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## Dates to Remember

Christmas Party	Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00 – 10.00pm
Bunnings BBQ	Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00 – 4.00pm
Next General Meeting	Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> October	1.00pm

## WELFARE REPORT

By Bob Grant

**Graeme Sosso** Graeme is still receiving treatment for his cancer. He is about to undergo a new method of treatment known as Immune Therapy commencing next Tuesday at the John Hunter. It is not as strong as Chemotherapy and it will be some time before it is known if it is working. He will be receiving the new treatment every 3 weeks for the time being. Apart from a pain in the back, Graeme feels reasonably well but is tired all the time. He is resting well at home and was pleased to be able to visit the workshop last week.

**Graham Miller** Graham has been in the wars again. He recently had an accident on a lathe which resulted in a serious gash on a finger. He nicked a tendon and chipped the bone which was quite visible at the time. He had to receive treatment at the John Hunter Hospital and the stitches will be removed later this week. Apart from what action caused the problem, Graham is not aware of how his finger got damaged. It happened so quickly. Good to hear that a full recovery is expected.

**Stewart Upton** I am advised that all is well in the Upton household. Keep up the good work Stewart.

**Bob Grant** Bob and wife Nell are recent sufferers of Covid 19 and were unwell for a short period. Both received the special viral treatment and are now okay but not yet 100%. Neither had had Covid before.

**George Falzon** George and his wife Paula have both had Covid since our last meeting. Both have received the viral treatment and are okay. George was able to attend today's meeting.

**Ken Richards** Ken has recently contracted Shingles. He was able to attend today's meeting and is progressing well. Good to see you Ken.

## SHOW & TELL



Keith Baily carved this dolphin and mounted it on a stand. Nicely painted in blue and grey.



John Antcliffe made this simple finger jointed medal box for a relative. Quite an achievement after 5 strokes and a right hand severely affected . He is doing everything now as normal, thanks to JHH and his own determination. Well done, John.

## FINAL CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

**Membership will lapse on 30th September if renewal fees are not paid**

Members who have paid their fee are highlighted with a tick ✓ against their name on pages 2 and 3 of this "Woodnews", above.

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

## Spring Affair



**The Spring Affair** on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> September was a great success. It was a really good day all round. Very well organised by the AC and great weather, of course. We took over \$600 for the BBQ, school kits and wood sales combined. The four display tables, above, looked great. We sold a number of platters and Christmas trees and assembled school kits for children. Thanks to the BBQ teams of Steve Cox, Dave Lingard, Fred Harvey and Claudio in the morning and Lyle Johnson, Francisco Canvilo, Keith Baily and Steve Cox again in the afternoon. Thanks to all those who helped out in the workshop and with the school kits: Ines, Stewart, Charlie, Len, Fred and RodW. Also, a very big thank you to those Friday members who cleaned up the workshop ready for the big day. No small task.



## TID BITS FROM THE SHED

- **The Tomaree High School Community Liaison Officer** asked if we could restore their silver Sean Moss Memorial Trophy for Determination in Sport. The silver was well corroded, the bakelite base was broken and it was running out of space for name plates. Geoff McClelland took on the job and used a leg from a snooker table that came from the Williamtown air base. He did a brilliant job, shining the silver by soaking in baking soda and aluminium and making the base higher for three tiers of name plates. It was presented to Zac Harrison at this year's Graduation and Awards Ceremony. Great job, Geoff.



- **Bunnings BBQ** The club raised \$900 for the local Nelson Bay Cancer Transport Group at a Bunnings BBQ on 12<sup>th</sup> August. Neville Stansfield, their President, was invited to morning tea, where the cheque was presented. Volunteer drivers transport patients to the Newcastle Metropolitan area for cancer treatment and related doctor's appointments. It's an ancillary service for when cancer patients cannot get any other reliable form of personal transport for treatments and appointments. We have five members who volunteer as drivers: Keith Bryars, Greg Cumberland, Dave Lingard, Allen Beard and Laurie Lawson. Good work, guys.



- **AC Electrical Testing and Tagging.** –Greg Cumberland has completed the AC testing and we have invoiced for 250 units at \$4 each. Well done Greg!
- **New Tormek T8.** The September general meeting approved the purchase of a new Tormek T8 sharpener. Repairing the current one was around \$400, and not worth fixing. All the existing attachments fit the new model.



- **New Drop Saw.** The meeting also approved a new drop saw to replace the yellow DeWalt. The DeWalt is very noisy and the base will only hold on the pre-set angles.



Well, the Treasurer said that we should spend some of our money!!

- **Morning Tea Area Floor.** The general meeting also agreed to have the floor professionally surfaced with an epoxy resin following a quote from Coast To Country. This cost will come from our grant money.
- **Karingal.** A nice shout out came from Karingal Pre School after our visit on 30<sup>th</sup> August: "A big thank you to PSCW volunteers for assisting our students last week at making the lovely wooden craft items which will be cherished in families for years! Some students who were absent on the day and had paid have theirs to take home and finish with an adult at home." Everyone enjoyed the evening; children, parents, grandparents, teachers and our members, Ines Thomas, Roger Delaney, Rod Wither, Allen Beard and Lyle Johnson.

## Jokes of the Month



She said: It's the guy duty to pay the bill at the restaurant, that's why it's called MEN'U 😂

I said: Naw, it's both our responsibility, that's why it's called ME'N'U 😞😂





### **One More Russian Joke**

Putin went to see a clairvoyant to see what the future held. She told him that she had a fantastic dream the previous night.

There was a really huge parade in Moscow to celebrate you. Hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, lined the parade route, and cheered and cheered when you went past. It was the biggest celebration Moscow had ever seen. Really Huge!

Putin was very impressed and said, "That's really great news! The best! By the way, how did I look? Virile and Presidential?

The clairvoyant replied, "I couldn't tell. The casket was closed".

### **Mexican Jews**

Two old Jewish men, Sid and Abe, are sitting in a Mexican restaurant. Sid asks Abe, "Do you know if any people of our ancestry were ever born and raised in Mexico?"

Abe replies, "I don't know, let's ask our waiter."

When the waiter arrives, Abe asks, "Are there any Mexican Jews?"

The waiter says, "I don't know señor, I ask the cooks."

He returns from the kitchen after a few minutes and says, "No señor, the cook say no Mexican Jews."

Abe isn't satisfied and asks, "Are you absolutely sure?"

The waiter, realizing he is dealing with "gringos" replies, "I check once again, señor," and goes back into the kitchen.

While the waiter is away, Sid says, "I find it hard to believe that there are no Jews in Mexico ....Our people are scattered everywhere."

The waiter returns and says, "Señor, the head cook Manuel, he say there is no Mexican Jews."

"Are you certain?" Abe asks again. "I just can't believe there are no Mexican Jews!"

"Señor, I ask EVERYONE," replies the exasperated waiter. "All we have is orange jews, grape jews, prune jews, tomato jews and apple jews, but no Mexican jews."

### **A PERFECT MAN**

A man walks out to the street and catches a taxi just going by. He gets into the taxi, and the cabbie says, "Perfect timing. You're just like Frank."

Passenger: "Who?" Cabbie: "Frank Feldman. He's a guy who did everything right all the time. Like my coming along when you needed a cab, things happened like that to Frank Feldman every single time."

Passenger: "There are always a few clouds over everybody."

Cabbie: "Not Frank Feldman. He was a terrific athlete. He could have won the Grand-Slam at tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star and you should have heard him play the piano. He was an amazing guy."

Passenger: "Sounds like he was really something special."

Cabbie: "There's more. He had a memory like a computer. He remembered everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which foods to order and which fork to eat them with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse, and the whole street blacks out. But Frank Feldman could do everything right."

Passenger: "Wow, what a guy!"

Cabbie: "He always knew the quickest way to go in traffic and avoid traffic jams. Not like me, I always seem to get stuck in them. But Frank, he never made a mistake, and he really knew how to treat a woman and make her feel good. He would never answer her back even if she was in the wrong; and his clothing was always immaculate, shoes highly polished too. He was the perfect man! He never made a mistake. No one could ever measure up to Frank Feldman."

Passenger: "How did you meet him?"

Cabbie: "I never actually met Frank. He died and I married his wife."