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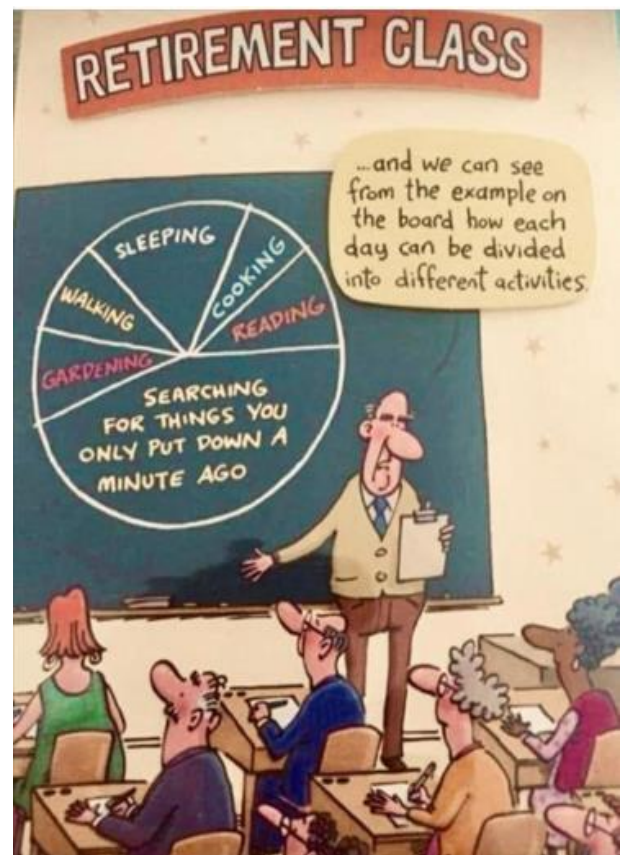
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Dates to Remember

Christmas Party	Thursday	14 th December	6.00 – 10.00pm
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	12 th September	1.00pm

WELFARE REPORT

By Bob Grant

Graham Miller had a cataract operation on one eye. It went well and he will have the other eye done shortly.

Rod Wither had had increasingly frequent heart arrhythmia. He had heart surgery last week, is feeling well and the problem seems to have been solved.

Chris Sturt Chris is still in pain from his knee operation. It is taking longer than normal heal as he is unable to take anti-inflammatory tablets to remove fluid from the knee. He hopes to be back next week.

SHOW & TELL



Charlie Kuhn has carved this bowl from a burl – a lot of work as the wood is very hard. It's got a beautiful grain and Charlie has left it in its natural state. Nice work Charlie

Membership Fees Now Due

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.
Amount	\$40

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 this issue.

EULOGIES

Vale Ron Young

Ron joined the Ports Stephens Community Woodworkers Inc. (our Club) on the 18th May, 2002. He was member number 58. He, and his wife Gillian, initially lived in Corlette before moving to Shoal Bay prior to their departure for Moss Vale.

I am not aware of their exact departure date but, according to “Woodnews,” he was here in December 2017, but not here in February, 2018.

During his time with us, he was a very active member, specialising in carving. He was an excellent carver in his own right and often gave talks to Club Members on how to improve their carving skills. The current **Woodworker of the Year Award** was made by him, and represents the head of a cassowary.

As an expert carver, Ron visited what he considered to be the Mecca of Carving, namely the School of Carving in Austria. He visited the “School” on 3 occasions and, on the last visit, was accompanied by the Millers.

Whilst on this last visit, he purchased some progressively carved figures/items, on behalf of the Club, which are still on display under the TV in the workshop. They show the various stages of carving from the basic initial shape to the near finished product. At a Monthly Meeting, shortly after his return, he gave a very detailed account of what he saw, what he did, and what he learned during his trip. For those of us who knew him, once he was wound up, he was hard to stop.

On one occasion, Ron organised a carver from Sydney to come and give a demonstration to the Club on Fantail Carving which was a great success. After the visit, he invited the Guest Speaker, and some members, to his home for lunch. On another occasion, he invited a guest speaker to talk on Marquetry, a skill in which Ron was also very proficient.

He was an extrovert, and I say this in the kindest way, always willing to pass on his knowledge of carving to anyone who was interested. I’m sure everyone in the Club knew who he was.

He also ran the Raffle for the club for several years prior to Graham Miller taking over the job.

He was very good friends with the Millers and also, Gordon Treble, a former member, who also moved from here some time ago. I believe that Ron and Gordon had known each other in their youth and had shared many good times together.

Ron died recently from the aftermath of a foot infection which turned nasty. I’m sure he will be missed by many.

Vale Tony Mackay

Tony Mackay was born in Grafton, northern New South Wales on 26 October 1950.

Tony boarded at Farrar Boarding School from 1962. He finished his schooling at Bega High School, where he participated in boxing, swimming, and diving. He met his wife in a pub in Kirribilli and they were married in 1973. In 1979, Tony and Sue embarked on a trip across Europe including Italy, Spain and France and cruising the Greek islands.

In 1980, Tony completed his Bachelor of Architecture from the NSW Institute of Technology.

He began his professional career working for Public Works in Sydney and Bathurst, where he was involved with designing the Bathurst goal. He eventually settled in Newcastle, which became an important part of his life and where he co-founded an architecture practice with his colleague Nick Georgiou.

In 1990, Tony began working at the University of Newcastle, primarily focusing on writing textbooks for Architecture and Construction Management and where he served as a lecturer. Tony's work at the university also provided him with opportunities to travel abroad, including a trip to Delph in the Netherlands.

In 2012, while his daughter Kirsten was working in Germany, the family embarked on a tour through Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and Scandinavia.

Around 2016, Tony resigned from his architectural practice and moved to Shoal Bay.

In 2022, he joined the Woodies and helped with Council approval of the DA for our morning tea area.

Tony enjoyed engaging in heated discussions and disagreements with others, fostering close relationships based on banter.

Tony leaves his wife Sue and two daughters.

TID BITS FROM THE SHED

- **New Phone** Rod Wither kindly gave us an unwanted iPhone 8 to replace the broken Samsung S7. It’s all set up in the office and the Square app is back in use. Thanks very much Rod.

- **Bobs Farm School.** We had 9 Woodies at Bobs Farm School on Friday, 11th August. There were 10 children in one group of 7 and 8 year olds and 20 children in a second group of 9 and 10 year olds. We assembled nesting boxes, BBQ caddies and tool boxes. It's a very pleasant setting and our volunteers and the teachers all seemed to enjoy themselves. We can't take pictures of the kids assembling their kits but I'm told there will be some pictures loaded to the school web site. Helpers were: Keith Bryars, Warren Cannon, Roger Delaney, George Falzon, Charlie Kuhn, Ros Leitch, David Lingard, Geoff McClelland and Mike Neuman.
- **Bunnings BBQ.** Last Saturday's BBQ was dedicated to the local Tomaree Prostate Cancer Support Group Inc. aka Nelson Bay Cancer Patient Transport Group, following a motion at the March meeting, earlier in the year. We have a number of members who support the group and regularly drive patients to medical services in the Newcastle area: Keith Bryars, Greg Cumberland, Dave Lingard, Allen Beard and Laurie Lawson. It was a very successful day and we raised \$900 for them.

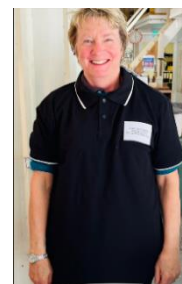


The morning crew left: Steve Cox, Bob Parrish, Geoff McClelland and Tim Stevens. The afternoon crew, right: Vince Rush, Claudio Sandoval and Rod Wither. Chief Organiser Ken Richards, incognito in the background. Big smiles all round – well done guys.

- **TCHA Bob Parrish** has made three stands for the Tomaree Community Hospital Auxiliary. We've helped the TCHA out a few times before - a very worthy cause for a facility that we all have cause to use at some time.

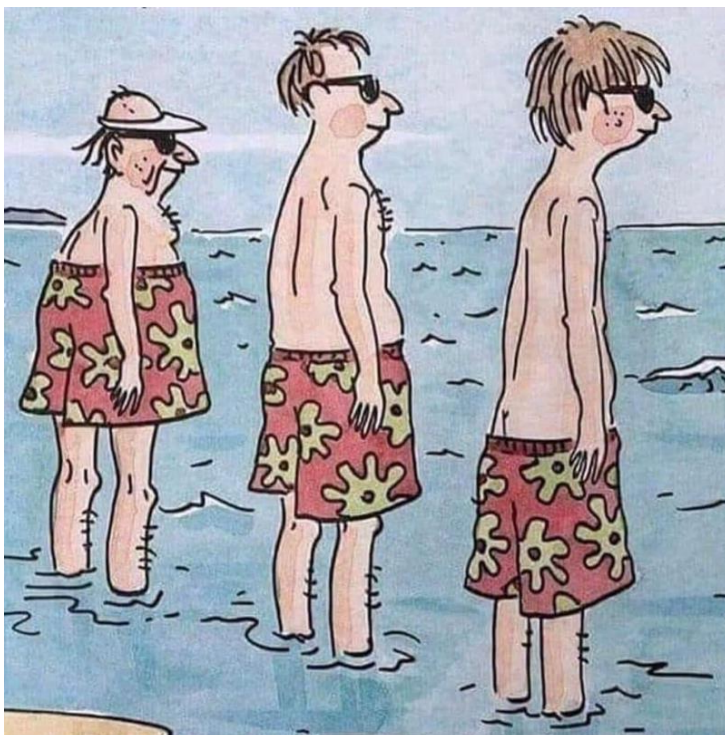


- **Polo Shirts** Ros Leitch modelling the new (unisex!) polo shirts that we agreed, at the general meeting, to buy for more "formal" occasions. These can be purchased at cost and come with a free PSCW iron on badge 😊.



- **Fire Inspection.** We failed our fire inspection for a number of reasons, some of which had not been a problem before! We have deadlocks on three exit doors which are not allowed, so you'll see these being changed. There was also an issue with the small roller door. We have another inspection on 30th August.

Jokes of the Month



RUSSIAN JOKES

Putin at School

Vladimir Putin was wanting to get on the good side of voters, so he decides to visit some schools in Moscow to have a chat with the kids and impress the parents....

He talks to them about how Russia is a powerful nation with a great history, a great future and how he wants the best for the people. At the end of the talk, there is some time for questions....

Little Sasha puts her hand up and says, "I have 2 questions. Why did the Russians take Crimea? And why are we sending so many troops to Ukraine?"

Putin says "Good questions..." But just as he is about to answer, the bell goes, and the kids go for lunch

When they come back, they sit back down and there is time for some more questions so another girl, Misha, puts her hand up and says...

"I have four questions. My Questions are: Why did the Russians invade Crimea? Why are we sending troops to Ukraine? Why did the bell go 20 minutes early for lunch? And where is Sasha?" ...

Heart Attack

Vladimir Putin suffers a heart attack during the Ukraine crisis and falls into a coma. A few years later, he wakes up, gets back on his feet and walks out of his room, right past the sleeping guard.

He walks out of the hospital onto the streets of Moscow, and finds that most people don't recognize him. Several years of vegetative coma seem to have taken its toll on his appearance. After wandering around for a bit, he stumbles into the nearest bar. He sits down at the bar and orders a full glass of vodka.

He sips nervously and musters the courage to ask the bartender: "What year is it?"

The bartender is confused, but replies: "2025..."

Putin takes another sip of his drink to process this information. He then asks: "And Crimea, is it still ours?"

Bartender proudly replies: "Still ours!"

Putin nods in approval and takes another sip. Then, he follows: "And Kiev, is it also ours?"

Bartender replies: "Kiev also ours."

A big, happy grin appears on Putin's face, as he finally finishes the drink and asks the bartender: "How much for the vodka?"

Bartender: "100 hryvnias!"

(Currency of Ukraine)

Time Zones

Russia is the country in the world with the most different time zones (11), stretching from Europe to China. Putin's Foreign Minister gets frustrated with all these time zones. He phones Putin to suggest he puts an end to them.

Putin asks why. He tells Putin he's really getting lost between all these time zones and it's causing problems. Last week, I flew from Moscow to Vladivostok. I called my family at 4.00am in the morning and woke everyone up by accident because of the time difference.

I called Macron (French president) to wish him a happy birthday and he told me it was the day before.

I called the Chinese President Xi Jin Ping to wish him a happy new year, and he said it's not until the next day.

Well, says Putin, these are not big problems. They are nothing.

You remember when the Polish president died in a plane crash? I called the Polish Prime Minister to share my condolences but the plane hadn't yet taken off!

One Liners

1. **Putin at the Fortune Teller.** Vladimir Putin consulted with a fortune teller. He asked: "How long will I live?" The psychic replied: "I cannot tell that but I do know you will die on a Ukrainian holiday." "Which holiday?" Putin asked. "Whichever day you die will be a Ukrainian holiday."
2. **What is Vladimir Putin's favourite song?** "Crimea River".
3. **How do you start a joke about Vladimir Putin?** By looking over your shoulder.
4. **Where do Russians get their milk?** From Mos-cows.

5. **What do you call a Russian wedding?** A Soviet Union.
6. **What is Vladimir Putin's favourite streaming service?** Neyt-flix!
7. **What are the Russians peoples' favourite dessert?** Rice Putin.
8. **What's the oldest form of Russian humour?** Tsarcasm.
9. **Where does Vladimir Putin buy his coffee?** Tstarbucks.
10. **Vladimir Putin walks up to a customs agent at the airport after landing in a foreign country.** Agent asks: Name? Putin says: Vladimir. The agent asks: Occupation? Putin responds: No, I'm only visiting this country.
11. **Putin is planning to build a Russian base on the moon.** Astronauts will move there for good. At a press conference, a reporter asks the astronauts if they really want to spend the rest of their lives in a "cold, lifeless" place. The astronauts respond: "No, this is why we are moving to the moon".
12. **What is Vladimir Putin's favourite doughnut shop?** Krispy Kremlin.
13. **What do you call a Russian fish?** A Czar-dine.
14. **Why do Russians only write in lowercase letters?** They hate Capitalism.
15. **I have a friend who is a Russian sound technician.** And a Czech one too. A Czech one too.
16. **5 out 6 Russian doctors agree that Russian Roulette is safe to play.**
17. **Did you hear about the Wasp who was a Russian spy?** He was a Cagey B agent.
18. **I met a Russian UBER driver the other day.** His name was Pickup Andropov.
19. **My friend was a great Russian Roulette player.** He's only lost once.
20. **What's the best thing to use a Russian laptop for?** ComPutin.
21. **Why are Russian Catholics so rare?** Because they're unorthodox.
22. **Why did the Russian gymnasts' human pyramid fall over?** They didn't have Oleg to stand on.
23. **Why is the inventor of Russian Roulette considered a genius?** Because his idea was mind blowing.
24. **Why are Donald Trump's ties so long?** Because his ties go all the way to Russia.
25. **I saw Putin sharing a few jokes.** I didn't care for his jokes, but I liked his execution.
26. **Russian doctor:** Ma'am, due to your declining health, I would advise you to no longer touch anything alcoholic.
Woman: I guess I'll have to get a divorce.
27. **Vodka isn't always the solution to your problems.** But it's worth a shot.
28. **I'm starting the all-Vodka diet.** So far I've lost 3 days this week.
29. **Did you know you can bathe pigs with vodka?** It is Absolut Hogwash.
30. **Why is Russian vodka so clear?** It's so Russians can tell it isn't tap water.