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Welcome to the newsletter for May 2018

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** Committee Meeting 29th May, 1.00 pm in clubroom

Monthly Meeting, 6th June, 1.00pm in clubroom.

Farmers' Market 26th May.

Victorian Men's Shed visit to the Holden Museum in Trafalgar. Thursday 31st May. Leave from club 8.30am.

Men's Health Week - 11th - 17th June, 2018.

The Australian Woodturning Exhibition, June 22nd - 24th. Kingston City Hall, Moorabin, Vic.



**GOING, GOING, GONE.**

In the absence of a speaker for the May meeting, Berwick Woodworkers took the opportunity to auction off some of the club's tools that are excess to requirements. There were many bargains to be had and the few items that were not sold will be offered to **Barbara and Adrian Corkeron** for the **Kimbe Project**. Pictured is **Colin Ellard** who acted as auctioneer for the day.

**MAY SHOW & TELL.** **John McMahon** showed us the bowl below. The wood is a eucalypt burl decorated with pyrography. The trim round the centre is a raised, turned bead, stained to the darker colour. The horse head was done by **Pat Mahoney**, using a band saw and hand carving. The wood is jelutong, the stand post is rosa-rosa and the base is walnut.



**CLUB INFORMATION:**

**MEETINGS:**

**COMMITTEE**

**GENERAL**

**SPEAKERS ETC**

**FARMERS**

**MARKET**

29th May

6th June

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26th May

9th June

**Committee of Management:**

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Monthly meeting speaker – temporarily vacant  
 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 – 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 – Martin Van Diemen  
 Paint – George Young  
 Timber coordinator – Martin Van Diemen  
 Web/Web master – Jack Croucher  
 Mens' Shed coordinator - temporarily vacant  
 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 -	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.



**NOT YET FOR SHOW & TELL.** Recently, I came across **Martin Van Diemen**, working on his latest horse. This one is to be an ornament for Martin's home. Made in redgum, Martin plans to make a feature of the wood's natural colour. That's the horses body awaiting attention on the bench in the background.

**TRIBUTE TO BERWICK WOODWORKERS.** Wandering through the internet a few days back I found the photo below on the Facebook site of **Jason Wood MP**. Taken some weeks ago during a visit by Jason Wood to our workshop, the photo shows Mr. Wood with a group of some of our regular members. Following is the paragraph that accompanied the picture.

*'The Berwick Woodworkers continue to do a great job for the community, making 800 toys each year as gifts for disadvantaged children. Their members are currently aged 23 to 93, and anybody over 18 is invited to join them at their workshop in the Old Cheese Factory in Berwick.. Enquiries to Len Preece, President on 0408 365 970.'*



**Pictured from left to right in the back row: Colin Ellard, Richard Gething, Peter Angwin, John McMahon, Martin Van Diemen and Alexander Drysdale. Front row, Len Preece, Jason Wood and Brian Crowe.**

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another month gone and what a busy one it was.

The tenders for the new building have now closed and we are waiting to hear who is to be the successful builder and see when the work commences. The work on the services will commence within the next couple weeks.

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> we hosted the South Gippsland Cluster of Men's Sheds. Firstly I must sincerely thank all the members who assisted on the day and made it the great success, we had many comments on the Club itself and many members were surprised to see the high quality of work that we produce. The association thanked us for the excellent effort. I must also pay a special thanks to all the members who assisted with the cooking on the day and also to the many members who supplied the sandwiches etc. for the luncheon.

The last Farmers Market was very successful and we must thank the Old Cheese Factory staff for their work on the area to make sure it was in good condition considering the amount of rain we had during the week prior.

We are also well on the way with the toys for this year and it is looking as though we will have a good number again with a good number of new toys. Many thanks to all members for keeping the workshop in a clean and tidy manner.

**Len Preece - President.**

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**OUR DISPLAY:** As Len has already mentioned, some of the work of Berwick Woodworkers featured at the VMSA Cluster meeting. On the following page is a collection of photos of the work displayed.

Many thanks to the members who supplied items of their personal work to make this impressive display.



John McMahan



Bob McArthur, Brian Crowe, & Chris Drysdale.



Bob McArthur & Rick Hoare.



Martin Van Diemen

#### MORE ABOUT THE CLUSTER MEETING.

Club President **Len Preece** welcomed 57 visitors, representing 12 sheds, before handing over to **David Mudge**, VMSA Secretary, who led the proceedings.

Each shed was given the opportunity to give us an update on its progress over the previous year.

Guest Speakers for the event were Berwick Woodworkers club member **Ken Humphries** who doubles as a speaker for **Senior Rights Victoria**, and **Christina Melrose** from **Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault**.

Ken spoke about **senior abuse**, which is not always easily recognised and comes in many forms: **emotional, financial, social, physical, sexual or neglect**. Services offered include a **helpline, free specialist legal services, short-term support and advocacy for individuals, community education**.

Phone 1300 368 821 Monday - Friday, 10am - 5pm.

**Christina Melrose** talked to us about the rarely discussed subject of sexual abuse in men. The centre is a Not-for-Profit organisation and operates Victoria wide, receiving 800 referrals per year. One percent of those seeking help and support are adult males. For sexual assault counselling within Australia phone 1800 RESPECT



Christina Melrose



Ken Humphries



### **Cluster Meeting (Continued)**

Before the meeting closed, Christina Melrose drew the winning tickets in a raffle, the proceeds of which are for VMSA funds. Pictured is David Mudge assisting Christina with the raffle draw.

Lunch, consisting of BBQ sausages and hamburgers, sandwiches, fresh fruit and cake, finished the morning off nicely and gave everyone present a chance to mingle and socialise.

In all it was a pleasant and successful event.

### **Berwick District Woodworkers Club.** **Minutes Monthly Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2018.**

#### **Meeting Commenced 1.00pm**

**Welcome to Members** President Len Preece welcomed 24 members.

**Apologies** Chris Drysdale, John Damon, Sam Ciampini, Pat Mahoney, Ces King, Ken Whitefield.

**Minutes of previous monthly meeting.** - 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

- In Newsletter.

**Motion to accept minutes.** - Proposed - John McMahon. Seconded – Martin Van Diemen. Motion carried.

#### **Business arising from previous meeting**

- Nil.

#### **Correspondence.**

- A summary of the correspondence from the latest committee meeting was read.

**Motion to accept correspondence.** Proposed – Colin Ellard, Seconded – Brian Crowe. Motion carried.

#### **President's Report.**

- Good to report the workshop area is being kept clean.
- We met with the OCF regarding our new workshop.
- The tenders for the new workshop have been sent out and will be returned soon. The electrical work has been accepted. The remainder of the work will start within two weeks of acceptance. Minor changes will be made to the access ramps.
- We were visited by David Mudge of the VMSA regarding the up coming cluster meeting. He wants to keep the catering simple, a bbq with sandwiches and cakes etc.
- We met with the OCF and Geoff Rankin to discuss the completion of the road work, ground work, fencing etc. It will be finished soon. We are also looking at dust suppression and slipping hazards.
- The Trafalgar museum and cluster meeting lists are on the table. Can you help?
- Ken Coleman has given us a cheque for his membership renewal and a donation. Ken is unable to attend at present. Secretary will send a reply letter.

**Motion to accept President's report.** Proposed – Bert McGinty. Seconded – Wayne Lucas. Motion carried.

#### **Treasurer's report.**

- As attached. Treasurer gave a summary.
- Next year's membership fees will remain the same.
- Fees for the new members are pro rata and those fees paid in June will cover the next financial year.
- The returns from the Farmers' Market are healthy and already exceed those from the raffle in the past.

- We have applied for a Minor Capital Works Grant from Casey Council for our workshop. We are looking for another grant to cover the remainder of the costs.

**Motion to accept the Treasurer's report.** Proposed – Ken Barnes. Seconded – Colin Ellard. Motion carried.

**Farmers' Market.**

- Going well and the number of members attending has been very good for the two markets.

**Functions and Demonstrations.**

- We will have an auction today for a number of portable tools.
- Our next luncheon will probably be on the 9<sup>th</sup> August. We are looking at alternative venues.

**Newsletter.**

- All going well. Thanks again Elsie.

**General Business.**

- The quality of some of our timber is not the best. We must check the timber before using to ensure it does not damage the machine, particularly the saws.
- We must have our metal detectors available and working.
- We have another thicknesser that is not being used. We could display it as For Sale at the Cluster Meeting.
- The drum sander is not in use at present. Use it carefully.

**Show & Tell.** By Len Preece.

**Door Prize.** Won by Colin Ellard.

**Meeting closed at 1.35 pm. Next meeting 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 at 1.00pm.**

**President - Len Preece**

**Secretary – Richard Gething.**

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**RUSSEL'S PAINTING:** Once again **Russell Owen** has taken up his brush and paints. Keeping to the historic theme, this time Russell's subject is Craig's Hut at Mansfield, Mt. Bulla, Victoria. Although not truly an historic building, the hut has become an iconic symbol of Australia's settler history since its construction as a set for *The Man From Snowy River* Film.



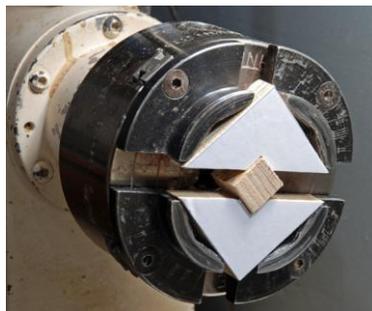
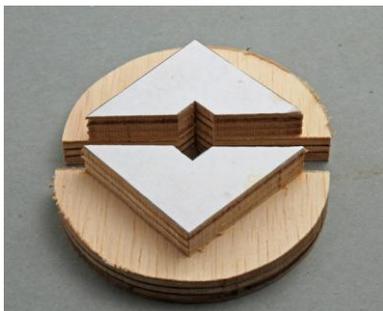
**DAVID'S PROJECT:** An update on the game character mechanicus that **David Murden** showed us last month, in its finished state.

**MARKET REVIEWS:** I don't mean to boast but following is a couple of the reviews of Berwick Woodworkers' Farmers' Market, found at TripAdvisor on the internet.

Just lovely We went for coffee and cake .My daughter is gluten free and she had 2 amazing warm scones, cream and jam.I had wonderful rasin bread.It was a lovely day and outside is just delightful for families. A really lovely day.

Great farmers market I dropped in here to the farmers market as we had a function on at home and I wanted some goodies for the day and I wasn't disappointed ! Beautiful strawberries , amazing blue cheese and a selection of slices ! Thanks to all the... stall holders - it was a wild windy day but they persevered I will be back again.

### THINGS I FIND ON THE INTERNET.



It's no secret that I know very little about wood turning but I thought this homemade chuck for working small pieces might be interesting.

A length of chain, a pencil and a Phillip's head screwdriver and you have an easy way to scribe an arc.

**NOTE: Berwick Paintright** will be moving premises as from 1st. June. Those in need of **Wayne Young's** expert assistance and advice will find him at Factory 1, number 3 Vesper Drive, Narre Warren.

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### BOB MCARTHUR'S LATEST JOKE:

A man and his dog were playing poker in the park, attracting the attention of a walker who stopped to watch. "That dog is very clever," gasped the walker.

The dog's owner smiled as he played his winning hand.

"Nah," he said. "He's not so smart. Every time he's got a good hand he wags his tail."

### MORE DOGGY JOKES:

The police came to my door earlier, saying my dog had chased someone on a bike.

I said, "You must be mistaken Officer, my dog doesn't have a bike."

A dog walks into a job centre. 'Wow, a talking dog,' says the clerk. 'With your talent I'm sure we can find you a gig in the circus.' 'The circus?' says the dog. 'What does a circus want with a plumber?'

**Q:** What do you get if you cross a dog and a lion?

**A:** Well you won't be getting any mail, that's for sure.

Why do dogs always race to the door when the doorbell rings? It's hardly ever for them.

Harry Hill, English Comedian.

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That's about it for now until next time.