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Dates to Remember

Christmas Party	Thursday	14 th December	6.00 – 10.00pm
Sunnyfield (at the Workshop)	Thursday	27th July	10.30am
Bobs Farm School	Friday	11th August	12 noon
Bunnings BBQ	Saturday	12 th August	9.00 – 4.00pm
Arts Centre Spring Fair	Saturday	9 th September	10.00am - 4.00pm
Bunnings BBQ	Saturday	30 th September	9.00 – 4.00pm
Next General Meeting	Tuesday	8 th August	1.00pm

WELFARE REPORT

By Bob Grant

Bob Grant: Bob's foot ulcer has finally healed up and hopefully will not cause any more problems. He went to the High-Risk Foot Clinic yesterday and they are very happy with the result.

Stewart Upton: Stewart again advises that there are no problems in the Upton household at the present time.

Graeme Sosso: Graeme has had an operation for a cancer on his neck. He is still waiting on the results of the biopsy as various MRI's failed to come up with any positive diagnosis. He is feeling okay at the moment and hopes to visit the workshop again soon. We all wish you well Graeme.

John Jeffress: I spoke to John and he informed me that he is as good as he can be. He is at today's meeting and acknowledges that he hasn't attended the workshop for morning tea lately. Good to see you here John.

Chris Sturt: Chris has had a knee replacement operation recently and is now home. The pain has been horrendous but he has had plenty of pain killers and is coping okay. He is still undergoing physio at home and is walking with the aid of crutches (the short type). He only walks within the house and his daughter, who is a nurse, has come home to supervise his welfare. He is not allowed to drive at the moment but hopes to get back to the workshop within a week or so.

Peter Haynes: Peter is going okay although he has good and bad days. He misses coming to the workshop as his normal chauffer, Vince Rush, has been on holidays. He has recently joined a social group run by the Home Help group at the former Fingal Bay Hospital. They have outings every Tuesday and pick him up at home at 9.30 a.m. and deposit him back at 2.30 p.m. So far, they have been to Whale Watching; Macadamia Farm and a day playing various games. He is enjoying the outings so far. Keep up the good work Peter.

SHOW & TELL



- Two Aboriginal figures, carved by Charlie and finished in black paint. Charlie is the only carver in the Club who carves human forms, as far as we are aware



- Lyle found this bowl, made from Jacaranda, at the Hunter Makers in Taralba and bought it for \$4. It was a bit clunky and he turned it on the lathe into something very attractive.

- Winnie the wombat was carved by Roger from coastal banksia and finished with umpteen coats of Danish oil. It took a year and included a lot of “recoveries” including a hind leg transplant. It only came through with a lot of help and encouragement from Chris and Charlie. Roger was very pleased with the outcome but it will definitely be his first and last carving! He’ll stick to things that are square or round in future.



AGM & Elections

The AGM was held after the July monthly meeting and the following people were elected to office:

Executive Committee Members

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| • President | Roger Delaney |
| • Vice President | Ros Leitch |
| • Secretary | Rod Wither |
| • Treasurer/Public Officer | Keith Bryers |
| • Workshop Manager | Dave Bear |
| • Community/Liaison Officer | Ines Thomas |
| • Elected Representative | Allen Beard |
| • Elected Representative | Charlie Kuhn |

Non Executive Committee Members

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| • Assistant Secretary, | Vacant |
| • Assistant Treasurer, | Roger Delaney |
| • Assistant Workshop Manager(s), | Stewart Upton and Geoff McClelland |
| • First Aid Officer/Safety Officer | Charlie Kuhn |
| • Librarian/Office, | Vacant |
| • Woodnews Editor, | Vacant |
| • Welfare Officer | Bob Grant |
| • Web Master | John Foster |
| • Bunning BBQ Supervisor | Ken Richards |
| • Schools Projects Officer Coordinator | Allen Beard |

Congratulations to all those elected and a big thank you for volunteering to help and support the running of the club.

Please see the minutes of the AGM for a summary of the activities and achievements during the financial 22/23 year.

Membership Fees Now Due

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Annual membership fees remain at \$40 and are now due

The preferred method of payment is direct credit into our bank account.

If you use this method, please ensure you record Your Name and mark it "Membership Fee"

Details are: -

Bank	Newcastle Permanent Building Society
BSB	650 000
Account No.	953293009
Account Name.	Port Stephens Community Woodworkers Inc.

Fees may also be paid by cash to the Treasurer in person, or left in an envelope with your name in the fees box at the workshop.

Fees can also be paid by credit card on Square – see Roger as we have a problem with the phone – see Tid Bits

Members who have paid their fee for this new financial year will continually be highlighted with a tick ✓ against their name on page 2 of each issue of "Woodnews", as from the August issue.

TID BITS FROM THE SHED

- **Smart Phone.** Has anyone upgraded their smartphone recently? Our Samsung S7 used for taking payments on Square is not working properly and we're looking for a replacement.
- **New Chairs.** The Salamander shopping centre upgraded their chairs in the food court and Bob Parrish spotted an opportunity. A letter was written to Charter Hall, the owners, and they were generous enough to donate 30 chairs which Jim and Roger picked up. Our old red ones were taken up to the recycling centre but they weren't interested, so unfortunately they went to the tip. The new ones are white, look good and will also be a nice addition to the morning tea area, alongside the new tables that BobP is making, replacing the green benches.



- **Band Saw (right).** The downstairs blue bandsaw has been moved upstairs, so there are now three in the workshop. Each has a different width blade. The blue one has a medium blade. The thin blade is easily broken, so take care and only use it for finer work and tight curves. Use the blue one for medium work.
- **Laptop Computer Grant.** Our grant money finally came through, three months after we were notified that we had been successful! We've purchased a very nice Acer Swift laptop with Microsoft Office, three years Norton antivirus and internet protection and 4TB back up disk drive. Just what our new Secretary, Rod Wither needs to get the meeting minutes to you faster than ever. We could easily run a CCN router off this little beauty!

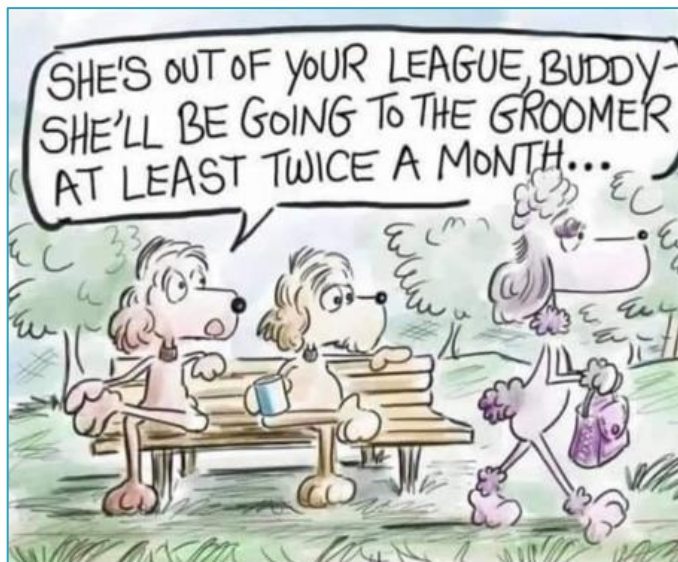


- **Working with Children.** A reminder that we have Bobs Farm School and the Spring Fair coming up, If you haven't got your working with children registration done or it needs updating, please attend to it and let Keith Bryars have the registration details.
- **Stop Press! Morning Tea Room.** The "executive" tea area is coming along nicely! The new tables, made by BobP and assisted by his apprentice Stewart, are now in place. The table ends were made from a donated round beech table, the sides were made from donated spotted gum and the middle was made from a donated kitchen bench top that came from Bunnings. The comfy new white chairs complement it very nicely – no nodding off at morning tea now that you can lean back 😊.



One of the old green tables was painted white and is now down in the café. The other one is outside the roller door and can be used as a work table – **No work to be done on the new tables – fines apply!!**

Jokes of the Month



Whoever made these bar stools is a pure genius. I had to look twice



The Flask

Paddy walks into the building site office carrying a flask.

Murphy says "What you got there then?"

Paddy says "Tis a new flask".

Murphy asks "What's it do then?"

Paddy says "It keeps hot tings hot and cold tings cold".

Murphy says "So what you got in it then?"

Paddy says "Two cups of coffee and an ice cream".

The Gift

On his 70th birthday, a man was given a gift certificate from his wife.

The certificate was for a consultation with an Indian medicine man living nearby who was rumoured to have a simple cure for erectile dysfunction. The husband went to see the medicine man.

The old Indian gave him a potion and with a grip on his shoulder, warned 'This is a powerful medicine.. You take only a teaspoonful, and then say: '1-2-3.'

When you do, you will become more manly than you have ever been in your life and you can perform for as long as you want."

The man thanked the old Indian, and as he walked away, he turned and asked "How do I stop the medicine from working?"

"Your partner must say '1-2-3-4,' he responded, "but when she does, the medicine will not work again until the next full moon."

He was very eager to see if it worked so he went home, showered, shaved, took a spoonful of the medicine, and then invited his wife to join him in the bedroom.

When she came in, he took off his clothes and said: "1-2-3!". Immediately, he was the manliest of men.

His wife was excited and began throwing off her clothes and asked: "What was the 1-2-3 for?"

Sharing and Marriage

An old man and his wife went to their local fast food restaurant. The man placed an order for one hamburger, French fries, and a drink. He unwrapped the plain hamburger and carefully cut it in half, placing one half in front of his wife.

He then carefully counted out the French fries, dividing them into two piles and neatly placed one pile in front of his wife. He took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip and then set the cup down between them. As he began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the people around them were looking over and whispering.

Obviously they were thinking, "That poor old couple—all they can afford is one meal for the two of them."

As the man began to eat his fries a young man came to the table and politely offered to buy another meal for the old couple. The old man said, they were just fine—they were used to sharing everything.

People closer to the table noticed the little old lady hadn't eaten a bite. She sat there watching her husband eat and occasionally taking turns sipping the drink. Again, the young man came over and begged them to let him buy another meal for them. This time the old woman said "No, thank you, we are used to sharing everything."

Finally, as the old man finished and was wiping his face neatly with the napkin, the young man again came over to the little old lady who had yet to eat a single bite of food and asked "What is it you are waiting for?"

She answered, "The teeth!"