Wednesday 30th November.
- Gala Day is now on Sunday 4th December. Set up on that morning. We are seeking volunteers to help set toys up in the morning.
- Toy pick up on Monday 5th December. Volunteers required to help.

Toys

- Ken Barnes – We have around 750 toys so far. More to come should reach between 800 and 900 toys.

Newsletter.

- Elsie is asking for members to send her anything of interest to publish in the newsletter. Photos, items of interest etc would be appreciated.

General Business.

- Hare and Forbes demonstration days – 17th, 18th, 19th November (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). **A clipboard will be available nearer the time to register your interest in participating in the demonstrations.**
- Break up dinner and Gala Day dates as discussed. Invitations to be sent out.

- Update of our webpage to reflect what facilities we have to accommodate disabled persons. Still to be done.
- Carbatec demonstrations – expressions of interest from members to visit and be shown the operation of certain wood working machinery. Dates/times to be confirmed. **A clipboard will be available to register your interest, nearer the time.**
- Sausage making demonstration at the club – anyone interested? **A sausage demonstration will also be at the Hare and Forbes demonstration Days. More information coming.**

Show and Tell items on display.

- From Chris Drysdale – A steam punk clock made from merbau and coated with livos oil. A magnifying glass with a sebrawau handle coated with glue wax. A pen and fountain pen set made from ebony coated in glue wax.
- From John Mc Mahon – A bowl made from ash and decorated with pyrography etching. A pierced bowl made from ash with Dremel work around the edge. A natural edge bowl made from maple.

Our raffle – Richard Gething is the winner of the \$20 prize. Congrats Richard.

A short First Aid presentation by Simon Robbins.

- Simon presented a short talk on the Defib session he went to. He spoke of the important steps that needed to be followed in order to provide the most effect treatment of a patient that has had a suspected heart attack. Time is of the utmost importance in these types of situations. These sessions give you an insight on how to operate a defibrillator if the need arises. Simon also mentioned about an Emergency App that can be downloaded, that has all 3 emergency phone numbers. This allows easy access in the case of an emergency. Thanks Simon.

New members

- Cindy Bibb, Jedda Tuuta, Martin Feros, Ian Brown, Andrew Blaszczynski, Daniel Pawlus.

Meeting closed—2.20pm

Next Meeting

- Wednesday 24th November.



Four retired truck drivers are walking down a street in Cooktown. They turned a corner and see a sign that says, Old Timer's Bar - all drinks 10 cents!

They look at each other, and then go in, thinking this is too good to be true.

The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, 'Come on in and let me pour one for you! What'll it be, Gentlemen?'

There seemed to be a fully-stocked bar, so each of the men ask for a martini.. In short order, the bartender serves up four iced Martinis..... shaken, not stirred, and says, 'That'll be 10 cents each, please.'

The four men stare at the bartender for a moment. Then look at each other.....they can't believe their good luck. They pay the 40 cents, finish their Martinis, and order another round.

Again, four excellent Martinis are produced and the bartender again saying, 'That's 40 cents, please.'

They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity is more than they can stand. They have each had two Martinis and so far they've spent less than a dollar. Finally one of the men says, 'How can you afford to serve Martinis as good as these for a 10 cents each?'

'I'm a retired tailor from Sydney,' the bartender said, 'and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the Lottery for \$25 million and decided to open this place. Every drink costs ten cents - wine, liquor, beer, it's all the same.'

Wow!!!! That's quite a story,' says one of the men.

The four of them sipped at their Martinis and couldn't help but notice seven other people at the end of the bar who didn't have drinks in front of them, and hadn't ordered anything the whole time they were there. One man gestures at the seven at the end of the bar without drinks and asks the bartender, 'What's with them?'

The bartender says, 'Oh, they're all grey nomads from the caravan park, waiting for happy hour when drinks are half price.'

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The wife and I had words last night only I didn't get to use mine.



Thanks to **Brian Crowe**, **Mike Berry** and **Brandy Rogers** for their joke contribution.

That's all for now. Until next time best wishes. Keep safe and stay well.