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Welcome to the newsletter for May 2017

DATES TO REMEMBER: Committee Meeting, 29th May, 1.00 pm in the clubroom. Monthly Meeting, 1st June, 7.30 pm in the clubroom.

Australian Wood Turning Exhibition, 16th to 18th June, Kingston City Hall, 985 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin.

LUNCH AT ZAGAME'S



A group of Berwick woodworkers and their partners got together on April 20th to enjoy a social lunch at Zagame's in Berwick. It was a chance to catch up with some old friends as Alice Poxon at right and Joyce Hayes, below, were able to come along as well.



Being a Thursday, Ned Cole had just come from his morning in the clubroom, and I managed to get a couple of photos of the bowls he has made, using the scroll saw. Each bowl is made from a single, flat piece of wood which is cut into rings then glued together. The bowl is then sanded to a smooth finish. Ned's bowls below are made from mixed hardwood, far left, Huon pine, and black heart sassafras and myrtle. This is a clever way to make a bowl without needing a large, expensive chunk of wood. There are a few instructional videos on U-tube, for this craft.



CLUB INFORMATION:

MEETINGS:

COMMITTEE

29th May

GENERAL

1st June

SPEAKERS ETC

FARMERS

MARKET

27th May (Rotary)

10th June (BDWC)

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Newsletter Editor – *Elsie Hoare*

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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 – *Len Preece & 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.

MAY MONTHLY MEETING:

As there was not enough members present to form a quorum, the meeting this month was an informal one. Because we had no speaker we were able to watch a very good video on turning - *No Catch Turning*, while we enjoyed our cup of tea.

The door prize for the evening was won by Colin Ellard.

SHOW & TELL FOR MAY:



Chris Drysdale used some of the Clyde Road oak to make his plaque at top left. The Tasmanian tiger was carved using Chris's CNC machine and filled with putty, the polish giving the putty a ceramic appearance. Thanks Chris, for the photo.

The remaining three items were all by John McMahon. The salt & pepper grinders are blackwood and about 30cm tall. The self centring chuck above, also by John can be adjusted to take differing sizes. The chuck is not for heavy work. John's vase is from claret ash, coloured with wood dyes, using an airbrush, giving it an opal-like appearance.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

There has been a lot of changes over the last month. Firstly we had a visit from the City of Casey Audit team at the end of last month; only one thing they were not happy with was that the exit door near the Grinders was very cluttered. We **MUST KEEP** the exit doorways clear at all times.

You may have noticed a good bit of work going on around the Old Cheese Factory. The entrance gate has been widened and the old exit gate has been closed. We must now enter and exit through the old entrance gate, **BUT PLEASE BE CAREFULL** as some people seem to cut corners and take up the full entrance opening. The new exit gate halfway down the paddock will be kept locked and both gates will be locked at night and opened at 8.30am each morning.

We have also had notification that the new workshop work is being started as we have been asked for a full list of all equipment and the power requirements of each piece of machinery and also the number of machines in use at any one time. The sub-committee for the new workshop met last week and considered all the questions asked and sent a reply to the council; subsequent to that we had a visit from the council officers last Tuesday to look at our operation to prepare a draft plan, which will then be presented to the club for comment. They will also be here to do soil testing in the coming weeks. The committee will keep members informed of the progress.

The key from the Drum Sander has been removed from the cabinet to try and avoid the constant misuse of the machine. Keys are available to all members from one of the committee members.

The Farmers Market continues to go extremely well and I must thank Bob McArthur for the new collection boxes he made to replace the old red buckets. Great job Bob and many thanks much appreciated.

Members are requested not to park in the Elm Drive unless they have a disabled sticker or have a lot of material to be unloaded, after which they can then move the car to the parking area at the end of the drive. The OCF now have a lot of disabled groups using the facilities and this area is for them to park.

Len Preece - President.

LIBRARY NOTES FROM KEITH TOWE.

The Club was recently given a number of books that were acquired by Alexander Drysdale. Among them were two books that will be of interest to members.

Lathe and Turning Techniques - by Fine Woodturning, has many tips and ideas for turners, fine examples of turned work, and suggested projects.

Australian Do-It-Yourself Manual This is a modern hard cover book by **The Weekly Times**, and covers all the DIY projects that you will encounter around the home.

It follows the time-honoured process of us fixing all those maintenance tasks in and around our homes.

THE DRUM SANDER: Due to continued misuse of this machine it has become necessary to restrict access to it. Because of the build-up of glue or varnish that is ruining the belts, we are not getting full use of them. Varnish or glue that is melted into the belt during the sanding process is impossible to remove. The damaged belt will no longer do its job; worse, it will leave black marks on the next wood that is put through it and the belt must be replaced.

As replacement sander belts are very expensive, before the machine may be used in future, all wood that is put through it must be inspected by a key holding club member, to ensure that it is free of glue or varnish.

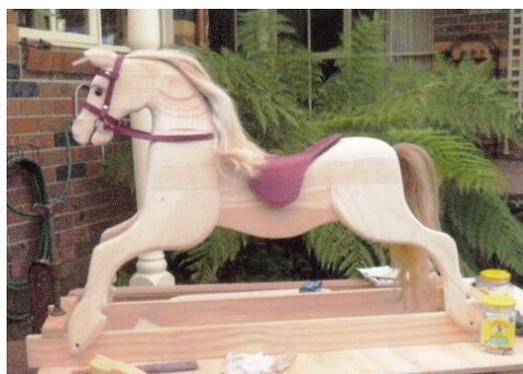
SAFE EXIT FROM THE WORKSHOP : As our president has already mentioned in his notes, when Auditors from the City of Casey inspected our premises this month, we were reminded that the main exit doorways must be kept clear at all times. The chief offender was the side doorway from the workshop. This doorway is often encumbered with work trolleys needed when using the drill presses and thicknesser but we must be careful to leave a clear space to allow free exit from the building.

Our new, more spacious premises can't come quickly enough. (Oops! Did I say that out loud?)

RAFFLE PROGRESS: It's hard to believe that we are almost halfway through the year. This month we have



been given a preview of a couple of the raffle prizes. Gary King has offered us the crane truck on the left and the small rocking horse at right is being made



by Pat Mahoney. Just a bit more work on both prizes will have them ready for the end of the year.

A SMALL ROCKING HORSE IN USE. Once again we are able to see one of our toys serving its intended purpose. *Mario Santomaglio's* little granddaughter Divya loves playing with her rocking horse.



CATCHING UP. It was a pleasure for us to see *Stewart Moyes* in the clubroom recently. Stewart has been taking things quietly lately and is not able to get into the club as often as he'd like. We enjoyed his visit with us. It's good news from *Trevor Smith* who is feeling much better since his recent trip to hospital for heart surgery. Trevor stopped in for a social visit and is planning to get back to work very soon. On the recovering list also is *Ned Cole* who has had a couple of nights in hospital. Ned is home again and says he is feeling much better.



NEW MARKET COLLECTION BOXES.

Peter Angwin has sent this photo of *Bob McArthur* with the collection boxes that he has made for use at our monthly Farmers' Market. Definitely an improvement on the red plastic buckets previously used and an example of some of the work we do. Thanks Bob.

MANY THANKS: In response to my request for stories to make you smile, three of our members' partners have come to my rescue. *Margaret Baker* has lent me her scrapbook of cuttings of amusing stories from the Herald Sun, *Sue Mahoney* has lent me her copy of Russ Tyson's *Philosopher's Notebook* and *Denise McGinty* offered this month's words of wisdom.

TURNING WITH A

DIFFERENCE: It's hard to believe that the animal head at right started out on a lathe but it did. The carving is the work of Derek Weidman and is featured in the April issue of Chips and Chatter which comes to *Keith Towe* from Silicon Valley USA.

<http://www.svwoodturners.org/> is the address is you'd like to have a look.



FROM THE INTERNET.

At left, encouraging glue into a crack on a favourite table, using a vacuum cleaner.



At right, scribing a straight line in an awkward position .



On page 6, from the Highland Hardware Woodworking website, a recipe for home made finishing wax.

The Basic Recipe

- 1/4 Lb [1/4 Lb. Carnauba Wax](#) (flakes or granules)
- 1 Lb [Beeswax](#) (flakes or granules)
- 1 Metal Soup Can
- 1 Qt Turpentine
- 1 Lb [Rottenstone](#) (Optional)
- 1 Tube [Universal Tinting Color](#) (Optional)

Start by putting 1 part carnauba wax in the soup can, then place the wax filled can in a pot of hot water and slowly heat until the wax is melted (approximately 185° F.) Once the carnauba wax has melted, remove the can from the heat (it's hot, use some pliers) and add 4 parts beeswax and enough turpentine to cover the mixture. Mix thoroughly, move into an appropriate storage container and let cool.

Optional Extras

Wax is a versatile finish and you can modify the basic recipe in many ways. Here are a few we've used.

1. To make a thinner wax, add more turpentine during the mixing step.
2. To make a thicker wax, add more beeswax during the mixing step. (Don't thicken with carnauba wax—it takes too long to dissolve.)
3. To make a harder wax, use a larger proportion of carnauba wax from the beginning.
4. To make a softer wax, use a larger proportion of beeswax from the beginning.
5. Add universal tinting color after mixing to get any color wax you desire.
6. Add a little rottenstone to make a fine polish for buffing out scratches and dull finishes.

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Berwick District Woodworkers Club. **Minutes Informal Monthly Meeting 4th May, 2017.**

Meeting commenced 7.45 pm.

Welcome to Members President Len Preece welcomed 10 members. As this is below a quorum (20% of membership) the formal monthly meeting will be adjourned until next month and tonight's meeting will be an informal information night.

Apologies. Keith Towe, Ken Humphries, Peter Angwin, Ken Whitefield, Trevor Smith, Martin Van Diemen, Lois Dack, Ross Blackwood, Gary King.

Correspondence.

- Len Preece gave a summary of the correspondence from the previous committee meeting

President's Report.

- We must keep doorways and entrances clear of obstructions. We had OCF auditors in recently.
- The Farmers' Market road is closed while works are being carried out.
- There will be a National Men's Shed Conference from 29th September to 1st October this year.

- We have received a request for more information on our requirements for our new shed. Our subcommittee is preparing a detailed list and will forward it to the OCF.
- Please do not park in Elm Drive at the rear of our building. This area is set aside for disability parking and loading and unloading.
- We received reports of members putting glued items through the drum sander and clogging the paper. The key will be relocated. If you want to use the machine please see an authorised member.
- Thanks to Brian Crowe for all the help over recent times.

Treasurer's Report.

- The report from the Committee was read to the members.

Functions and Demonstrations.

- We will be looking at alternative venues for the Zagame's dinner.
- If you have any suggestions for suitable demonstrators please see Ken Humphries.

Art Show.

- We will be looking at a local show in the near future.

Newsletter.

- All going well and thanks to Elsie Hoare.
- Elsie is looking for more suitable stories etc.

Show and Tell. By Len Preece.

Door prize. Won by Colin Ellard.

Meeting Closed 8.20 pm.

Next Monthly 4th May, 2017.

Len Preece. President.

Richard Gething. Secretary.



WHY WORRY. from Denise McGinty.

There are only two things to worry about: either you're well or you're sick. If you're well then there's nothing to worry about: but if you're sick; there are two things to worry about: either you will get well or you will die. If you get well then there's nothing to worry about. If you die then there are two things to worry about: either you go up or down. If you go up then there is nothing to worry about. But if you go down you will be so busy shaking hands with old friends you won't have time to worry.

Bye for now until next time.