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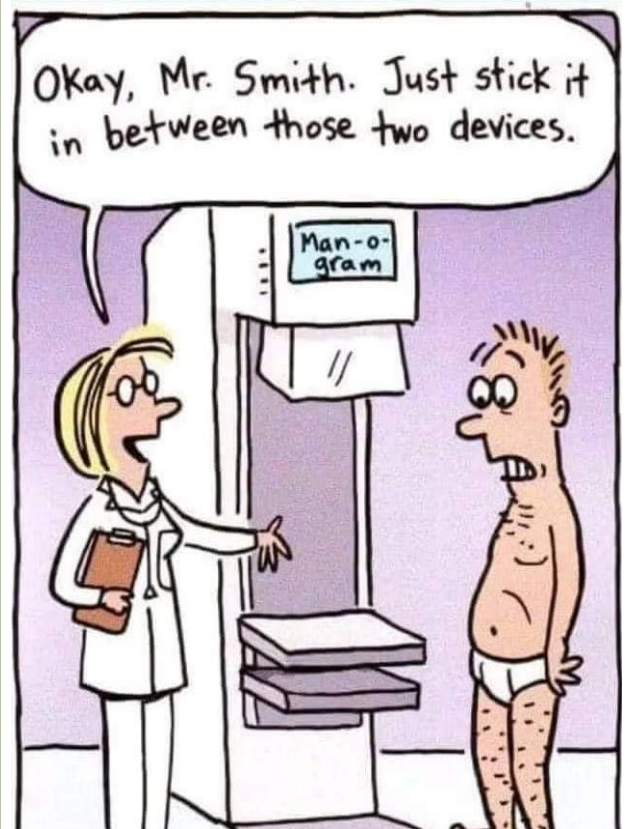
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## Dates to Remember

Christmas Party	Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 – 10.00pm
Bunnings BBQ	Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	9.00 – 4.00pm
Bunnings BBQ	Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2023	9.00 – 4.00pm
Next General Meeting	Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	1.00pm

## WELFARE REPORT

By Bob Grant

- **Taffy Rowlands** has a hernia which is to be corrected this week. And we look forward to seeing him at morning teas as he recovers from his operation.
- **Bob Grant** is currently being treated for an ulcer on his foot and is progressing well. He will receive new orthotics which should alleviate any problems in the future.
- **Peter Haynes** was recently diagnosed with dementia and is currently in Tomaree Hospital suffering from a mystery illness which has caused a severe rash and an inability to use his legs. Not one of seven different doctors were able to diagnose his condition but he has improved considerably in recent days. Respite care is being sought for the short term as he recovers. His daughter is arriving from Canada to support him and his wife Gail. We wish him well.
- **Tony Mackay** reports that he is doing “good” as he is responding well to new immunotherapy treatment. It was great to see Tony at the meeting and having input into discussions.
- **Rod Ryder** is suffering from the symptoms of emphysema and also has stomach issues resulting from a prior operation. He is having difficulty eating. The club wishes Rod well and hopes to see him soon again in the workshop and/or morning tea.

## SHOW & TELL



This Viking bowl was made by Lyle Johnson. It's finished with a silver paste on the top edge and the underside sectors, which alternate with a sunset spray paint. The paste hardens, allowing the top edge to be finished with a scroll roller while the bottom pattern is hammered in. It looks like pewter. Nice work Lyle.





This beautiful jewellery box in red gum was made by Jeff Leahey. The top inlay is in a camphor laurel veneer with a matching veneer on the underside of the lid. The lid frame uses mortice and tenon joints. Lovely work.



This square box is also by Jeff, is made in American oak, with mitred corners and disguised brass rod inserts. It has a silky oak bottom and a veneered top. Beautiful.



This guitar by Jim Papworth is still a work in progress. It's got a camphor laurel body, the front is spruce, a Tassie oak neck and head plate and ebony for the fret board and bridge. It's finished in nine coats of Mirrortone – three coats each day for three days! Amazing!



This single drawer band saw box was made by Ken Richards. It's made from Banksia. It's unusual in that it has no drawer handle but has a hole in the back to push the drawer out. The drawer has three trays each with six compartments. Nice work Ken.



## Ray Belcher Memorial Award

St Philips Christian College



Bob Grant attended the St Phillips Christian College presentation day last year and presented our \$100 award to Jessiah Barnes for this beautiful piece of work. It's taken a while to get the pictures of Jessiah and his work but they are worth waiting for.

## TID BITS FROM THE SHED

- **Construction of Morning Tea Area** Our construction certificate for the morning tea area has finally been approved by Council. Our thanks to Dave Bear and all his helpers in making great strides with the framing and internal cladding. It's looking great. Council also requested a structural engineer's certificate for the framing. Luckily, Keith, who's a mechanical engineer knew a civil engineer who knew a structural engineer and the upshot was that he gave us our certificate after requesting some extra bracing which



Dave added. It's an engineer's world. And all for a case of beer☺. Note that Dave's wearing safety glasses as he cuts the colorbond. Good role model, Dave – as per our policies and procedures manual!

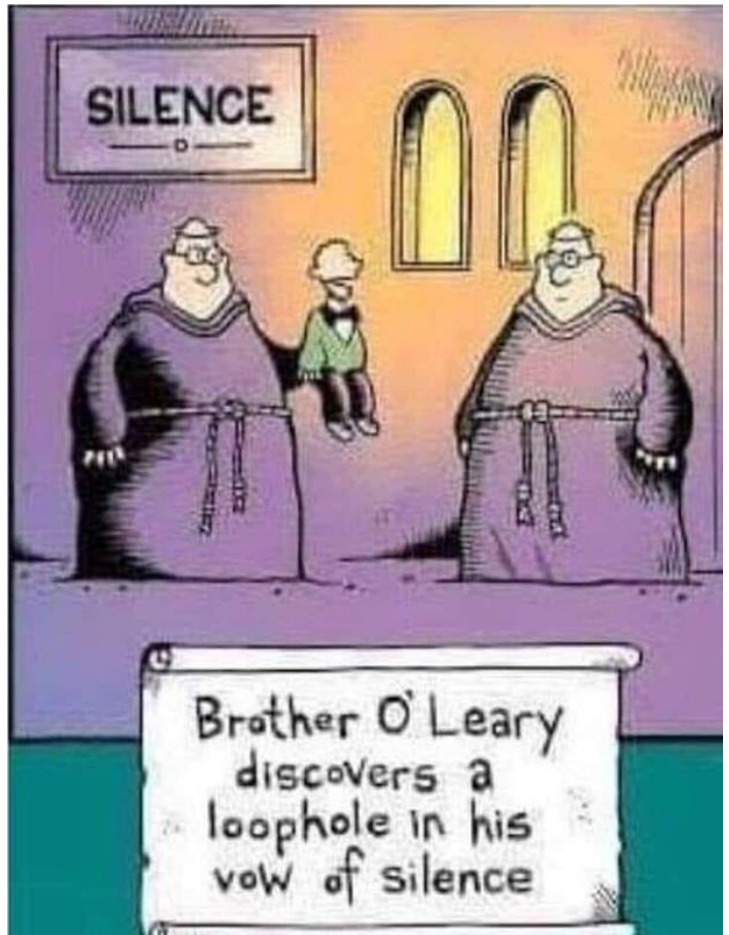
- **Gone Fishing.** By the time you receive this Woodnews, Dave will be heading north for warmer weather. Geoff McClelland, our assistant Workshop Manager, will take over as Workshop Manager in Dave's absence. Thanks for stepping up, Geoff. Dave was also the Friday Duty Officer and Charlie has volunteered to take over this role. Thanks Charlie. Much appreciated.
- **School Visits and School Kits.** Don't forget that we still need school kits made up, so look at the white board and put your name against a kit. We're making kits in batches of 50 in teams of two people.
- **EPA** Our free tipping certificate was only valid for 3 years, so we had to do a renewal application. The EPA had an 8 week back log but it finally arrived for Newline Road Raymond Terrace! Now Council are applying to the EPA to have the tipping transferred to Salamander transfer station. One bureaucracy talking to another bureaucracy. Not good!
- **Federal Grant.** Meryl Swanson notified us that we had been successful in our application for a new laptop computer! That's the good news. Now for the paperwork! Shouldn't it be the other way around?
- **Testing and Tagging.** Greg Cumberland will start testing and tagging equipment for Woodies and for the Arts Centre, sometime later this month. If you have any personal tools that you wish to use in the workshop, get Greg to test and tag them.
- **Driveway to Lower level.** The water diverter hump has been worn down and consequently this section has been washed out with the recent heavy rain. A steel pipe has been obtained from the recycle centre as a new diverter. Just need some good diggers and pipe layers! Please go easy on the accelerator when reversing – no wheelies please, It plays havoc with the gravel.

### Jokes of the Month



The coronation mugs  
are out...





### It could've been worse.

James is walking on a downtown street one day, and he happens to see his old high school friend, Harry, a little ways up ahead. "Harry, Harry, how are you?" he greets his old buddy after getting his attention.

"Not so good," says Harry.

"Why, what happened?" James queries.

"Well," Harry says, "I just went bankrupt and I've still got to feed my family. I don't know what I'm going to do."

"Could have been worse," James replies calmly. "Could have been worse."

A month or so later, James again encounters Harry, in a restaurant. "And how are things now?" he asks.

"Terrible!" says Harry. "Our house burned down last night."

"Could have been worse," says James, again with total aplomb, and goes about his business.

A month later, James runs into Harry a third time. "Well, how goes it?" he inquires.

"Oh!" says Harry. "Things just get worse and worse. It's one tragedy after another! Now my wife has left me!"

Harry nods his head and gives his usual optimistic-seeming little smile, accompanied by his usual words:

"Could've been worse."

This time, Harry grabs James by the shoulders. "Wait a minute!" he says. "I'm not gonna let you off so easy this time. Three times in the past few months we've run into one another, and every time I've told you the latest disaster in my life. Every time you say the same thing: 'Could have been worse.' This time, for God's sake, Harry, I want you to tell me: how in Heaven's name could it have been any worse?"

James looks at Harry with the same little wisp of a smile. "Could have been worse," he says. "Could have happened to me."

## Pythagoras

A Native American chief had three wives, each of whom was pregnant.

The first gave birth to a boy. The chief was so elated that he built her a tepee made of deer hide.

A few days later, the second gave birth, also to a boy. The chief was very happy. He built her a tepee made of antelope hide.

The third wife gave birth a few days later, but the chief kept the details a secret.

He built her a two story tepee, made out of a hippopotamus hide. The chief then challenged the tribe to guess what had occurred.

Many tried, unsuccessfully. Finally, one young brave declared that the third wife had given birth to twin boys.

"Correct," said the chief. "How did you figure it out?"

The warrior answered, "It's elementary. The value of the squaw of the hippopotamus is equal to the sons of the squaws of the other two hides."

**Editor's note** – terrible jokes I know but if you readers have any better ones, send them in and get an honourable mention!