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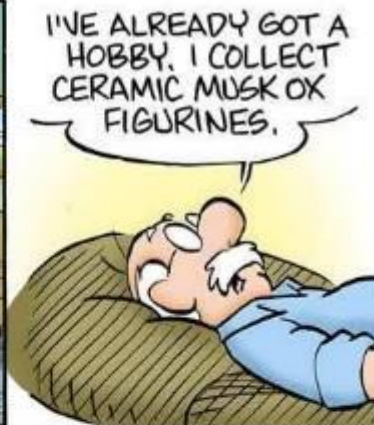
## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Just when you thought you would not be hearing from me again as President, here I am again, but with some good news that I wanted to share with you before 'riding off into the sunset'. All will be explained below.

Firstly, I am glad to say the board accepted my resignation, not that I had given them much choice. However, at the next Club meeting, a week later, Terry Jones put up his hand to take over. This was very good news for me and very good news for the Club. This nomination has to be approved by the board. As I was 'acting' President the board can agree to Terry's appointment, but, like all positions in the club, Terry will need to stand for the position at the next AGM, something he intends to do. This is good news as CCWT needs some stability at this time as our future is still not secure. We only have three and a half years left on this lease.



The second piece of good news is the opening of our Wednesday evening workshop. This was something I had long proposed and to see it happen just before I retire as president was especially satisfying. Richard W and Bernie C are the leaders at this evening workshop, though while Bernie is away Ron is standing in. This is great as right from the first night we have at least five beginners, four of whom are new members.



Remember, this is not just for beginners, existing members are welcome to come along. Just remember you might be asked to give up your lathe if more beginners come along. This means the workshop is open six days of the week. As I drove to the workshop on Monday, I was considering how to phrase my disappointment at the falling numbers attending the workshop. However, on arriving I could not park, nor find a lathe, should I have wanted one. Let's hope this Thursday and Friday are the same.

We are also open on Thursday afternoon for experienced turners. This to give instructors and board members time to do their own tuning. I say experienced turners only, as instructors will be on the lathes for their own projects. That is not to say they won't mind giving the odd piece of advice, but remember they are there to do their own thing.

There are some developments in relation to sales. We enjoyed some level of success at the Gosford Show, organised on our behalf by Valda. It proved the saying that if the right person turns up on the right day, price is not the concern. I managed to sell a \$250 bowl because the right person showed up. Whilst we thank Valda for all the work she put into this year's sale, and whilst the board has agreed to participate in the Gosford show next year, we were unable to guarantee the requirements needed next year, so we are looking for someone else to organise our participation in 2026.

This long weekend we will be showing at the Jilliby School on Saturday and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Still on sales Don has done a lot of work on producing a spreadsheet to help streamlining the finance side of sales. As Don has not been well recently, now that he is well on the road to recovery we look forward to putting this into use. It is hoped the spreadsheet will reduce the paper work on the day, as well as making calculations of donation to the club and calculating their own return.



Facilities at the club workshop are developing. The second container now has shelving ready for wood sales to members. All sales at the club will be going into the club operating account with a percentage donated to the toy fund. There is a large quantity of wood donated to the club and stock piled by the containers and at Alan Smith's property. As soon as the ground is dry enough, we intend to organise some working bees to cut and store this wood. At the moment we are not accepting any more timber, unless it is a special species. Every so often we get offered wood from a deceased estate. We woodturners like to build up our own supply. This wood is usually dry and in reasonable sized blocks. Again, we have a supply of wood at the workshop.

So, members after six years and three months, this is my last report. Thank you for your support during that time and, if I have forgotten anything, it explains why it is time for new hands at the helm.

Peter



**If a woman is upset, hold her and tell her how beautiful she is.**  
**If she growls, slowly retreat to a safe distance and throw chocolate.**



**Minutes of the General Meeting @ The Workshop  
held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

The meeting was opened at 12.20pm by  
Peter Hamilton

Minutes taken by Steve Farr

**Guest Speaker:** Nil



**Show and Tell:**  
Conducted by: Richard Waterfield

**Show and Tell:** Conducted by:

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Item:</b>	<b>Woods used:</b>
Roger Dixon	Bowl with Insert	Silky Oak
Nathalle Lamond	Owl Pyrography x 2	Jarrah
Nathalle Lamond	Snake Bowl	Rosewood
Nathalle Lamond	UFO light	Camphor Laurel
Nathalle Lamond & Ron	Bowl	Blackbutt Burl
Mick	Taj Mahal Box	Gidgi
Mick	Mortar & Pestle	4 types Pine Maple & Hardwood
Mick	Egg cup and Serviette Holder	Maple
Ferdie	Unfinished Bowl	Camphor

**Winner:** Nathalle Lamond

**Lucky Door Prize:** went to John Butlin

**Attendance:** 23 members, 6 apologies, nil associates and nil visitors.

**Welfare:**

- Michael Dahl is recovering and our thoughts go to him.
  - Alan Smith is slowly getting his hearing and health back and we wish him a speedy recovery.
  - Mark Board is recovering from a fall.
  - Sue Wood has been unwell, and
  - Peter Wood is in hospital.
- We all wish them well and a speedy recovery

**Minutes:** It was moved by John Butlin and seconded by Dom Pirlo that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in March 2025 be accepted. Passed.

### **Business Arising:**

- ✚ Workshop New home Project – Work is continuing in this space and Peter reported the Board is actively looking for alternatives but when dealing with Local, State and Federal Governments it takes time.
- ✚ The Bunnings BBQ in Easter Monday – It went very well with taking \$2800+ for a spend of \$603
  - Our thanks go to all those who helped on the day especially Bernie for his cooking skills and onion preparation (with very little tears, so I'm told ☺ )

### **Coming Events:**

- ✚ Christmas In July – Rooster (John Lea). Reported things are going well and all money will be required by the next general meeting (21<sup>st</sup> June 2025)
- ✚ Next Bunnings BBQ's – Peter reported – Ian Stokes has been told of a Date in November plus one in July – August these dates will be confirmed
- ✚ Creative Journey (An Open Studio Trail) which will be run on Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th July by the Central Coast Council. – We will put in a submission of interest to the Council and hopefully be included in this. If successful we will open the workshop for the weekend 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> July and will need a team to help run the 2 days.



### **Correspondence:**

#### **Inwards:**

- ✚ Men Shed “ShedFEST” 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 at Wallsend Diggers
- ✚ Peter Hamilton's Formal Resignation as President of the Club and Presidents Report (sent to all members)
- ✚ Membership enquires – At the Club and via phone
- ✚ Membership enquires on opening the workshop on Wednesday evenings
- ✚ Paul from hearing Australia on conducting hearing tests for the club
- ✚ Greg from Gosford Show – On feedback on the show and ideas for next year
- ✚ Valda Barton's Show report to the Board

#### **Outwards:**

- ✚ Answered several emails re: new workshop and opening times.

### **Business Arising from Correspondence:**

- ✚ Terry Jones put his name forward as Acting President until the next AGM, this was gladly accepted by all members present – Peter offered to help Terry move into the role and provide any support he needed to make the transition smooth.
- ✚ Richard Waterfield will open the workshop on Wednesday evenings with the help of other Board members as required.
- ✚ Steve Farr will contact Paul from Hearing Australia to setup a time for hearing tests at the club

It was moved by Terry Jones and seconded by Graham Craike that the correspondence be accepted. Passed.



**Financial Report:** Chris Strong presented the reports for May 2025.

End of April

Operating Account: Debit -\$5,626.10 Savings Account: Credit \$8,062.27

Toy Fund: \$408.51

Note: The large debit/credit numbers are because \$5,000 + the proceeds of the last Bunnings BBQ, were transferred into the savings account.

**New Members:** During the month of April and May we have continued to see new members joining the club with interest shown at the Gosford Show and at the Bunnings BBQs. This has resulted in Wednesday Evenings being reinstated for training as a number of new members work full time.

**Raffle:** Won by Roger Second prize: Steve Farr

#### **Other Reports:**

**Workshop:** Peter asked that items be returned to their correct place in the cupboards. It was also noted that the Kitchen needed to be cleaned before Bernie could start the BBQ today. Please clean up as you go and make sure that items used are cleaned and not left out for others to tidy.

It was also noted, with thanks, that the workshop and the machines are being cleaned after use. Please keep up the good work.

**Carvers:** Sue has been unwell, so, no report from the carvers

**Scrollers:** No report of any scrolling – note one new member is interested in scroll sawing

#### **Toys:**

Funds are good. At the Christmas in July Meal, Rooster is asking for a Toy Donation, Boy or Girl wrapped with age noted.

For Sale for Toy Fund – Chainsaw - \$100,  
BBQ - \$50 – (see Rooster for details)

**Library:** Lots of books for members to borrow. 2 new additions of Richard Raffan books were donated by Mick.



**Merchandise:** Lots of stock it was asked if there could be a list of items stocked in the stores? Don will follow up.

#### **General Business:**

- 🚧 New Container roof Working Bee will be organized in the next few weeks and please watch for any details.

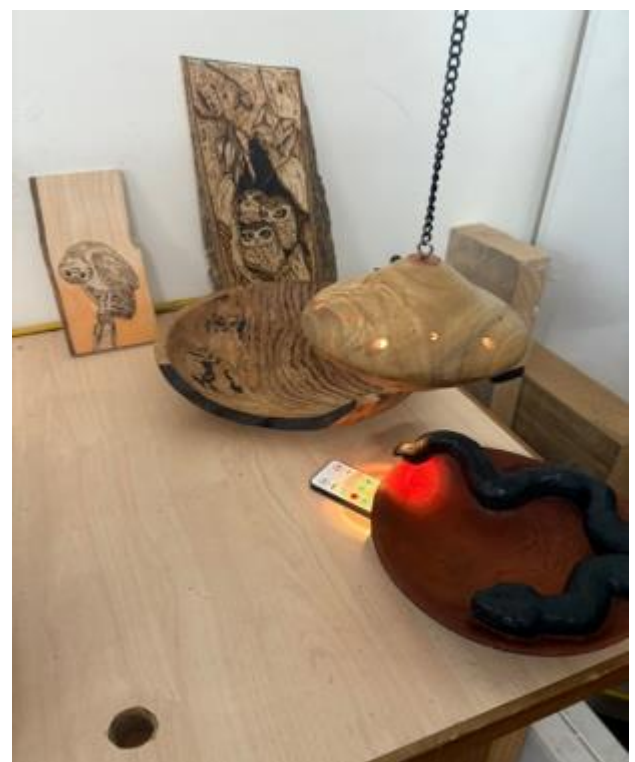
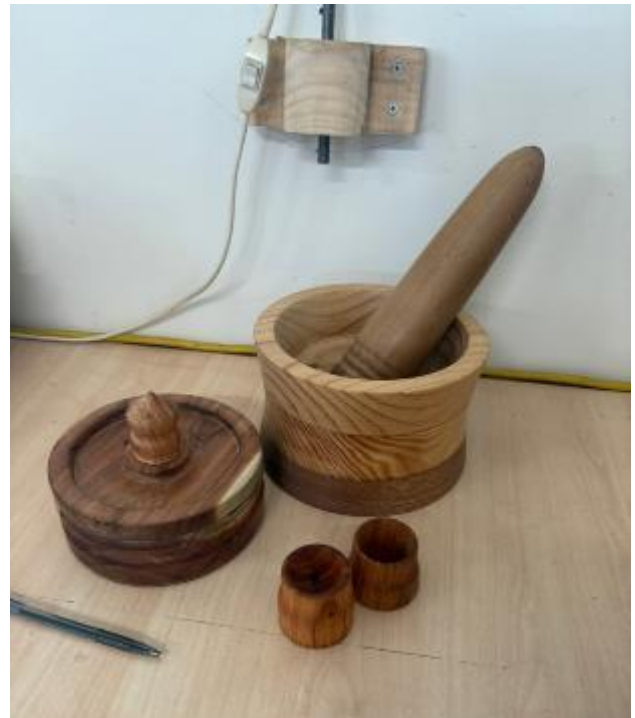
- 40<sup>th</sup> Year Club celebrations – working on lunch at local RSL with local government members and sponsors. Date will be advised... more than likely August or September. (Skeeta Brian Wilson) has been reviewing updating our club shirts.

**Next Meeting:**

General meeting will be at 12.30am on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025. @ The Workshop.

Board meeting Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025 @ 12.30pm. @ The Workshop

The meeting closed at 2:05pm.







The Club was represented at the annual Harvest Festival event held over two days, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June. This is a very popular event and was extremely well attended. Jilliby Public School did an amazing job of hosting the Artisans on Acres part of the Festival.

There were many exhibitors present throughout the school with a wide-ranging array of



crafted goods and foods etc. We were in one of the classrooms, which turned out to be a blessing, particularly on the Sunday as the wind outside was bitterly cold.

Several of our members agreed to provide their works for display and sale, for which I am grateful. I would particularly like to thank Ron Gibbs, Richard Alexander, Nathalie Lamond, Dom Pirlo, and “Skeeta” for their contributions.

I’d also like to thank those members who very generously donated their works for the sole benefit of the club, including Peter Hamilton, John Butlin, and Don Crittenden.

The “Club team” who gave up their time over the two days included Nathalie Lamond, who did an absolutely brilliant job of demonstrating her pyrography – it was a huge hit with many attendees; Dom Pirlo, who arranged the exhibition;





Don Crittenden, who looked after the recording of sales, and Peter Hamilton who lent his valuable assistance and knowledge.

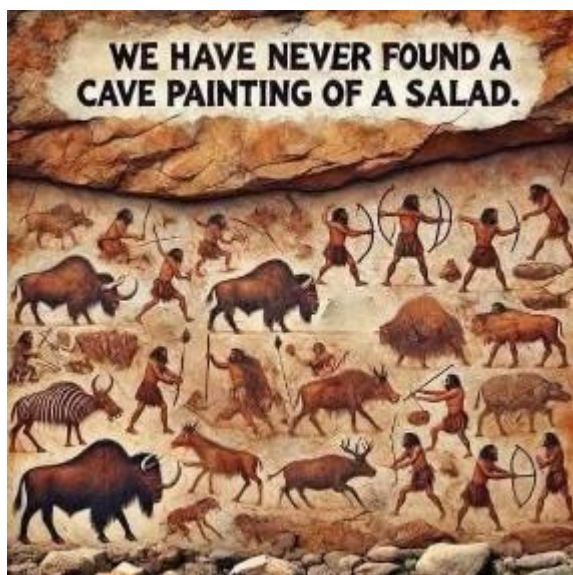
Thanks also to the members who popped in for a visit – Mark Board, Richard Alexander, Trish Penney, Richard Waterfield, and Roger Dixon, who had his own stand for selling his honey and a few turned pieces.

It's hard to estimate how many people attended the event over the weekend but it would have to be well in excess of 2000.

We certainly had a steady stream of interested people. It also proved to be a relatively good way of boosting the club's coffers. Sales over the two days amounted to \$1,764, of which, \$654 was donated to the club.

Another valuable spin-off was the fact that 89 people took away the flyer promoting the club and what we can offer and provide. This, coupled with many serious conversations about where, when, and what we do, is almost certainly going to generate some new members.

Thank you... Terry Jones (Incoming President).





# Christmas in July Luncheon

We have organised a Christmas in July Luncheon at:



## Angel Sussurri Restaurant and Manor House at Yarramalong.

The date for your calendar is: Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2025. 11:30 for 12:00 start

### There is a set menu and bookings are essential.



John 'Rooster' Lea will be taking bookings and collecting money prior to the day.

Main meals: \$45 (The menu is set and details are below)

We need to finalise bookings at our June meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> June. Or at the latest 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025

This is to allow for catering.

Please note that the staff are happy to cater for most dietary needs, such as gluten free, dairy free etc. but you must advise of these on Rooster's list beforehand.

### All enquiries: ring Rooster on 0428 927 241

Below is the set menu for your convenience

Crispy pork belly, sage & thyme roasted chicken thigh cutlet served with baked pumpkin, crispy duck fat roasted potatoes, steamed greens & gravy.

Bread & butter pudding with a brandy custard

Rooster has suggested that our members may wish to bring a small toy donation for either a girl or boy [age 3 months to 12years] to help the Xmas toy fund appeal. It would be appreciated if these gifts were wrapped and labelled with gender and age.

There will be lots of fun and I'm sure a raffle and lucky door prizes –

Regards

Rooster and the Board

# From ‘The Shop’

At Central Coast Wood Turners we do not have a comprehensive range of goods, but certainly, we have a lot of the basics.

## FINISHING:

We have sand papers from 120grit up to 600grit.

There are various hook and loop sandpapers of varying grits.

For surface finishes we have U Beaut EEE Ultra Shine and U Beaut Shellawax.

## KITS:

There are a variety of different pen kits. We also have a few bushing sets for different style pens.

There are some cheese knife kits and similar for those who might want to make some kitchen items.

There are a few clock mechanisms, as well as many hands and number styles.

Lazy Susans of different sizes are available.

For those wanting to try pen turning with acrylic, we also have some blanks available.

## GLUES:

There are two types:

Skeeta purchased a large container of TiteBond and some of this has been decanted and is for sale.

Superglue is often used for unstable timber or when there may be slight cracks. We did have some but it tends to evaporate, harden or go off over time so none is available at the moment.

If you need some superglue then consider getting some from a ‘cheap shop’. Places such as TimberBits sell CA glue (varying viscosities) as well as accelerators so if Super Glue is needed maybe think of getting it online.

Unfortunately, we cannot stock all items but focus on those that will help you until the final stage of your project.

A yellow and black advertisement for Creightons Funeral Service. The top section features a palm frond logo and the text 'CREIGHTONS FUNERAL SERVICE' and '100% Locally owned and operated'. Below this, there are three black boxes with white text: 'PRE-PAID FUNERALS AVAILABLE', 'LOCK IN THE PRICE TODAY!', and 'DOCUMENT YOUR WISHES'. To the right of these boxes, there is text about booking appointments and a list of office locations. At the bottom, there is a yellow bar with the phone number '1300 130 955' and the website 'creightonsfuneralservice.com.au'.

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Should you have an idea about items that we could stock and that would last over time, please see me or one of the Board members so that it can be considered.

I hope this gives an idea about some of the shop items for sale and maybe ideas for projects.

... Don Crittenden.





Here are some more inspirational pieces from my:

**“Projects: To Do” folder.**

We should all have a folder on our computer where we can save projects that inspire and challenge us.

We should also keep a notebook beside our TV chair because you never know when inspiration will strike.





- ✚ I asked my Mum to pick me up because I don't like this sleepover. She said No! because that's your wife and they're your kids.
- ✚ I saw a lady at the gym on the exercise bike, wearing a helmet. So, I put on a life jacket and got on the rowing machine next to her.
- ✚ This morning, I was walking down the street and I was hit by a violin, then a clarinet and then a French horn. I think it was an orchestrated attack!
- ✚ I wish that I could sleep but my stupid ADHD kicks in and well basically, one sheep, two sheep, cow, turtle, duck, Old McDonald had a farm, heeey Macarena.



# Annual Membership Fees



Membership fees are about to fall due. Our membership year runs from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

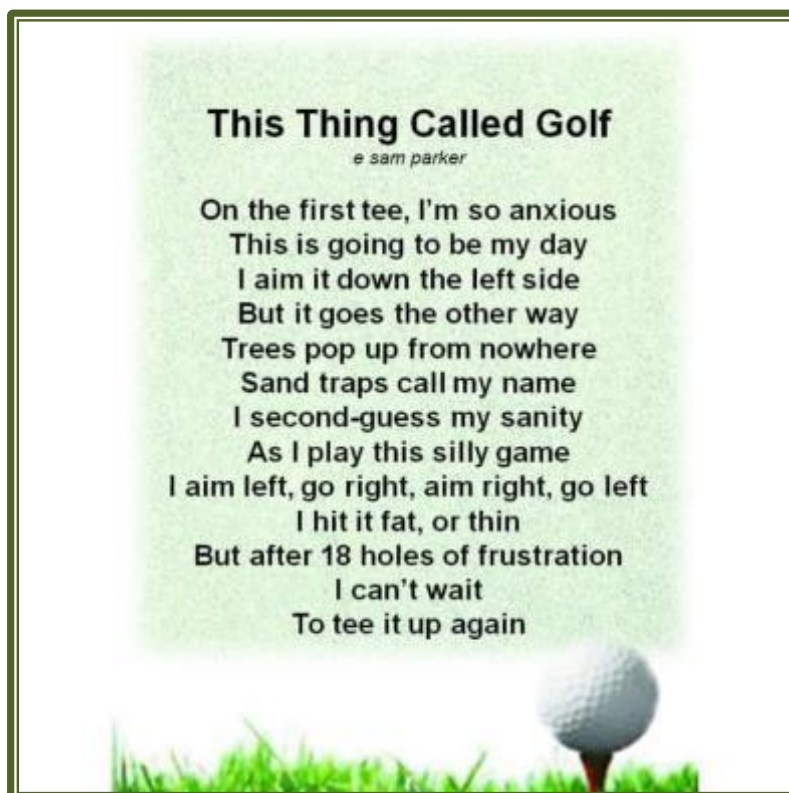
If you only joined in the last few months then we don't expect you to pay again.

So, you will need to renew our \$60 annual membership fees. 😊.

Thanks to those who have already done this.

Fees can be paid by:

- ✚ Cash at the Clubhouse
- ✚ EFPOS at the Clubhouse
- ✚ Direct Bank Transfer to our New Bendigo Bank account. I've paid mine this way and the details are
  - Account Name - Central Coast Woodturners Cooperative
  - BSB 633000
  - Account number - 220952246
  - In the Transaction Reference please add **Your Name and 2025 Fees** ..... for example: "S Farr 2025 Fees"
  - This will help our Treasurer allocate the funds and provide you with a receipt number.



The new membership year is also an opportunity to update any changes to your personal or medical details.

I have added a Medical Form to the end of this edition of the Hobby Turner for your convenience.





What's on.	When.	Contact
Monthly meeting Wood turning	3rd Saturday of each month @12.30pm @The Workshop. Mon, Fri and Sat mornings 8am until noon. Wed evening 5 until 9pm. Thurs afternoon for Trainers and Board members only.	Peter Skeeta, Ron Gibbs
Carving Scroll Sawing Pyrography	Tues @ 10am @ The Workshop. TBA TBA	Sue TBA Valda Barton



#### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,

Well, it's the middle of winter and between the cold, the rain and the cloud cover some of us begin to feel a little S.A.D.

Seasonal Affective Disorder is now a well-recognised ailment and in the far northern reaches of the world it is a real problem for many folks. Businesses there even have S.A.D. rooms fitted with special lighting to simulate daylight to help their workers.

On a particularly wet, cold and miserable day recently I was out in the car getting some cough medicine for Lynda. I was feeling a little SAD and tired myself but when I got to the check-out and told the lovely young lady that it was for my wife her words cheered me up immediately. She simply looked me in the eye and said "Is your wife pregnant or breast feeding?"

I suddenly felt 40 years younger, stood a little straighter and walked out with a smile on my face.

So, the moral is: Don't be SAD, because things could be a lot worse. Your wife really could be pregnant or breast feeding.

Take care and stay safe... Alan.

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**The future belongs to those who  
believe in the beauty of their dreams.  
Believe you can, and you're halfway  
there.**

## CENTRAL COAST WOODTURNING CO-OP LTD

### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM.

Please note that all information will be kept confidential.

**Please PRINT all information as this will assist us to keep accurate records.**

<b>Membership type:</b> Full Member or Associate Member (Please circle)		<b>Date:</b>
<b>Name:</b>		<b>DOB:</b>
<b>Address:</b>		
<b>Home Phone:</b>	<b>Mobile:</b>	
<b>Email:</b>	<b>Spouses Name:</b>	
The annual membership renewal fee is <b>\$60</b> for Full Membership. Associate membership is <b>free</b> . Please note that if fees are not paid by the end of August, then your membership will lapse and you must pay an additional <b>\$10</b> administration fee to rejoin.		

If your medical details need updating, then please do so NOW on the following form.

**Please note:** This information is to be used only in case of an emergency where urgent medical help is required. It is designed to help you get the best and quickest help available.

<b>Blood Type (if known):</b>	<b>Religion:</b>
<b>Medicare Number:</b>	<b>Position on Card:</b>
<b>Pension Number:</b>	
<b>Health Fund:</b>	<b>Health Fund Number:</b>
<b>Next of Kin:</b>	<b>Relationship:</b>
<b>Address:</b>	<b>Contact No.:</b>
<b>Emergency Contact 2:</b>	<b>Contact No.:</b>
<b>Emergency Contact 3:</b>	<b>Contact No.:</b>
<b>Family Doctor's Name, Address and Phone Number:</b>	

**Specialist's Names, Area of Expertise and Phone Number**

**Allergies:**

**Present Medical Conditions:**

**Brief Medical History:**

**Current Medications and Dosage Rates:**

**Feel free to include additional pages if there is insufficient space available.**

**\*\*By signing this form, you give permission for this information to be passed on to Ambulance and Hospital Staff if necessary.**

**Signature:**

**Today's Date:**

**Give this completed form to a committee member a.s.a.p.**