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Welcome to the newsletter for July 2016



**REMINDER: Club Fees are due now. Unfinancial (therefore uninsured) members should not use club tools or machinery.**

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Committee Meeting 1st August, 1.00 pm in clubroom.  
Monthly Meeting 4th August, 7.30 pm in clubroom.  
Doveton Show - September 18th

3 - 18 September 2016 - 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. Warratina Lavender Farm Woodworking Wonders Expo will be displaying a wonderful collection of wood carvings and all kinds of wood items including furniture, bowls and other beautiful pieces for sale! 105 Quayle Road, Wandin Yallock. Entry: Gold Coin donation to aid CFA

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### JULY 2016 GENERAL MEETING

**A BOQUET WITH A DIFFERENCE.** Mention the craft of blacksmithing to most people and the first thing that would spring to their mind would, almost certainly, be horseshoes, probably followed by other items of sturdy farm equipment; few would give the idea of blacksmithing as an art form a thought. Our speaker for the July meeting, club member **Keith Towe** has once again given us a glimpse of the beauty that is possible when blacksmithing and art are combined.



Keith, and co-blacksmithing Berwick Woodworker, **Doug Hughes** have been working on the **Ypres Memorial Poppy Project** which is being set up in Belgium to honour the sacrifice of those many

thousands killed and missing from **ALL** countries during WW1. Australian blacksmiths have contributed 200 of the hand-forged poppies which are made from 3mm plate mild steel. Above right we can see the varying steps in the making of a poppy. The stem and centre stamen alone takes almost 2 hours to form. In order to keep machinery in good repair, blacksmithing played a big part in the war with horse-drawn forges like the one pictured left, being part of



field equipment. At right is a montage of the proposed monument which will be surrounded by 15 panels of symbolic metal art.



**CLUB INFORMATION:**

**MEETINGS:**

**COMMITTEE**

**GENERAL**

**SPEAKERS ETC**

**FARMERS**

**MARKET**

1st August

4th August.

John McMahon - Dremel hints.

23rd July (Rotary)

13th August (BDWC)

**Committee of Management:**

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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](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.

**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 -	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.

**AGM SEPTEMBER 1st, 2016. 7.30pm IN THE CLUBROOM (deferred from August 4th)**

Once again the time has come for our committee to begin preparing for the club's Annual General Meeting. 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 may be 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 interesting 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.

Club secretary Richard Gething will be sending out Nomination and Proxy forms very soon.

**LATHE SPEED - by Bill Munt**

*When you finish your wood turning session* make sure that the power is "OFF" and the speed is set on LOW. If the machine is belt driven put the belt on the SMALLEST PULLEY at the electric motor and the LARGEST PULLEY at the headstock spindle. If the machine has a variable speed control, turn the spindle speed to its LOWEST speed setting. If the machine has a cone drive, return the speed control handle to the LOWEST spindle speed.

*After mounting a new piece of wood, and before you start the lathe, ALWAYS check and adjust the speed setting – EVERYTIME.*

**SHARPENING WOODTURNING TOOLS.**

Concern has once again been raised regarding the improper sharpening of the club's lathe tools some of which have been so badly sharpened as to be shortened to the point of being dangerous to use. For this reason it has become necessary to restrict all attempts to sharpen tools to those who are trained to do so.

A list of trained club members, with accompanying photos, will be displayed by each tool rack, **if you need a tool sharpened please ask one of these members.**

**PRESIDENT'S 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

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.

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 is on the lunch room table, and shows the price of each.

I would like to thank Bill Munt for his comments on the dust saving methods for our new workshops which has been received by the City of Casey Council.

Also a big thank you to the vast number of members that turned up at our last farmers market, which turned out to be a great result for the Club. The Old Cheese Factory staff in consultation with the Council are currently looking at ways to improve the Farmers Market area.

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



**JULY SHOW & TELL:** Gary King had some fun presenting this mystery item made by Alan Rundell. Among the varying guesses someone suggested a 'tooth extractor'. It is, of course, a saddler's stitching horse. Alan used his own metal skills to make the foot lever. The core of the piece is marine ply laminated with industrial ply and English beech on an English elm base. The laminating process took three days to complete.



The blackwood cake stand, left, is by Len Preece.

Joe Kleinekoort made the captive golf ball at right using a secret process. The segmented vase in Huon pine & redgum below left, is by Brian Crowe, made in two sections which were then combined.



Ian Chong used blackwood to make his bowl below. Ian added a little worm made from Huon pine. The lidded bowl in the next picture is also by Ian Chong, using Cypress pine with a mulga stem. Ian used olive and purple heart for the small dish and a piece of Chinese elm, given to him by Cecil King, for the larger bowl.



The Huon pine goblets were made by John Damon as a gift for his brother who supplied the wood. The claret ash bowl below, and the pair of lamp bases in Cypress pine are by Graham Rogers.



Next are two pieces by Keith Towe. At left is a bowl on delicate legs, made from apple, which was a prize winner at the recent Nunawading Woodwork Show. The bark makes the decorative edge. Keith has used a York gum burl for his next bowl, again making use of the natural edge of the burl as the decorative edge of the bowl.



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This is Chris Drysdale's sculpture which he has called **Autumn Sun**, which was an entry in a recent woodwork show. *"A tribute to climate change. By pointing your finger at the centre of the sculpture, with your finger follow around to the top opening, where you will have traced the path of carbon dioxide dispelled to atmosphere."* The sun is carved from 40mm architectural grade plywood which is the purest plywood where there are minimal flaws. Design, sanding and polishing was a major part of creating this carving

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**TOY PROGRESS.** With the second half of the year now upon us, our toy team members are well into their stride. Club member Karen Stevens has been busy with her crochet hook and has presented us with a large bag of colourful crocheted covers for the dolls prams and beds, some of which are pictured below. There are 41 covers in all; no mean effort. Thank you very much for your generosity, Karen. Peter Angwin snapped the photo of Oscar Ordenes as he was busy painting the trucks.



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To dodge Melbourne's cold weather, Rick & I recently took a few days off to drive up to Merimbula. During our stay we stopped in at The Berenguer Studio Gallery in Pambula. I couldn't resist taking a photo of this sculpture of a giant cockatoo, created by Peter Berenger from a burnt redgum tree stump. The sculpture won first prize in the Light Sculpture section of the Lake Crackenback Resort Art Show.

**LOST OR STRAYED:** A DVD of Norfolk Island. If someone has borrowed it could Rick Hoare have it back please.

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**From the internet:** This picture is self explanatory and describes turning small jobs without a lathe, using a drill press; in this instance, making drawer handles.

## Berwick District Woodworkers Club. Minutes Monthly Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

### Meeting commenced 7.35 pm.

#### Welcome to Members

President Len Preece welcomed 25 members.

#### Apologies

Pat Mahoney, Maurice Dunn, John McMahon, Gerry Singleton and Peter Angwin.

#### Minutes of Previous Monthly Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016.

- In newsletter.

**Motion to accept minutes.** Proposed – Alexander Drysdale. Seconded – Martin Van Diemen. Motion carried.

#### Business arising from previous meeting.

- Skills Program. Add lathe tool sharpening. Put a list of approved members (including a photograph) on the notice board. Member letters will be issued shortly.
- Scroll saw session in progress.
- Club hats and shirts. Will be ordered when list is complete.

#### Correspondence.

- Email from Sarah Collurage regarding a toy farm barn. Len will contact her to find out what she needs.

**Motion to accept correspondence.** Proposed – Joe Kleinekourt. Seconded – Bill Munt. Motion carried.

#### President's Report.

- Nothing further on new club room relocation.
- Forwarded an email from Bill Munt regarding dust control to the OCF for consideration.
- Thanks to Gary King and Brian Crowe for the sausage sizzle.
- Good to see many of the new members around the club.
- The OCF are doing their best with ground works to solve settlement and rain problems. They are happy with our handling of the market.

**Motion to accept President's Report.** Proposed – Chris Drysdale. Seconded – Colin Ellard. Motion carried.

#### Treasurer's Report.

- Away at present.
- 53 paid up member this month.
- See Rick Hoare to pay fees.

#### Farmers' Market

- We would like to see more members attending the Farmers' Market.
- Thanks to all who helped at the May market. The weather was terrible.
- Parking needs to be improved as the ground is boggy in many areas.

#### Functions and Demonstrations.

- Demonstration tonight is by Keith Towe.
- August demonstration will be John McMahon.
- We won't be having formal entertainment at the Christmas Dinner. Alexander Drysdale will relate stories etc.

- The OCF plans to hold a public function in the grounds during our Gala Day. We will coordinate with them and we may have the public looking at our display. We will add a display of members' items in the function room. We are looking at parking options.

**Great Art Show**

- Provenance Artists will be moving the show to Edrington House next year and there will be no room for us. We are looking at options for next year.
- We are still waiting for detailed costings from last show.

**Raffle.**

- The prizes are well under way. Thanks Martin Van Diemen and Pat Mahoney.
- We need help to organise the shopping centre raffle venues this year. We also need help towing the trailer to the sites. Please see Gary King as he wants to put a roster together.
- Thanks to George Young for his work in past years.

**Newsletter**

- Elsie Hoare will be issuing the newsletter early as she will be away. Please send any items to Elsie as soon as possible.
- Thanks again Elsie.

**General Business.**

- The Woodturning exhibition was a success again this year. Eleven prizes were awarded to Club Members and there was a record number of entries overall.
- Keith Towe has been running lathe tool sharpening sessions over the last 5 weeks. However the lathe tools are still not up to standard. All members must watch and lend a hand where possible.

**Show and Tell.**

- By Rick Hoare.

**Door Prize.**

- Won by Bill Bradshaw.

**Next monthly meeting Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016.**

**Meeting Closed 8.30pm.**

**President – Len Preece.**

**Secretary – Richard Gething.**

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That's all for now. Just these few thoughts before I go:

Junk is something you keep for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.

**Sign in a coffee shop in Merimbula:** "We don't have Wi-fi. Talk to each other."

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

**In a shoe repair store in Vancouver:** "We will heel you, We will save your sole, We will even dye for you."

I like the 50-50-90 rule: Anytime you have a 50-50 chance of getting something right, there's a 90 percent probability you'll get it wrong.

Bye until next time.