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Welcome to the newsletter for June 2015

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting, 29th June - 1.00 pm in the clubroom.
Monthly Meeting, 2nd July, - 7.30 pm in the clubroom - Guest Speaker Peter Williams, Auctioneer, who will have some interesting stories to tell us.

FARMERS' MARKET

Those members who receive monthly bulletins via email, regarding Berwick Woodworkers' Farmers' Market will, by now, be familiar with the photograph below. The picture always accompanies the emails and shows our new market site which is situated on the paddock next to the Old Cheese Factory car park.



Although the change of venue, moving from the elm tree avenue at the back of the cheese factory grounds, was originally anticipated with some doubt, the market is enjoying increasing patronage. With so many shoppers taking advantage of the many stalls, Berwick Woodworkers are kept busy, setting up the club's gazebos for shelter, greeting visitors at the gates and directing cars to parking spots.

Many thanks go to those club members who have answered the call for extra hands to help out with these jobs. Increased assistance for the past two markets has been encouraging making lighter work for all.

The gate takings for the market are the clubs main fund-raiser, which in turn benefits all members who use our facilities.

At right, market patrons take time to relax in the shelter one of the club's gazebos.



CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

29th June

GENERAL

2nd July

SPEAKERS ETC

Peter Williams - Auctioneer

FARMERS

MARKET

11th July (BDWC)

25th July (Rotary)

Committee of Management:

Contact Details	Name	Phone
President	Len Preece	59405564
Vice President	Peter Hollis	9796 0663
Secretary	Richard Gething	email: bdwwcsec@outlook.com
Treasurer	Peter Angwin	5941 1272

Committee

Rick Hoare	5991 5598
Bob McArthur	9703 1298
Martin Van Diemen	9707 5305
Ken Humphries	9702 0854
Jack Croucher	9796 1017
George Young	9707 1412

- Monthly meeting speaker coordinator – *Ken Humphries*
- Newsletter Editor – *Elsie Hoare*
- Public relations – *Len Preece*
- OCF users group – *Len Preece*
- Toy Coordinator – *Ken Barnes*.
- Machinery maintenance Supervisor – *Jack Croucher*
- Health and Safety Coordinator – *Whole committee*
- Member’s welfare coordinator – *Peter Hollis*
- Kits for kids coordinator – *Stewart Moyes*
- Raffle Coordinator – *Len Preece*
- Farmers Market Coordinator – *Martin Van Dieman*
- Special interest group coordinators – *Depends on group*
- Librarian – *Keith Towe*
- Screws – *Martin Van Diemen*
- Paint – *George Young*
- Timber coordinator – *Jack Croucher*
- Web/Web master – *Temporarily vacant*
- Monash OT Study – *Len Preece*

All material for the Club’s monthly publication is to be submitted by e-mail ricels@bigpond.com by hand, or to the editor by phone - 5991 5598, 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.

Workshops & Meetings:

Weekly	Hours	Activity	Leader	Phone
Monday Morning	9.00 am – 2.30 pm	Toys -	Eric Guthrie	
Tuesday Morning	9.00 am – 2.30 pm	Toys -	Peter Hollis	
Wednesday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	General -	Bob McArthur	
Wednesday Evening	5.00 pm - 9.00 pm	General -	Martin Van Diemen	
Thursday Morning	9.00 am – 1.00 pm	Fine W/work -	Maurice Deeker	
Friday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	General -	Richard Gething	
Saturday Morning	9.00 am - 1.00 pm on market days or by private arrangement on other Saturdays.			

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Berwick Woodworkers wish to thanks **Judith Graley MP** State Member for Narre Warren South, and her staff for their continued support in printing this newsletter for us. 9704 6055.



OPPORTUNITY, OPPORTUNITY, OPPORTUNITY.

The time of year has arrived when our committee begins preparing for the club's Annual General Meeting, when all committee positions will become vacant and open to be occupied by new members. If you would like to have a say in the way our club is run, now is your opportunity to make your interest known. While some of our present committee members are happy to stand for re-election, others are planning to stand down, thus making room for a change of management.

The club's committee is made up of 10 members, four of whom take the executive positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The remainder are ordinary members.

The committee meets once a month at 1.00pm straight after lunch in the clubroom on the Monday prior to the General Meeting.

The coming year will be an interest time for Berwick Woodworkers with some exciting changes in the air, Please give some thought to the part that you could play in the club's future.

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GUEST SPEAKER :

The guest speaker for the next meeting on July 2nd is Peter Williams, a local auctioneer, who will have some interesting stories to tell us.

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE:

Anyone who has been within earshot over the past few months will know that Rick & I have moved house, leaving our ancient, rambling farmhouse for an up-to-the-minute new but smaller home.

Although the cupboard situation in the new dwelling is adequate we decided, with somewhat more enthusiasm than wisdom, to buy some flat-pack cupboards to add to our storage space.

Typically, we had lots of offers of assistance from club members and when we found the flat-packs rather more physically demanding than we had expected, our S.O.S. was readily answered.

So here is **a big thank you** to our life savers, **Gary King, Alexander Drysdale and Brian Crowe** who turned up and got down to work. The cupboards were completed in a few hours with Brian coming back on another day to help with another. I am more grateful than I can say and very pleased with my cupboards.

Such generosity with time and expertise is not a rare thing within Berwick Woodworkers with many members ready to turn out to lend a hand when help is needed.

At right is Alexander and Rick working on one cupboard while Gary and Brian tackle the other.



Berwick District Woodworkers Club. **Minutes Monthly Meeting 4th June, 2015.**

Welcome to Members

Len Preece and welcomed 20 members. Meeting opened 7.30 pm.

Apologies

Rick and Elsie Hoare, Peter Hollis, Ian Chong, Mick Symons, Ces King, Chris Drysdale.

Minutes of Previous Monthly Meeting – On notice board.

Move to receive minutes. Proposed Bert McGinty. Seconded Ken Whitefield. Motion carried.

Business from previous meeting.

- “Kits for kids” program with Officer Special School on hold. Awaiting contact from school.
- Community grant application changed to “purchasing materials, hardware, paint etc for toy program”. Application re-submitted.

Correspondence.

- Letter from Big Brothers Big Sisters Australia regarding volunteers for mentoring young people. Brochure on the board.
 - Brochure from Mens' Shed Organisation regarding organ donations. Information kept in the clubrooms.
 - Email from St John of God hospital inviting three of our members to a Berwick Blokes barbeque lunch.
- Motion to accept correspondence.** Proposed Joe Kleinekort. Seconded Gary King. Motion carried.

President's Report.

- Lance Baker donated some jarrah lining boards.
- The honour board has been completed by George Young. An additional board has been obtained for future use.
- Ken Swifte has obtained a load of quality timber from a contact in Dandenong.
- John Damon has produced a video on the Monash University Presentation night and given a copy for our use.
- Presentation night at Monash University was a great success. Thanks to Ian Chong and Mario Santomaggio for their presentation. Students presented Len Preece and Chris Drysdale with two gift vouchers and they have purchased two detail sanders for the club.
- Len will be presenting a session to a cluster meeting of the Mens' Shed groups on our management of the last cluster meeting.
- Open day at Monash University on 29th July and we have been asked to setup a display.
- Len showed the meeting a turning chisel that had been poorly sharpened and dangerous to use. It is important if people are unsure how to do it correctly they must ask for help. The committee will be preparing a list of people who will be approved to sharpen chisels safely. Only these people will be allowed to sharpen chisels until our skill level improves.
- Raffle work is continuing. George Young and Richard Gething will be preparing a program of ticket sale days.
- Our dust extractor will be checked and the noisy bearing replaced.
- Rick and Elsie have moved house and are settling in. Gary King, Alexander Drysdale and Brian Crowe are lending a hand.
- Woodturning Exhibition is on this weekend.
- A new committee will be elected at our AGM. We are looking for people to nominate. See any committee member.

Motion to accept President's report. Proposed Alexander Drysdale. Seconded John McMahon. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report.

- Detailed report tabled.
- 104 members at present.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report. Proposed – Peter Angwin. Seconded Alexander Drysdale. Motion carried..

Functions and Demonstrations.

List of upcoming demonstrations and functions presented and will be pinned on the board.

Door Prize.

Won by Brian Crowe.

Show and Tell.

Next monthly meeting Thursday 2nd July, 2015. Meeting Closed 8.10 pm.

President – Len Preece.

FOR SALE

David Norman has decided to sell some of his woodworking equipment. Here is the list:

**Triton Router Table RTA 300
" " Stand RSA 300**

**Triton Dual Mode Precision Plunge Router
2000W 3HP**

Abbot & Ashby 200mm Bench Grinder

**GMC 1/3 HP 100mm Belt Sander
150mm Disc Sander**

**Wood Lathe - Carba-Tec c/w chisels
18" centres speed 500-3200 RPM**

GMC 2400W Mitre Saw - 250mm

Tarus Circular Saw Bench

Work Bench - Solid unit 4' x 3'

Angle Grinder

Biscuit Joiner

Belt Sander 100mm

Orbital Sander

Festo Router

Hammer Drill - Makita

Bosch Jig Saw

Lots of other tools too numerous to mention. Come and have a look.

David Norman - Phone H. 9702 1440 M. 0419 970 214

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Prevent Scroll Saw Burn

Whenever I use a scroll saw, I find that some types of wood are just about impossible to cut without burning the edges. (Cherry seems to be the worst culprit.) And the problem gets progressively worse as the blade gets dull. Fortunately, there's an easy solution. I just cover the cutting line with a strip of cellophane tape, see lower left photo. (I use 2"-wide packing tape.)



With the tape in place, it practically eliminates the burn marks on the edges, see lower right photo.

What makes the tape work? I'm not sure, but my guess is it lubricates the blade just enough to keep it cool. Whatever the reason, I end up with a nice, clean edge that requires little, if any, sanding.



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That's all for now but before I go I'll leave you with this thought to ponder:

If toast always lands butter-side down, and cats always land on their feet, what happens if you strap toast on the back of a cat?

~ Steven Wright