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Welcome to the newsletter for March 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting 3rd April - 1.00pm in clubroom.
Monthly Meeting 6th April - 7.30pm in clubroom.

Pakenham Show - 18th March. Ronald Reserve, cnr. Henry and John streets, Pakenham; 9.00am - 4.30pm;
Admission is free of charge.

Wilson Botanic Park Community Event - Saturday 1 April - 10am - 200pm.

Zagame's lunch - 20th April, 12 noon. cnr Greaves & Clyde Roads.

OUR DISPLAY AT BERWICK SHOW

Once again Berwick Woodworkers display attracted a lot of attention at Berwick Show and members were kept busy on both days. The job was made pleasant by the generous hospitality of **Berwick Men's Shed** who made their facilities available to us. We were able to eat our lunch in comfort and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and cool drinks.

Below left: That's **George Young, Elsie Hoare, Bill Bradshaw & Rick Hoare** doing their turn at the display stand. At right are some of the animals that we cut out to give to the children who visited us.

George Young is seen in the bottom left picture, turning the small rolling pin that accompanies the animals.



Below, **Wayne Lucas, Colin Ellard, Len Preece, George Young & Bill Bradshaw** load up the trailer at the end of the weekend.



A big 'thank you' to **Alexander Drysdale** who came along to tow the trailer for us.



CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

GENERAL

SPEAKERS ETC

FARMERS

MARKET

3rd April

6th April

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25th March (Rotary)

8th April (BDWC)

Committee of Management:

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Monthly meeting speaker– *Ken Humphries*

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 – *Ken Whitefield*

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

Raffle Coordinator – *Len Preece*

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 -	John Damon
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.		

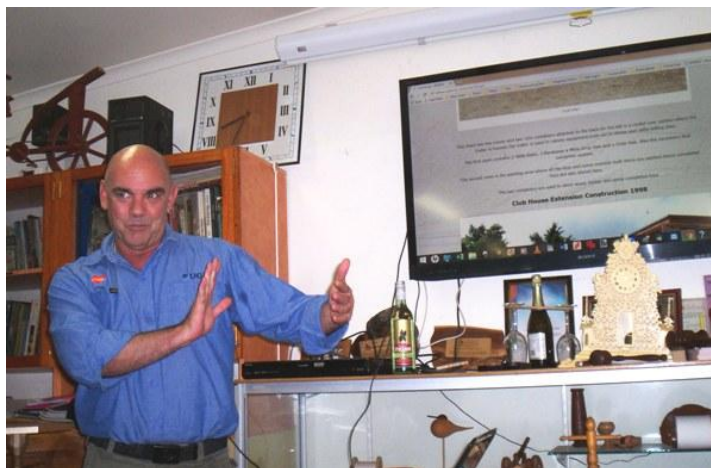
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Berwick Woodworkers wish to thanks **Judith Graley MP** State Member for Narre Warren South, and her staff for their continued support in printing this newsletter for us. 9704 6055.



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.

SPEAKER FOR THE MONTH. Jon Croucher , son of long standing member, **Jack Croucher** came along to give us some pointers on using the club's website. Together Jack & Jon have set up the website which is very informative. There are four different headings to investigate with the opportunity for members to run their own **Blog page** to show case their work and also a **For Sale** section for us to use. At right we see Jon explaining the method of setting up and using a blog. Members interested in running a blog can get the necessary user name and password from Jack.



To look up our website, go to **WWW.bdwwc.club**.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

The Club now has its own 3 metre bin for all our timber off-cuts; it is located just outside the Secret Garden; it is locked and a key is located in the key cupboard in the office and only timber to be placed into it, all other waste is to be placed in the 27 litre bins located around the Old Cheese Factory.

Brian Crowe has organised, Bill Bradshaw , Colin Ellard, Graham Rogers, and Gary King to co-ordinate the workshop clean-ups please co-operate with these members when asked to assist with a clean up.

A reminder to all members to travel at walking pace when driving up the Elm drive and remember, **no parking** on the right hand side of the drive, the speed limit also applies to the track around the market area.

Reminder that we have 2 displays coming up:

- 1 Pakenham Show - Saturday 18 March.
- 2 Wilson Botanic Park - Saturday 1 April

List for both these displays will be on the table this week please consider your availability.

Many thanks to Dianne Gething for her efforts in designing and making our partners' name tags, well done Dianne.

We must also thank Dianne for her efforts in compiling the records of our club.

The Club website is now up and running (www.bddwc.club), set up by Jack Croucher and his son Jon. Many thanks to these two gentlemen.

We also had a very successful meeting last Friday with the Leaders of each of the five charities we supply and the 3 of the local councillors (Crs Sam Azziz, Rosalie Crestani, Susan Serey).

Don't forget the next social function at Zagammes on the 20th April at 12.00 noon. A list will be on the lunch table for members to place their name on and the number of people attending. There will be 15 Members attending the Fishing Trip that Gary King has organised. Many thanks Gary, and I hope all members attending have a great day and catch plenty of fish.

Let's all, have a great year and keep our workshops clean and safe in 2017.

Many Thanks, - Len Preece - President.

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MARCH SHOW & TELL: Members excelled themselves this month. See pictures on the next page.

MARCH SHOW & TELL. **John McMahon** has made the bowl below from a heavy, mystery eucalypt. John has scorched the edge for a trim. The lidded dish at right is also by John, using wisteria which John says was very difficult to use, being flexible. Once again John has resorted to a couple of bottles of supa-glue to stabilize the wood. The trim is merbau.



The small dish below is *Clyde Road* elm by **Len Preece** assisted by **Keith Towe** when the project gave Len some trouble.

The two clocks below right are also by Len, again in *Clyde Road* elm. Len has made a feature of the blue staining in the wood which he suspects comes from paint marking the tree for removal.



The clock below is by **Keith Towe**, in *Clyde Road* elm; Keith has made it for a prize in this year's raffle.



Gary King made the bowl at left from camphor laurel. The dish below is also by Gary and is lemon scented gum.

Just for fun, **Ian Chong** made the small bud vase at left by gluing a bunch of used coloured pencils together and turning them.

Graham Rogers made the two small pots below, from paulownia, off-cuts from a surf board. The vase is robinia, described by Graham as 'back yard tree'

Note: The term *Clyde Road* is used to describe historic trees that were removed

from Clyde Road Berwick when the road was widened a few years back.





This cake stand is by **Alexander Drysdale** made from Tasmanian oak and merbau. The spindle is spotted blue gum with an insert of American rock maple. **Chris Drysdale** used recycled merbau to make the wine rack at right and his CNC machine to carve the marlin on his platter below.



Berwick District Woodworkers Club.
Minutes Monthly Meeting 2nd March, 2017.

Meeting commenced 7.35 pm.

Welcome to Members President Len Preece welcomed 24 members and guest, Jon Croucher.

Apologies. Peter Angwin, Jack Croucher, Lance Baker, Brian Crowe and Pat Mahoney.

Minutes of previous monthly meeting – 2nd February, 2017.

- In newsletter.

Motion to accept minutes. Proposed – Alexander Drysdale. Seconded – John McMahon. Motion Carried.

Business arising from previous meeting.

- Nil.

Correspondence.

- Thank you card and donation received from Cranbourne Uniting Church for sign made by Alexander Drysdale.
- Chris Drysdale asked if there was any correspondence not presented to this meeting. Len Preece read out the list of correspondence presented to the Committee at the last meeting. Could a summary of committee correspondence be read out at future monthly meetings?

Motion to accept correspondence. Proposed – Chris Drysdale. Seconded – Rick Hoare. Motion carried.

President's Report.

- A skip will be hired for our timber offcuts. The cost is well within our budget. It will be locked with a key the same as OCF and the contractor.
- Brian Crowe has commenced implementing the cleaning program. We ask that all members support those who are trying to keep the workshop clean.
- Car parking is available on the north side of our access road adjacent to the club. The south side is only available for temporary unloading and loading of vehicles.
- Please keep the speed of our cars to 5kmph or less in all sections of the OCF property.

- The Pakenham show will be on 18th March. A list will be put on the tables. Please help out on the day.
- The Berwick Show was a success but needed more members to help out. Thanks to Alexander Drysdale for towing the trailer and Bill Bradshaw, George Young and others who attended.
- The DGR Committee has been finalised. They are Certifier and President – Len Preece, Persons of Responsibility – Mr Brett Owen, Mr Brad Batten and Ms Judith Owen.
- Thanks to Colin Ellard for cleaning out a container to make room for toys.
- The meeting with our Charities and Casey Councilors was very successful with good feedback on the type of toys they prefer and how our toys are accepted. Some toys are best suited for older children such as the high chair and ironing board. We are eligible to apply for grants if needed from City of Casey. The council wants to help with our storage of toys.
- The last Farmers' Market was successful with a record sum donated to us.
- Partners' name badges have been completed. Thanks to Dianne Gething.
- Most of the archival work has been completed but will be an ongoing program.

Motion to accept President's report. Proposed – Alexander Drysdale. Seconded – Martin Van Diemen. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report.

- A summary of bank balances was presented to the meeting.
- A pack of pine for toy making was purchased.
- Farmers' Market collection was a record.
- Rotary are working to invigorate and freshen up their market.
- Could all toymakers please prepare a list of their hardware requirements and pass it on to Len Preece, Brian Crowe or Richard Gething. We can then purchase in bulk and make savings.

Motion to accept Treasurers Report. Proposed – Bert McGinty. Seconded – Chris Drysdale. Motion carried.

Functions and Demonstrations.

- Thanks to Jon Croucher for coming tonight to introduce the club web site.
- Zagame's lunch will be on 20th April.
- Ken Humphries is looking for ideas for demonstrations.

Art Show.

- We are waiting for advice from the OCF who are interested in helping. We could have other art groups involved as a Casey Art Show. We will need help in running it and manning the subcommittee. Please let John McMahon know if you are interested in helping.

Raffle.

- A list of shopping centres is being finalised.
- The prizes are well under way.

General Business.

- The fishing trip has been finalised. It will be on the 28th March. There are 15 people going. Please forward \$85 per person to Gary King.

Show and Tell. By Colin Ellard.

Door prize. Won by Eric Guthrie.

Meeting Closed 8.25 pm.

Next Monthly meeting 6th April 2017.

President. - Len Preece.

Secretary - Richard Gething.

The following notice has been sent to us. Since many of us have teenage grandchildren I thought the notice worth displaying here.

Narre Warren Rotary Club Presents
YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FORUM Wednesday 29th March, 2017. 7pm to 9.30pm
Held at Narre Warren Sth P-12 College, Cnr Amberly Park Dr. & Ormond Rd.
Narre Warren South.
Free Event - All Welcome.
Speakers: Bryan Jeffrey, Director of MOAT: Mental Health Services
Dr. Claire Kelly, Youth Mental Health Coordinator
Paul Roberts, Welfare Coordinator

Once again **Keith Towe** has forwarded to me **Chips & Chatter**, the Newsletter that he receives from Silicon Valley U.S.A. Again it is a good read. This month there is an article on using a skew to work on a spindle. If you would like to see the article for yourself, here is the website address. <http://www.svwoodturners.org/>

A NOTE OF THANKS to Home Hardware in Beaconsfield for their generous discount on the timber we purchased for our toys recently.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE:

It was an important date for club members **Dianne & Richard Gething** this month. Dianne and Richard have celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Here they are pictured marking the occasion at a local restaurant. Congratulations Richard & Dianne and here's to many happy returns of the day.



Best Wishes.

Still on the sick list are **Joe Kleinekoort** and **Stewart Moyes**.
Russell Owen has had a short spell in hospital but is back with us again. **Lance Baker** is recovering from his recent illness and has been able to join us in the clubroom recently.
To these and all of our members who are unwell we send our best wishes.

TIME FOR A SMILE:

Tell someone there are 300 billion stars in the universe and they'll believe you. Tell them a bench has wet paint on it and they'll have to touch it to be sure.

Always smile; it makes people wonder what you're up to.

So when is this "Old enough to know better" supposed to kick in?

A tourist was enjoying a beer at an open-air beer garden. He noticed, nearby, an elderly man with a fishing rod and line, 'fishing' in a bucket of water. Every few minutes the old man would withdraw the fishing line, examine the hook and return it to the water in the bucket. Feeling sorry for the old chap, the tourist offered to buy him a drink, which was enthusiastically accepted.

Deciding to humour the old fellow, for his odd behaviour, the tourist asked, "So, how many have you caught so far?"

The old bloke paused for a moment, took a deep swig of his beer and gave the question some thought. "You're the fourth today." he answered.

That's all for now until next time. Ed.