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Welcome to the newsletter for June 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting July 4th, 1.00pm in clubroom.
Monthly Meeting July 7th. 7.30 pm in clubroom.

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JUNE GENERAL MEETING.

With Winter very definitely upon us our speaker for this month brought us a timely message. **Lieutenant Paul Webster** from Berwick Fire Brigade, came to talk to us about the increasing hazard of **home fire** and the ordinary, everyday things that can cause it.

So far, this year there have been 106 house fires in the City of Casey, often started by the usual culprits such as: **badly managed cigarettes, faulty wiring, unwatched cooking pots and the naked flame of unguarded fires and candles.** However the digital age has offered us a few additional problems. These days we need to keep an eye on our electronic devices, taking care to recharge them safely.

Laptops will overheat if left recharging on a bed or couch, as will **mobile phones** and the habit of tucking the mobile telephone under a **pillow** at night can end in disaster. Overloaded power points and **combustible items** too close to a **room heater** are also on the guilty list.

Apart from those items already mentioned, Lieutenant Webster gave us the following check list:

Smoke alarms should be checked monthly, vacuumed annually when changing batteries and replaced every ten years.

'**A metre from the heater**' is the rule for combustible items and space heaters.

Inspect **BBQ bottles** regularly for leaks and replace when they reach their *use by* date. Check & replace **frayed hoses.**



Electric blankets should always be switched off at the power point during sleep and replaced every three years.

In the laundry, **stored chemicals** should be well separated.

Observe Fire Rating signs. Activate your fire plans when the pointer reaches high to severe.

Make your family, especially **grandchildren**, aware of your fire plan.

At left is some of the literature Lieutenant Webster brought with him for us to take with us.



CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE	GENERAL	SPEAKERS ETC
4th July	7th July	Keith Towe - Poppies for Ypres

FARMERS MARKET

25th June (Rotary)
9th July (BDWC)

Committee of Management:

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President	Len Preece	59405564
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Monthly meeting speaker & functions coordinator – *Rick Hoare*

Newsletter Editor – *Elsie Hoare*

Public relations – *Len Preece*

OCF users group – *Len Preece*

Toy Coordinator – *Ken D. Barnes.*

Machinery maintenance Supervisor – *Jack Croucher & Brian Crowe*

Health and Safety Coordinator – *Whole committee*

Member’s welfare coordinator – *Peter Hollis*

Kits for kids coordinator – *Stewart Moyes & Brian Crowe*

Raffle Coordinator – *George Young & Gary King*

Farmers Market Coordinator – *Martin Van Diemen*

Special interest group coordinators – *Depends on group*

Librarian – *Keith Towe*

Screws – *MartinVan Diemen*

Paint – *George Young*

Timber coordinator – *Martin Van Diemen*

Web/Web master – *Jack Croucher*

Mens' Shed coordinator - *Gary King*

Great Art Show - *John McMahon (with sub-committee)*

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.

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 -	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.



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:



Martin Van Diemen found the large burl above on an old stump in a farmyard and decided to turn it into a fruit bowl. Keith Towe used some attractively patterned musk root for the small vase in the centre picture. Keith's platter is turned from laminated bamboo and as he couldn't bear to waste the off-cut from the platter he turned it into a bangle. John McMahon made the large vase at top right using 5 or 6 different eucalypts. John says it took him 2 weeks to prepare the laminating before he could start on the turning. Bert McGinty created the walking sticks using oddments of timber from his shed. Three of the handles are carved and steamed to shape, the fourth handle is ornamental metal.

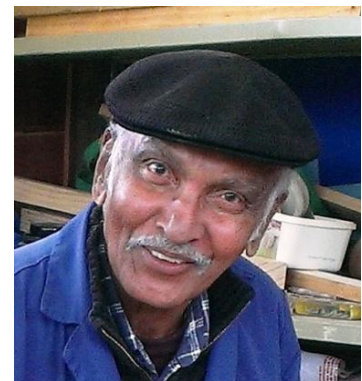
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Though not presented for show & tell, I saw these wooden candle holders that John Damon made for Narre Warren North Uniting Church. The holders are to be given as mementos at baptism ceremonies.

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A NOTE FROM RUDI HENDRICKS. Due to some difficulty driving in wet weather, Rudi has found that he can't count on spending as much time with us on Mondays and Tuesdays as he has in the past. Rudi retains his club membership and will continue to attend Wednesday mornings wherever possible. Rudi has asked me to send a message to his toy team friends. *"I want to thank all my toy team co-workers for their friendship, advice and help over the years we have worked together. I have valued this part of my club membership"*



A MESSAGE FROM ALEXANDER DRYSDALE:

Alexander has recently changed his email address, unfortunately around the time we sent out the contact details to all members. Alexander has asked that his old address will be replaced on your copy of the list, with his new email address so that he can close down the old one. Alexander's new email address is acd1@iprimus.com.au.

Chatting with Keith Towe recently I learned that Keith sends our newsletter across to a woodturning friend in California, so this is 'Hello' to Bob Gerenser of Silicon Woodturners, California, with best wishes from Berwick District Woodworkers, Victoria, Australia.



A MESSAGE FOR MARIYIN GRIFIN from Bob McArthur & Bill Bradshaw.

Bob & Bill have been building the pictured blanket box for Marilyn and were expecting her to come in to the club to help with the finishing touches. Marilyn had a prior engagement to go to see 'Singing in the Rain'. So here is a message for Marilyn from Bill & Bob, "Marilyn, while you're 'singing' in the rain we're 'boxing' in the rain."

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Best Wishes: to those of our members who are unwell at present we send our best wishes. Both Dave Norman &

Eric Guthrie are starting new treatment soon and we hope they will soon be fit again.

TOOL SHARPENING TUTORIAL - by Rick Hoare.

On May 30th **Keith Towe** carried out another lesson on sharpening lathe chisels. He had 4 keen students, **Peter Angwin, Brian Crowe, Alexander Drysdale** and **Rick Hoare**. Keith began by explaining the process of toughening various types of steel used in the tools. We learned the difference between high speed steel and carbon steel and the colours to which they change when being heated, also how tempering works. We learned about the shapes of skew and parting chisels and the different gouges, also the angles of the cutting surface.

After this very interesting discussion we moved to the workshop and the grinding wheels. Keith demonstrated how the gouges were ground to the correct shape and then how the cutting edges were created. After this each student tried their hands at the grinding wheels. We all were pleased to find how we improved in a very short time under Keith's watchful eye. One by one, each of us proceeded through the gouges, parting tool, and skew chisel and all managed to create acceptable cutting edges on the tools. We discovered that shaping and sharpening tools is not a mysterious secret but a logical sequence that can be learned and, with practice, mastered.

Many thanks Keith for sharing your knowledge with us.



Brian Crowe, Rick Hoare, Alexander Drysdale with Keith Towe at the recent sharpening tutorial

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Another month has gone and the winter is now with us and with it the cold, windy and rainy days. It was good to see a lot more people putting items in show and tell on our meeting nights. At our last meeting we were fortunate to have a member of the local Fire Brigade come and give us some very good points to keep ourselves and our homes safe particularly over the winter months.

The public comment stage of the Master Plan for the Old Cheese Factory has now been completed and we will see some action, in the near future, on our new building.

In the near future every member will be receiving a new updated "Skills Evaluation Form" we ask that every member completes this form and returns it to the Secretary as soon as possible. The old ones will then be destroyed.

Co-Ordinators are required for the raffle days, that is just co-ordinating the personal for the days and arranging for members to take the trailer to the various locations on the nominated days, we also need a member to co-ordinate the Gala Day.

The samples of the new hats, caps, polo shirts and fleecy lined jumpers have now arrived and are on display for members to see and try on. An order form will be on the lunch room table shortly, and will show the price of each.

The club would appreciate any squeeze sauce bottles members may have, for the glue to be used. Any member that has finished with these types of bottles and washed them out, the club would appreciate them.

Finally a general reminder to all members, PLEASE KEEP ALL WORK AREAS CLEAN AND TIDY and clean-up each area after use ready for the next user, and please check the Table Saw Dust build up. Thanking you.

Len Preece - President

DUST LOAD - BY BILL MUNT

“Dust Load” is a term I use to describe the total amount of accumulated dust in a workshop. This includes ultra-fine “aerosol” dust suspended in the air; dust which settles on floors, machinery, ledges, lights fittings, loose items, on wall and ceiling surfaces; dust which has worked its way into cracks, crevices, cavities and cupboards; dust which has been missed during cleaning; dust which clings to clothing; and so on. Each person (woodturner / woodworker) is endowed with a specific tolerance to (wood) dust - some people have a low tolerance and some have a high tolerance. This difference invariably leads to differences of opinion on the merits of dust mitigation. Dust mitigation has been a serious concern for some decades. The most important factor in mitigating breathable dust is a sound (scientifically based) strategy for controlling such dust. A dust mitigation strategy will include elements such as:

- a. Architectural design of the workshop to minimise accumulation of breathable dust.
- b. Design of fittings, fixtures and furniture to minimise breathable dust.
- c. Sealing workshops to prevent accumulation of dust in wall cavities, structural members, insulation, etc.
- d. The use of wood, painted with natural oil, to seal and fitout the workshop.
- e. Exploiting available natural ventilation.
- f. Modifying power machinery to minimise the production of breathable dust.
- g. Maximised extraction of dust at the source.
- h. Effective ventilation of the workspace.
- i. Vacuum based workshop clean-up procedures.
- j. Regular “spring cleaning” of the workshop.
- k. Annual wet cleaning with staticides.
- l. Location of secondary vectors (vacuums, extractors, ventilators, etc.) outside the workspace.
- m. Banning the use of harmful practices.
- n. The use of personal protective equipment for individual health enhancement.
- o. Personnel accepting responsibility for the effect that their actions have on other workers.

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FROM THE INTERNET. Following on from Bill's article, I found this next item on the internet. The list was very long so I have picked out a few of the timbers that we more commonly use around the club.

In Australia all wood dust is now classified as carcinogenic (liable to cause cancer) This list has been compiled to give woodworkers a little bit of an insight into the potential health hazards posed by some of the timbers that are used.

This list is not meant to discourage you from woodworking just as a guide to help identify some of the problems you may be having with your health or may possibly have in the future. It is a wise investment to purchase a good respirator especially if you are a woodturner or do a lot of sanding. You may also need to look at putting a dust extractor into your workshop and even a small particle dust extractor which can eliminate particles as small as 1 micron in size (invisible to the naked eye).

A-dead-finish	Australia	Wood splinter and thorns cause skin irritation. Dust causes dermatitis
Alpine ash	Australia	Irritation to nose, eyes and throat, dermatitis.
Black bean	Australia	Dermatitis, itchiness, irritation of mucous membranes
Blackwood	Australia, plantations in South Africa	Dermatitis, asthma, irritation to nose and throat
Douglas fir (oregon)	USA, Canada, plantations in New Zealand, Australia & Europe	Dermatitis, nasal cancer, irritation to eyes and throat

Grey box	Australia	Eczema, irritation of mucous membranes
Jarrah	Australia	Irritation to nose, throat and eyes
Miva	Australia	Congestion of lungs, eye inflammation, irritation of mucous membranes, headache, nose bleed, loss of appetite
Mountain ash	Australia, plantations in South America, Africa, Europe	Irritation to nose, throat and eyes, dermatitis
Mulga	Australia	Wood contains a virulent poisonous principle, used for spear heads by aborigines. Dust may cause irritation to mucous membranes, headache, vomiting
Myrtle beech	Australia	Irritation to mucous membranes.
White cypress pine	Australia	Dermatitis, swelling of eyelids, asthma, irritation of nose and throat, nasal cancer, furunculosis.

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AROUND THE CLUB: Peter Angwin has snapped this photo of Mario Santomaggio with his latest project, a model of an Italian sports car from the 1920s era.



I got this picture of Bert McGinty and Martin Van Diemen on duty at the June Farmers' Market. It was just about the wettest and coldest market we've had but Martin & Bert could still smile. Wandering about on the internet I found this sign and couldn't resist including it here. We have several Bobs in the club so you can decide for yourself to whom the sign is most suited.



Notice at an Optometrist's Office: "If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

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Berwick District Woodworkers Club.
Minutes Monthly Meeting 2nd June 2016.

Meeting commenced 7.35 pm.

Welcome to Members

President Len Preece welcomed 23 members and guest, David Webster from the CFA.

Apologies

Ron Hayward, Peter Angwin, Edgar Spencer, Ken Dorning, Ces King, Lois Berglund-Dack, Brian Crowe, Gerry Singleton.

Minutes of Previous Monthly Meeting 5th May 2016.

- In newsletter.

Motion to accept minutes. Proposed – Alexander Drysdale. Seconded – Bert McGinty. Motion carried.

Business arising from previous meeting.

- Signs on our trailer have been repaired.
- Members contact information issued.

- Dust extraction system has been repaired.
- Australian Woodturning Exhibition is from 17th -19th June, 2016.

Correspondence.

- Nil.

President's Report.

- Email from St John of God hospital inviting our members to a “Blokies BBQ Lunch.”
 - Email from Narre Warren North Primary School asking us to provide an item for auction or raffle. We cannot oblige at this time.
 - We are looking to appoint a coordinator for the Gala Day Event. Len Preece will arrange letters etc but we need someone to take up the coordination of the day and preparation.
 - We are looking for any used plastic sauce bottles to be used as glue containers.
 - Our Skills Evaluation system has fallen into disuse. We are updating the system and will introduce it shortly.
 - The new hats, caps and shirts have not arrived as yet.
 - We need to keep our workshop clean and tidy. We all must help and clean up after ourselves.
- At a recent meeting with the OCF the proposed relocation dates have been confirmed to be over the next two financial years. Also the OCF plan to introduce a music and food day on the last Sunday of the month. We will need to coordinate our Gala Day with regard to parking, access etc. We may prepare an exhibition ourselves for the public to see. Details have not been finalised.

Motion to accept President's Report. Proposed – Pat Mahoney. Seconded – Joe Kleinekoort. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report.

- Treasurer's report was read.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report. Proposed – Ken Whitefield. Seconded – Peter Hollis. Motion carried.

Farmers' Market

- Going well. We need more members to assist on the day.

Functions.

- David Webster from CFA will give a talk tonight. John McMahon's Dremmel session will be deferred.

Raffle.

- Len is preparing a detailed program for the shopping centre visits. He will arrange permits etc. We need someone to coordinate the day to day activities, transport, rosters etc. Can someone please take on this job?

Newsletter

- Thanks again Elsie. All good.

Show and Tell.

- By Rick Hoare.

Door Prize.

- Won by Lance Baker.

Next monthly meeting Thursday 7th July 2016.

Meeting Closed 8.10pm.

President – Len Preece. Secretary – Richard Gething.

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That's all for now, until next time.