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FOUR LEAF CLOVER  
YOU DON'T  
WANT TO PRESS  
YOUR LUCK!**



"Bad news, its curiosity"

## Dates to Remember

<b>Workshop Clean-up - Tomorrow</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> July, 2020</b>	<b>After Morning Tea</b>
<b>Executive Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> August, 2020</b>	<b>1.00 p.m. Workshop</b>
<b>Members' Monthly Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> August, 2020</b>	<b>1.00 p.m. Workshop</b>
<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> December, 2020</b>	<b>Still on. Diarise now</b>

## TID BITS FROM THE SHED

- Installation of the Solar Panels on the workshop commenced on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July and they are now operational. A big thank you to President Roger for arranging this project.
- An Application to be registered with the ACNC (Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission) has been submitted. It could save us on tip fees if successful.
- Tagging machines at the Arts Centre has proved to be a bigger task than first thought with many items requiring tagging. Even their Coffee Machine was found to be faulty. Thanks to Greg Cumberland for this work. We expect to be reimbursed his efforts.
- A new member **Paul McDonald** has joined the Club. Welcome Paul. We hope you enjoy your time with us. Paul has already attended the workshop on several occasions and is obviously a keen woodworker.
- **Ian Wildish** joined the Club last month but I failed to mention him in despatches.. I have attached a photo of Ian so that you will know him when he visits the workshop. Welcome Ian also. I'm sure you will enjoy your time with us.
- Members are reminded that Dust is always a problem in any workshop. It is each member's own responsibility to wear a suitable mask, particularly when they are involved in a sanding project. Simple masks are available in the workshop. The Dust policy is being reviewed and will be presented at our next meeting.
- On the subject of dust, **do not** use the compressor nozzle to remove dust when other members are in the vicinity as it only spreads the dust so anyone nearby can breathe it in.
- A letter is being written to the Show Society regarding the very poor display area for woodworkers at this year's Show. If a vast improvement is not evident next year we may need to review our involvement.
- The former "Post Office" Compressor downstairs has been repaired and is now functional. The previous Stanley compressor is no longer in use.
- Outside clean-up of the workshop area has been completed. This was done during the Covid-19 Lockdown. The Cedar Slab has also been cut-up and the timber stored.
- We have received \$320 from the Port Stephens Council to help defray our Tip Fee costs. President Roger has sent a letter of thanks to Councillor John Nell for his efforts in getting the funds.
- A Covid-19 Plan is in place and all our members are asked to observe the requirements.
- A letter has been sent to the Arts Centre re the vent in the driveway from the Potters Barn. It is considered a health hazard, particularly in the current Covid-19 environment.
- A DA (Development Application) has been submitted to Council to "fence-in" the area downstairs. This requires only an amendment to the original DA for the Building Extension.
- Cutters on the Thicknesser and Jointer have been replaced. Someone (unknown) has already damaged the Thicknesser Cutters resulting in a groove in any future work. **Despite numerous requests, members are again asked to check for nails before using these machines.**
- Someone (unknown) has sharpened the Spokeshave. In the process they failed to remove the blade and have, therefore, "sharpened" the spokeshave body as well. Please don't sharpen anything without the permission of the Duty Officer who will assess if you know what you are doing.
- Cedar Blocks (still green) are now for sale downstairs. They have been marked with prices.
- A whiteboard has been installed in the Office with black and white markers to record maintenance on both small machines (White Markers) and large machines (Black Markers).
- John Jeffress has requested that members use his Mobile Phone Number when ringing him. It is 0417 770 339. Please record as necessary.





**MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE**

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**All members are reminded that your membership fee for the 2020/2021 Financial Year is now due. At the AGM held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of this month the fees were INCREASED to \$40.00 per year. The existing Joining Fee of \$20.00 for new members was maintained so that New Members in future will need to pay \$60.00 on joining the Club.**

**You have until the 30<sup>th</sup> September to pay; otherwise your membership will automatically cease. Fees may be paid by cheque or cash to the Treasurer in person, or left in an envelope in the box at the workshop.**

**Alternatively, you may pay directly to our bank account. This is the preferred option.**

**If you use this method, please ensure you record your name and mark it "Membership Fee".**

**Details are: -**

<b>Bank</b>	<b>Newcastle Permanent Building Society</b>
<b>BSB</b>	<b>650 300</b>
<b>Account No.</b>	<b>953293009</b>
<b>Account Name.</b>	<b>Port Stephens Community Woodworkers Inc.</b>

**Members who have paid their fee for this new financial year will continually be highlighted with an asterisk \* against their name on page 2 of each issue of "Woodnews".**

## SHOW & TELL



A brand-new table made by Bob Parrish. It is manufactured from pallet material with spotted gum decking and finished with merbau decking oil and waxed. Ready for Bob's new home in Latitude One. Welcome Bob and Pauline to your new home and well done with the table. Notice those perfect mitres.



Above right is one of several pencil boxes made by Tom Bonar. They are beautifully made with a tightly fitting lid and inlays of contrasting timber on the sides. Well done Tom.



At left are 2 Cheese Platters made by Ken Richards. They are made from scrap timber found in the workshop and look great. Well done Ken. It's good to see discarded timber not going to waste.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual General Meeting for the 2019-2020 Financial Year was held in the workshop on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2020. President Roger presided and presented his Annual Report which contained the following highlights for the year.

- Several new Policy Documents were introduced/updated during the year plus Job Descriptions for many of the duties around the workshop.
- A new Banner (depicting woodworking) has been hung on the front of the Arts Centre Building to match the existing banners. **Roger didn't say this but he was responsible for making it happen.**
- A new 5/5 lease has been prepared to secure our tenure of the workshop but has yet to receive final approval.
- Several Social events were conducted during the year which included a Whale Watch Cruise, Bare Foot Bowling, and our legendary Christmas Party.
- Recognition was made to **John Jeffress and Geoff McClelland** for their contribution to the Club with them receiving Life Membership and Honorary Membership respectively. These awards were presented at the Christmas Party
- President Roger acknowledged the support of our Patron, **Frank Future**, with whom we have a great relationship.
- Our School projects were again very successful despite Covid-19 causing the cancellation of many.
- Our Club supported the Bush Fire Appeals with the collection of furniture and other chattels. These are yet to be distributed due to the delay in some replacement homes being built.

- The **James Crombie Memorial Award** and the **Ray Belcher Award** were presented to the winning woodworking students at Tomaree High School and St Philips Christian College respectively.
- We had a successful Rocking Horse Raffle and **Charlie Kuhn** was thanked for carving the horse.
- A successful Auction was held during the year with surplus and donated items being sold. Roger also acknowledged the generosity of the Late **Les Grumsen** who donated his total collection of Tools, Machines and Timber to the Club.
- **Greg Cumberland** has been licenced to Tag machines for their electrical safety. To date he has tagged all of our machines and is now tagging the items at the Arts Centre. This has proved to be a big job with many more machines requiring tagging than first thought. We will be reimbursed for his efforts.
- Solar Panels are now in operation having been installed last week. Thanks to the State Government for their grant which totalled \$7,791.00.
- A big thank you to those members who assisted in the clean-up of the premises and surrounds during the lock-down.
- Roger acknowledged the passing of 4 of our members during the year. They were Life Members **Jim Crombie** and **Les Grumsen**, plus **Jerry Runyard** and **Peter Lee**.
- We continue to award Woodworkers for Carving and Box Making at the Newcastle Show with each prize being worth \$100.00. There were some problems this year which will be addressed with the Show Society.
- Bunnings BBQ's continued to be successful but were put on hold this half year due to the Covid-19 virus. We hope they will begin again soon.

During the meeting Graham Miller moved a vote of thanks to the Club's Executive for managing the Club during difficult circumstances and still achieving a great result. It was carried unanimously.



**The Election of Office Bearers was held with the following results. We congratulate all involved.**

### Executive Committee

<b>President</b>	<b>Roger Delaney</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Graham Miller</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Helen Gilmour</b>
<b>Treasurer/Public Officer</b>	<b>David Lingard</b>
<b>Workshop Manager</b>	<b>Dave Bear</b>
<b>Community/Liaison Officer</b>	<b>Ines Thomas</b>
<b>Elected Representative</b>	<b>Stewart Upton</b>
<b>Elected Representative</b>	<b>Bob Parrish</b>

### Other Committee Members

<b>Assistant Secretary,</b>	Not filled
<b>Assistant Treasurer,</b>	Roger Delaney
<b>Assistant Workshop Manager(s),</b>	Stewart Upton and Bob Parrish
<b>First Aid Officer,</b>	Fred Harvey
<b>Librarian/Office,</b>	Lorrelle Williams
<b>Woodnews Editor,</b>	Fred Harvey
<b>Purchasing Office,</b>	Not filled
<b>Welfare Officer</b>	Bob Grant
<b>Web Master</b>	John Foster
<b>Bunning BBQ Supervisor</b>	Ken Richards

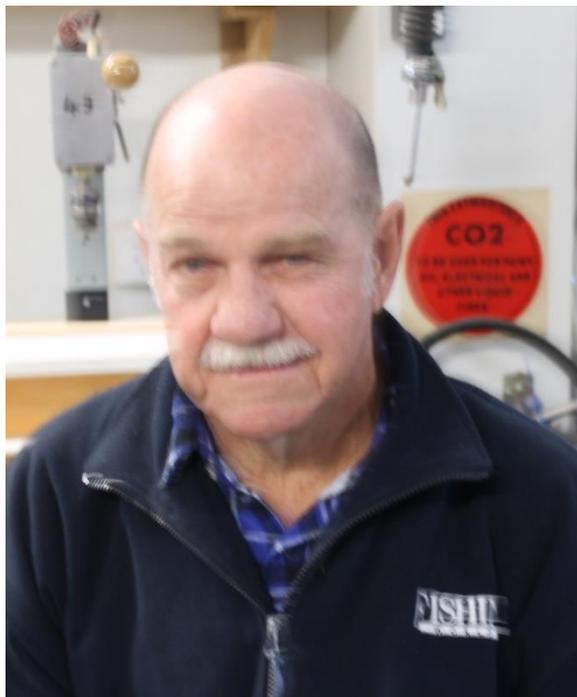
Photos of our New Hierarchy and "Woodnews" Editor are attached below: -



President - Roger Delaney



Secretary - Helen Gilmour



Treasurer - David Lingard



Woodnews Editor - Fred Harvey

President Roger expressed his thanks to retiring Vice President and Bunnings BBQ Supervisor, **Col Bridgeman** and retiring Treasurer and Woodnews Editor **Bob Grant** for their contribution to the Club over many years.

### TALES OF THE MONTH

## 12 Commandments for growing older

- #1 - Talk to yourself. There are times when you need expert advice.
- #2 - "*In Style*" relates to the clothes that still fit.
- #3 - You don't need anger management. You need people to stop pissing you off.
- #4 - Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
- #5 - The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "*I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it.*"
- #6 - "*On time*" is when you get there.

#7 - Even duct tape can't fix stupid - but it sure does muffle the sound.

#8 - It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.

#9 - Lately, You've noticed people your age are so much older than you.

#10 - Growing old should have taken longer.

#11 - Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.

#12 - You still haven't learned to act your age, and hope you never will.

And one more:

"One for the road" means going to the toilet before you leave home.

If you happen to possess any \$USD bills please note that the \$1.00; \$20.00; \$50.00; & \$100.00 are no longer legal as they depict slave owners on them. You can send them to me so that I can see to it that they are disposed of correctly.



#### Four things you can't get back.

The Stone after it is thrown.

The Word after it has been said.

The Occasion after it is missed.

The Time after it is gone.

#### Men strike back!

How many men does it take to open a beer? **None.** It should be open when she brings it.

Why is a Laundromat a really bad place to pick up a woman? **Because a woman who can't even afford a washing machine will probably never be able to support you.**

Why do women have smaller feet than men? **It's one of those 'evolutionary things' that allows them to stand closer to the kitchen sink.**

How do you know when a woman is about to say something smart? **When she starts a sentence with 'A man once told me'.**

How do you fix a woman's watch? **You don't.** There is a clock on the oven.

If your dog is barking at the back door and your wife is yelling at the front door, who do you let in first? **The dog, of course.** He'll shut up once you let him in.

Scientists have discovered a food that diminishes a woman's sex drive by 90%. It's called a **Wedding Cake**.

Why do men die before their wives? **They want to**.

Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy

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**Home milk delivery was once a regular service. The milkman often carried eggs & other items. Here is a collection of notes left by house holders in milk bottles by the front door.**

**\*\*Dear milkman: I've just had a baby, please leave another one.**

**\*\*Please leave an extra pint of paralysed milk.**

**\*\*Cancel one pint after the day after today.**

**\*\*From now on please leave two pints every other day and one pint on the days in between, except Wednesdays and Saturdays when I don't want any milk.**

**\*\*Sorry about yesterday's note, I didn't mean one egg and a dozen pints, but the other way round.**

**\*\*Please leave no milk today. When I say today, I mean tomorrow, for I wrote this note yesterday.**

**\*\*Please don't leave any more milk. All they do is drink it.**

**\*\*Please cancel milk. I have nothing coming into the house but two sons on the dole.**

**\*\*Sorry not to have paid your bill before, but my wife had a baby and I've been carrying it around in my pocket for weeks.**

**\*\*Please send me a Government form for cheap milk, for I have a baby two months old and did not know about it until a neighbour told me.**

**\*\*Please send me details about cheap milk as I am stagnant.**

**\*\*My back door is open. Please put milk in 'fridge, get money out of cup in drawer and leave change on kitchen table in pence, because we want to play bingo tonight.**

**\*\*When you leave my milk please knock on window and wake me because I want you to give me a hand to turn the mattress.**

**\*\*Milkman, please put the coal on the boiler, let dog out and put newspaper inside the screen door. PS. Don't leave any milk.**

**\*\*No milk. Please don't leave milk at No. 14 either as he is dead until further notice.**

### **The Mud Crab**

**An Aborigine name Gidgee from Kakadu was caught putting a Mud Crab into the boot of his car by the local Ranger.**

**The Ranger informed Gidgee that the catching of Mud Crabs was illegal, as they were a protected species, and that he would be charged.**

**Gidgee informed the Ranger that all was not as it seemed. He explained that the Mud Crab was actually a pet named "Billie" and as he didn't live near water, he would often take Billie down to the stream to let him have a swim. After a few minutes in the water he would call "Billie" back to the shore and return home.**

**The Ranger thought this was too good to be true so he asked Gidgee to show him.**

**So, Gidgee picked up the Crab and gently placed him in the water and they both watched it swim away. After a couple of minutes, the Ranger said to Gidgee, "That's enough, call the Mud Crab back and well go. Gidgee replied, "What mud crab".**

### **SUNDAY**

A group of Britons were travelling by tour bus through Holland.

As they stopped at a cheese farm, a young guide led them through the process of cheese making, explaining that goat's milk was used.

She showed the group a lovely hillside where many goats were grazing.

'These' she explained, 'Are the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produce.'

She then asked, 'What do you do in England with your old goats?'

A spry old gentleman at the back answered, 'They send us on bus tours!'

### **Bob Grant**

**Editor for the final Time.** A big thank you to all for your friendship and support over the years. Much appreciated. Hopefully, I will be able to spend more time doing woodworking in the workshop in the future.

# WOODNEWS



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## Some More Quotes.

The wife's mother said: 'When you're dead, I'll dance on your grave.' I said: 'Good. I'm being buried at sea.' [Les Dawson \(1931-1993\)](#)

'Room service? Send up a larger room.' [Groucho Marx \(1890-1977\)](#)

'My friend keeps telling me I'm in the closet . . . I just say it's Narnia business!' [Will Ferrell \(July 16 1967-\)](#)

'I was in love with a beautiful blonde once, dear. She drove me to drink. That's the one thing I'm so indebted to her for.' [WC Fields \(1880-1946\)](#)

'A few decades ago, we had Johnny Cash, Bob Hope and Steve Jobs. Now we have no Cash, no Hope and no Jobs.' [Bill Murray \(September 21 1950-\)](#)

Toughest job I ever had: selling doors, door to door.' [Bill Bailey \(January 13 1964-\)](#)

'Just because nobody complains doesn't mean all parachutes are perfect.' [Benny Hill \(1924-1992\)](#)

'When I die, I want to go peacefully like my grandfather did – in his sleep. Not yelling and screaming like the passengers in his car.' [Bob Monkhouse \(1928-2003\)](#)