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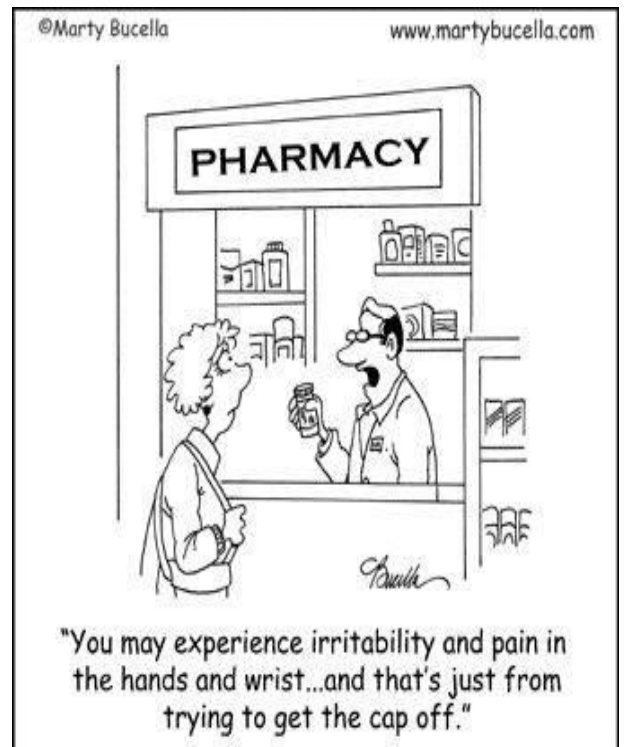
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Dates to Remember

Dinner Cruise on Imagine	Wednesday	15 th March 2023	5.00pm – 8.00pm
Bunnings BBQ	Saturday	6 th May 2023	9.00 – 4.00pm
Next General Meeting	Tuesday	14 th March 2023	1.00pm

SHOW AND TELL



A Pencil Case made from Cedar by Jeff Leahey, one of our new members. The inlay is made from Canadian Maple and was produced by a Laser Cutter. The lid, with a perfect curve, was also cut by laser. It is attached with a piano hinge and magnetic catch, with several coats of Mirotone to finish it off.



A box lid, with silky oak inlay, was made Lyle Johnson, another new member. It was his first attempt at an inlay. The inlay was cut first and then the channel cut, all by hand. Nice work Lyle.



3. A platypus carved by Chris Sturt. The timber is Camphor Laurel. Sanded to 600 grit and finished with 6 coats of Danish Oil and 0000 Steel wool. The base is Australian Cedar and the finished product is going to America. Great work, Chris.

WELFARE REPORT

By Bob Grant

- **Stewart Upton** is recovering well from heart surgery but is suffering from ongoing arthritis issues.
- **Graeme Miller** is doing well after some health issues and is again active at the workshop and around Latitude One.
- **Vince Rush** has had quad bypass surgery and has since visited the workshop. He is temporarily unable to drive or lift heavy weights. He is looking well and being chauffeured around by wife Margaret.
- **Bob Parrish** has been cleared of cancer and is now only required to have six monthly check ups. His wife, Pauline has had minor eye surgery which has been successful.
- **Tony Mackay** was diagnosed with an aggressive cancer after losing his voice just a couple of months ago. He is undergoing chemo. Unfortunately, the prognosis is not good. All members of the club wish the best for Tony and his family and we hope to see him in the workshop for a visit soon.
- **John Antcliffe** is back at the workshop after his strokes and is looking well.

TID BITS FROM THE SHED

- **State Grant:** The application to transfer our driveway grant to the morning tea area has been submitted and seems likely to be approved.
- **Australia Day:** It was a beautiful day and Fly Point was packed out with visitors. The entertainment was great with marching bands, dance groups, sheep shearing, jumping castles, magic shows and bands plus the formal Australia Day ceremonies. We sold a number of platters and members pieces but didn't manage to recruit anyone despite plenty of interest from people viewing our works on display. Thanks to Roger and Dave on the morning shift, Charlie and Ken on the lunch shift and BobP and Chris in the afternoon. The picture, left, shows Bob and Chris flat out doing the sales and recruiting 😊



- **Dinner Cruise** Members voted to do a dinner cruise on Imagine at the February meeting and it's booked in for Wednesday 15th March, 4.45pm for 5.00pm cast off till 8.00pm. The reservation list is on the notice board, so get in early and put your name down. Cost is \$60 per head and includes a delicious seafood meal of locally caught fish. Prices have unfortunately gone up like everything else, however, for comparison, the price to the public is \$89 and the concession price is \$79, so it is a very good deal.
- **Pallets Pallets Everywhere.** Geoff and Dave picking up another load of pallets in the trailer. They all need to be broken up and de-nailed. Thanks to all those who have helped so far but there are plenty left to be de-nailed, so anyone who can give a hand is very welcome. Don't be shy. Strangely, we've found that when the wood is damp the nails come out more easily.



- **Correction:** In the last issue of Woodnews the helpers at the Bunnings BBQ were incorrect. It should have included Chris Sturt and Steve Jones. Each shift needs a team picture!!
- **Morticing Machine.** Following a decision at our last meeting, Dave and Bob are looking at purchasing a morticing machine for the workshop. Shown here is a small Carbatec benchtop chisel mortiser and a sample mortice.



- **Morning Tea Area.** The lengths of steel arriving on the truck for the morning tea area. The framing is under way. The tables and benches have been unbolted from the floor but the area can still be used.



- **School Visits and School Kits** Ines is talking to the schools again about visits as things are getting back to normal in that area. Fred Harvey is also helping organise things as he is a teacher's aide at St Michael's and Shoal Bay schools.
 - We do need more kits to be made up. We need people to work in pairs and make up batches of 50 units, so pick a partner and go for it!
 - The kits we need are on the whiteboard next to the notice board. If in doubt speak to Alen Beard.
 - Please don't forget to ensure that your **Working with Children** certification is up to date.

DINNER CRUISE for **WOODWORKERS and ARTS CENTRE MEMBERS**



WHAT

Sit Down Seafood Dinner Cruise plus Dessert
aboard Imagine

WHEN

Wednesday, 15th March 2023

COST

\$60 per person

DEPARTURE

DEPART: C Dock, d'Albora Marina
At 4.45pm for 5.00pm cast off
RETURN: 8.00pm

PAYMENT

Direct Deposit to:
A/C: Port Stephens Community Woodworkers
BSB: 650000
A/C #: 953293009
Reference: Your Name plus "Dinner Cruise"
OR Cash to:
Roger or Keith via Woodies Fees Box



IMAGINE is a 54ft sailing catamaran.
Licensed Bar, Bar Tab, No BYO. Rest Rooms.
Complementary Tea and Coffee.
It may be cool on the water, so bring a jumper.

Jokes of the Month

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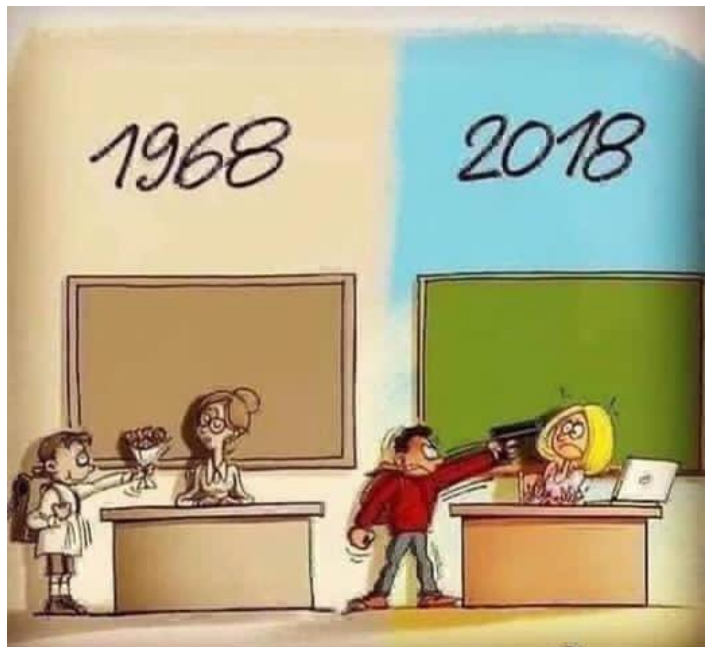


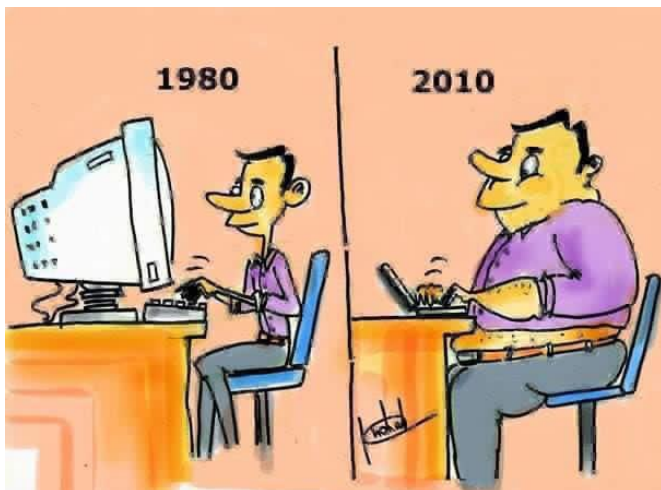
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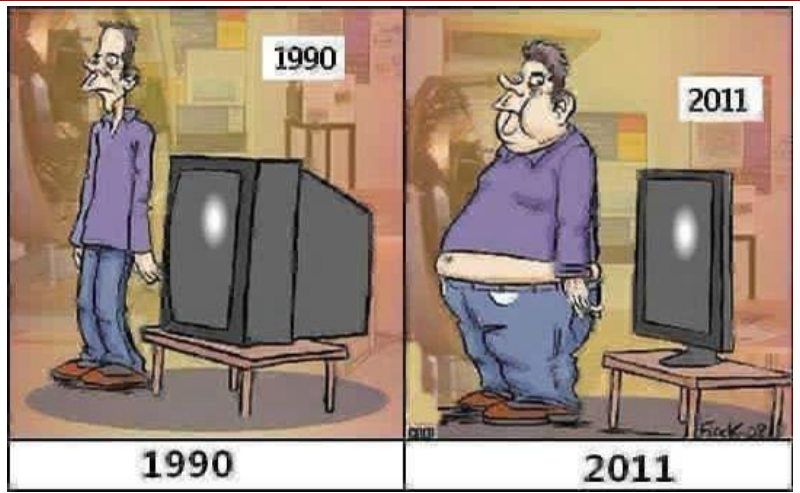
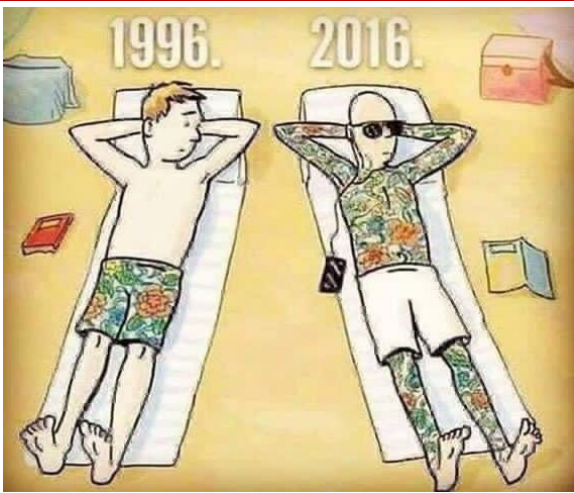


TO THIS ???

Generation Gap! 😂







THE MOOSE

Paddy and Mick get a pilot to fly them to Canada to hunt moose.

They have a successful hunt and bag six moose.

As Paddy and Mick start loading the plane for the return trip, the pilot says, "The plane can only take four of those."

The two lads object strongly. "Last year we shot six, and the pilot let us put them all on board; he had the same plane as yours."

Reluctantly, the pilot gives in and all six are loaded.

However, even with full power, the little plane can't handle the load and down it goes and crashes in the middle of nowhere.

A few moments later, climbing out of the wreckage,

Paddy asks Mick, "Any idea where we are?"

"I think we're pretty close to where we crashed last year," says Mick.