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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Hello one and all,

Here we are at the end of August, another busy month – well, it seemed that way anyway...

The Board Meeting earlier in the month was the “lite” version as some of the members were away at The Turnup Weekend at Lake Keepit, and Mark was having a short break. Nevertheless, we continued to carry on with the business of managing the club's affairs. We discussed (and ratified) Nathalie Lamond's appointment as a deputy director; the first aid training course; the club's trailer; the ongoing search for a permanent home; membership numbers; the newly acquired timber slabs and upcoming events management.

The monthly General Meeting was reasonably well attended, with around 19 in attendance. It would though, be nice to see some more of you coming along. The minutes of that meeting can be found elsewhere in this great publication.



ACTIVITIES:

- ✚ There was a BUNNINGS BBQ on Sunday 17th. Thankfully it was a nice sunny day after quite a few days of inclement weather. As usual Ian Stokes provided the management and was very capably assisted by members of your Board, Rooster, and Don. I was initiated into cooking the onions (as Bernie was busy with family events). I have no idea how many kilos were processed, but it was A LOT!! It was a very successful day and raised a considerable sum for the club's coffers. Thank you to everyone involved, well done.
- ✚ The new Toy Box was introduced at the last meeting. This is a very worthwhile initiative of Rooster, who we thank enormously, but it is up to us all now to help make it a success. I sent out a note reminding everyone that the September Show and Tell is about making toys and donating them to the Box. I hope you will get behind this activity.
- ✚ The timber available to members for creative works and projects is growing quite well. In addition to the various slabs that were acquired recently, there is also now a great supply of Blackbutt burls, organised by Ron Gibbs, and a few great pieces of camphor laurel. There will, no doubt, be a working bee held at some point in the near future to process these pieces into manageable sizes.
- ✚ Our presence at the HEATHERBRAE PIES gallery has been met with a modest response and success to date, however, we shall push on and evaluate the potential in a month or so. Thanks to Nathalie, Dom, and Peter for generously donating time and effort to this venture.
- ✚ I'm pleased to advise that we now have an extra EFTPOS facility, and we can take all forms of payments at markets and other sales days. This should improve our revenue a bit.
- ✚ Our endeavours to find a suitable permanent home continue. I recently had a very convivial meeting with the property manager of Girl Guides Australia. They are sympathetic to our cause and are extremely supportive. Meanwhile, a meeting has been arranged with officers from Council with respect to resurrecting discussions about getting a section of Alison Homestead. Hopefully I will have some further news for you at the next general meeting. Incidentally, if anyone has a spare couple of hundred thousand dollars lying around, please don't hesitate to get in touch 😊
- ✚ I've dipped a toe in the Grants pool. With the very gracious assistance of Carolyn Farbrother, the Secretary of the Lapidary Club next door, I have submitted an application for a Central

Coast Council Grant, under their Community Support Grant Program. If successful we will be awarded a rent subsidy that will cover those outgoings for the full year ahead. Fingers crossed everyone please!!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Although still some weeks away this is a reminder and invitation for everyone. It will be held on 18th October at Alison Homestead, Cape Road, Wyong at around 11:00am (actual time to be confirmed closer to the date).

Everyone is welcome to attend, but I respectfully remind you that, if you wish to vote on any matters, you are required to be a financial member.

If this small matter has slipped your attention permit me to remind you that subscriptions (\$60) can be renewed online by direct credit, or at the club.

Account: CCWT General Account – at Bendigo Bank

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Acct No. 220952246

Reference: Your name – (so we can identify the payment and get you registered)

40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

This milestone occasion is also to be celebrated on 18th October, at Alison Homestead, most likely starting at 1:00pm – again, exact time to be advised closer to the date.

EVERYONE is invited to come along, and please bring your significant other, your partner, your “plus one” as they say.

The event will be catered – nothing too formal – but we’re aware that there are likely to be special dietary requirements for some folks so, just a heads-up - in a week or so I will ask you to advise who will be attending, and what, if any, those special requirements are.

OTHER THINGS FOR YOUR CALENDAR:

- ✚ We have a guest lined up for this month’s General Meeting. Come along and say hello to Max Bartlett, a very talented craftsman. I’m sure you will be impressed by his works.
- ✚ Sharing the day with the monthly meeting on 20th September, we are going to be represented at the Erina Trade Fair – being held at the Erina Men’s Shed.
- ✚ There are two Bunnings BBQs coming up. The first is on the October long weekend Monday, the 6th. The other is on the 2nd of November. Both will be at Tuggerah store. Perhaps I’ll get to do the onions again 😊
- ✚ An open day with the Lapidary Club on 9th November
- ✚ And the Toukley Art Fair on 15th November

That’s it from me – I’m looking forward to seeing many of you over the next couple of months. Take care and be kind to each other... Terry

Central Coast Woodturners Co-operative Ltd
Minutes of the General Meeting @ The
Workshop held on Saturday 16th August 2025

The meeting was opened at 12.20pm by Terry Jones

Minutes taken by Steve Farr



Guest Speaker: Nil

Show and Tell: Conducted by: Peter Hamilton

Name:	Item:	Woods used:
Mick Cornish	Scoop	Acacia
Mick Cornish	Chisel	Aussie Hardwood
Mick Cornish	Wool Bowl	Maple & Jarrah
Mick Cornish	3 Pens	She Oak
Ferdie	Big Deep Bowl	Camphor Laurel
Ferdie	Big Sallow Bowl	Camphor Laurel
John Butlin	Vase	Jacaranda + Western Red Cedar
John Butlin	Bowl	Silky Oak + New Guinea Rose Wood
John Butlin	Clamshell Box	Red Cedar
Dom Pirlo	Bowl	Casuarina with Dry Rot & super glue



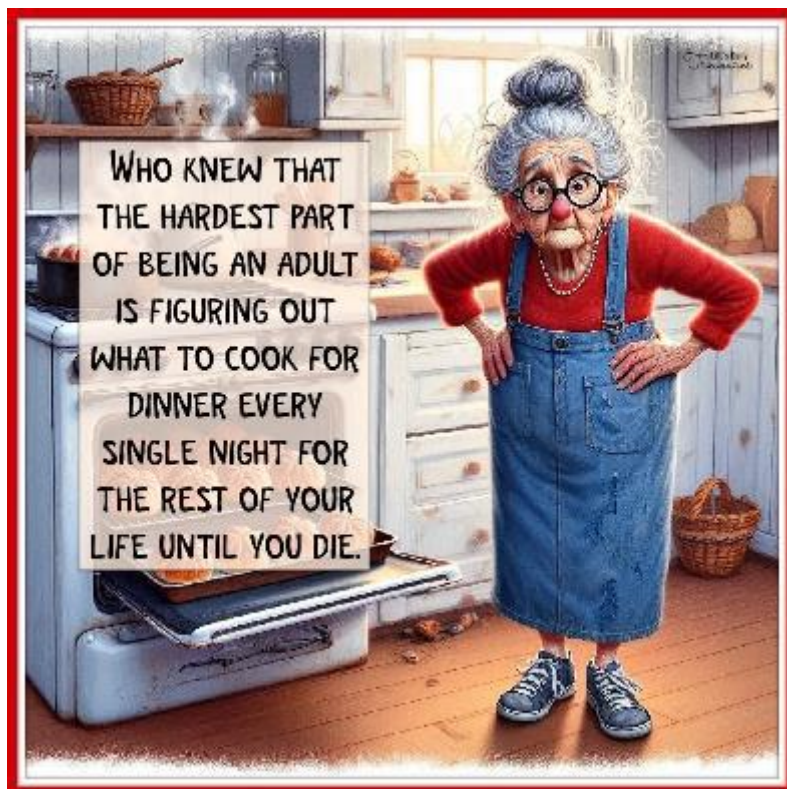
Winner: John Butlin for his Segmented Vase

Lucky Door Prize: Graham Craike

Attendance: 19 members, 5 apologies, nil associates and nil visitors.

Welfare:

- ✚ It was reported that Phil Clements is out of hospital recovering from a number of broken ribs, Phil's wife Joan is still in hospital recovering from a number of mini strokes
- ✚ Trish Penney is recovering from a bout of flu.
 - Our thoughts are with them all.



Minutes: It was moved by Mark Board and seconded by Ron Gibbs that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in July 2025 be accepted. Passed.

Business Arising:

- The members thanked Alan Smith for his thoughtful words at Skeeta's (Brian Wilson's) Memorial and his wonderful Hobby Turners article on Skeeta's life and contribution to our club.
- The First Aid Course provided by CDB College Erina, was attended by 8 club members who are now qualified in Basic First Aid and CPR/AED.

Coming Events:

- **Bunnings's BBQ** tomorrow 17th August – all volunteers have been sorted, food organized, and flyers printed.
- **Bunnings Father's Day Family Night** Thursday 4th September at Tuggerah 5:30pm – 7:30pm in the Trade Yard at Bunnings
- **Erina Trade Fair 20th September** at Erina Men's Shed
- **40th Anniversary and AGM** have been booked for Saturday 18th October at the Alison Homestead. Terry explained the food will be catered and number of parliamentary members and sponsors have been invited to join us
He will also be working to invite as many of our old members as possible to join us on the day.
- **Bunnings BBQ November 2nd**

- **Open day with Lapidary Club Saturday 9th November** – we will be looking for volunteers to help on the day and donations of items to sell for the club
- **Toukley Art Fair – booked Saturday 15th November** 10am to 4pm. 2 x 3m square spaces for club members to show and sell their products



Correspondence:

Inwards:

- + Enquiries on club membership and opening times

Outwards:

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

Business Arising from Correspondence:

It was moved by Alan Smith and seconded by Rooster (John Lea) that the correspondence be accepted. Passed.



Financial Report: Chris Strong presented the reports for end of July 2025 and reported the following account movements:

Operating Accounts = + \$2187.17

Saving Account = + \$9.93

Toy Fund = + \$198.79

New Members: We've had several new members join and their applications will be processed in the next board meeting and reported in the September General meeting.

Raffle: Won by Mark Board Second prize: Dom Pirlo

Other Reports:

Workshop:

A new blade was put in the Band Saw after only 1 week, please don't cut circles using this saw, instead cut straight cuts slowly taking off the corners.

A Chuck was left on a lathe with its chuck key in and the lathe on high speed... very dangerous. Please always remove the chuck key after use and once work has been completed turn the lathe SPEED TO ZERO, before leaving the workspace.

Please use a rubber mallet to tap home the morse taper centres (DO NOT USE METAL HAMMERS AS THESE WILL DAMAGE THE CENTERS)

Carvers: No Report

Scrollers: No Report

**Cars these days have
too many gadgets.I
tried to reverse, and it
played a video of somebody
getting run over by a car**

Toys: There is now a new toy box in the workshop to help collect the donated toys. The “like-new donated toys” have been sorted and donated to “We Care Connect”. An estimated value of \$1100 worth of toys has been donated by the club’s Toy Fund.



Terry explained this month, for September’s Show and Tell, he is inviting all members to make a toy and bring it to the meeting as their show and tell item and then donate it to the Toy Fund.

Library: Lots of Books in the Library. Terry showed 2 toy books he suggested would provide good guidance and inspiration for the toy show and tell

Merchandise: No report.

General Business:

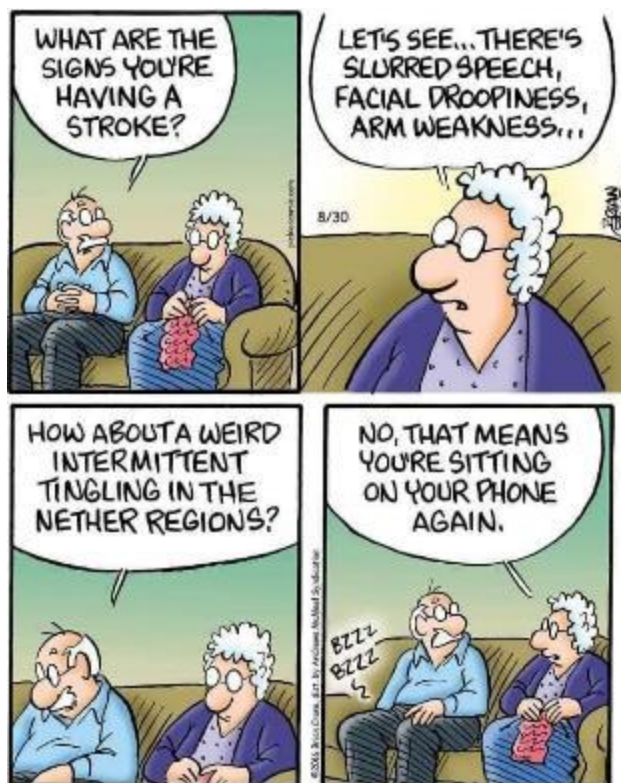
✚ **Heatherbrae Pie’s Sales** table is working well, currently working out the payment process, commission of 10% goes to Heatherbrae, and 5% will be donated to the club. Currently Dom, Peter, and Nathalie have their items in the Gallery.

✚ **Timber Slabs** – Peter explained the slabs are now available for members to purchase, the next two weeks full slabs will be available for sale after that time they will be available for part slab (cut) sales.

✚ **The Turn Up weekend** was attended by a number of our club members – Peter Hamilton reported it was a great weekend with 25 turners from all over the country, working together and sharing their skills



✚ **Pioneer Dairy New Home Option** – Mark and Terry explained the latest development with the Pioneer Dairy build a new home option: It was communicated to Mark that our application would be categorized as Community Development, and at this stage the Pioneer Dairy development was only looking for Recreational category Development, therefore it is unlikely we would be approved. We are continuing to work on clarifying this latest development.



Next Meeting:

General meeting will be at 12.30am on Saturday 20th September 2025. @ The Workshop.
Board meeting Friday 12th September 2025 @ 12.30pm. @ The Workshop
The meeting closed at 1:46pm

Annual General Meeting Minutes... 2024:

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 7th September 2024 @ The Workshop.

Meeting opened at 1.50pm by President Peter Hamilton, who welcomed members to the meeting. Minutes taken by Alan Smith.

Attendance: 26 members, 8 apologies, 0 associates and 0 visitors.

Minutes: The minutes of the AGM of 2nd September 2023 were accepted as read. (Published in HT).

It was moved by Brian W, seconded by Dom P that the minutes be accepted. Passed.

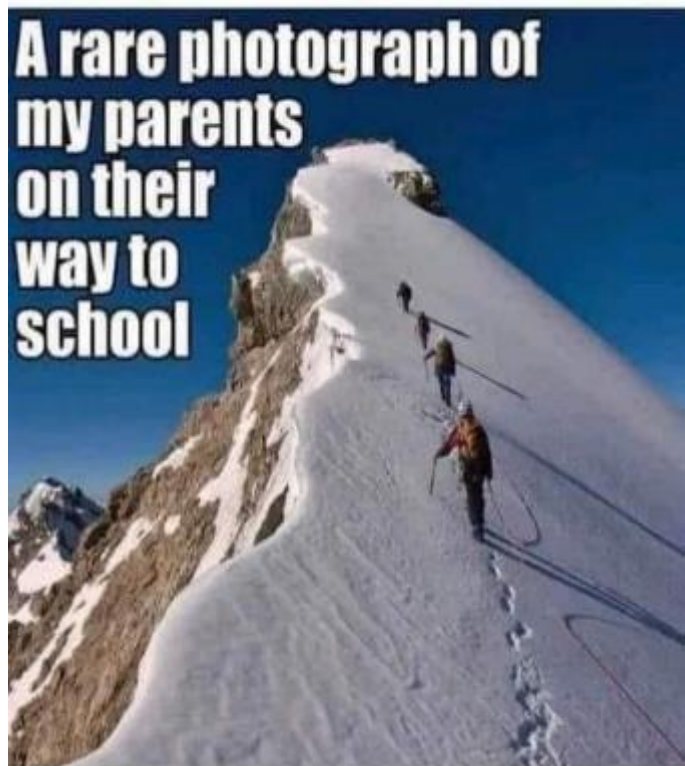
President's Report: Peter Hamilton read his report for the year 2023 / 2024. It was moved by John L, seconded by Brian W that the report be accepted. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Due to the untimely resignation of the Treasurer, Garry Buckman, a day ago, and his absence from today's meetings, there was no end of year financial statement prepared. Peter will collect all of the financial records from Garry this week and he, and Chris S, will prepare a financial statement for our October meeting.

Election of Office Bearers: The Chairman declared all 11 positions on the Board vacant and stated that there were only 10 nominations to refill these positions. Peter thanked those who were stepping down from the Board for their efforts this year.

The roles of Acting President and Secretary were filled by Peter Hamilton and Steve Farr (respectively) and with Chris Strong assisting in the role of Acting Treasurer.



As a result, our Board and elected officers for the coming year are:

The new Board is as follows:

Acting President: Peter Hamilton; Secretary: Steve Farr and Acting Treasurer: Chris Strong

Directors: Richard Alexander, Mark Board, Bernie Careil, Dom Pirlo, Ian Stokes, Richard Waterfield and Brian Wilson.

Peter congratulated the new Board.

Peter called out Mark Board, who was presented with Life Membership to the Club.

As there was no further business the meeting was declared closed at 2.40pm.

Annual Membership Fees



Membership fees are now due. Our membership year runs from July 1st to June 30th.

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

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

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.



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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.





A policeman stopped a young kid and asked:

Cop: What's your name son?

Kid: P-p-p-p-p-p-e-e-e-ter.

Cop: Do you have stutter mate?

Kid: No, but my Dad does and he guy at the Birth Registry Office was an @\$\${}****!



Timber, timber... everywhere:



We have recently had the good fortune to be absolutely inundated with timber.

We have huge, heavy pieces of burl that were very kindly donated by Sean Stecko from Wallarah and we had a large trailer load of turning blanks donated by Jason Wilson (Skeeta's son).

This is all on top of the slabs collected from Sydney and the large amount of timber still in my front yard.

Rooster is handling all timber sales, so if you want some very good quality timber for your next project then just see him.

An Amazing Opportunity:

Several of our members, myself included, are very lucky to be attending art classes with the wonderfully talented, Belinda Biggs. Belinda is an artist of world renown with her paintings exhibited in many of the world's finest galleries. She also runs Art Camps in amazing places like Norfolk Island, Tuscany and the Cotswolds, to name just a few. Vacancies in her classes are extremely rare and fill very quickly.

I have Belinda's permission to let you know in advance that there will be a couple of vacancies in her classes starting next term.

The classes are well structured but quite informal, and as well as learning many wonderful new skills, it's also a great social outing.

These new skills will also carry over to woodworking by increasing your skill set when decoration your beautiful creations.

I thoroughly recommend doing this.
...Alan

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Belinda Biggs Artist



Unfortunately, our good mate, Bill Allen has decided to sell his gear and clear out his workshop.

To quote Bill: “At age 94 it is too much for me, so, someone else can get pleasure from these pieces.”



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Triton Saw Bench... \$100



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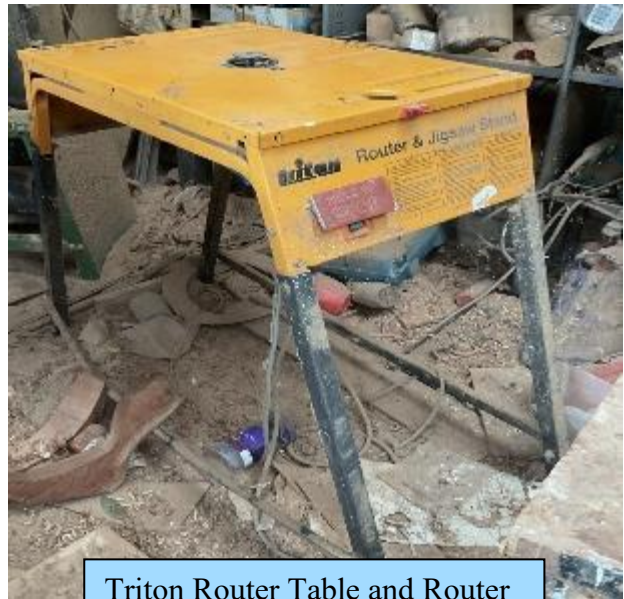
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3 Lathe Chucks... \$100

Plus: all sorts of odds and ends

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All items are located at Wyoming NSW

**When turning a bowl always remember that the inside
diameter should never exceed the outside diameter.**

Demo by Jan Palmowski:

On Monday the 8th of September we were very lucky to have a visit from our mate, Jan Palmowski.

Jan is no stranger to our Club as he has been a member for many years, but he lives in Newcastle and spends most of his time with the Newcastle Woodturners.

We were very fortunate though that he offered to come and do a demonstration for us on turning a beautiful handle for a tomato knife. I think the wood was Queensland Walnut. The second half of his demo showed us how to put “a metal band” on a Jacaranda bowl.

The day was very well attended and it was great to see so many of our newer members there. Jan, as always, was the consummate professional in his approach, but it was very informal with lots of opportunities to ask questions and observe.

We finished off with the obligatory sausage sizzle for lunch.

I'd like to thank Jan for a very enjoyable and informative day.

We'll have to do it again soon... Alan.



**My plan for today is to do absolutely nothing,
and if I finish early, I'll have a nap.**

Toy Fund donations:

Our donations to the Toy Fund have been going well but we still need heaps and heaps more.

We were recently able to give a very large number of toys to a very worthwhile local not-for-profit called **We Care Connect**.

Luckily, we were put in touch with them because one of our lovely ladies, Vicki Rollinson, also does a lot of volunteer work for the group.

They are a great group of people who do a lot of good work throughout the local community.

They are definitely worthy of our support.

Thanks, Vic, and keep up the good work... Alan

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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 H, Ron G
Carving Scroll Sawing Pyrography	Tues @ 10am @ The Workshop. TBA TBA	Sue TBA Valda Barton



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,

Well, the weather seems to have settled down lately and the days have been magnificent. It's warming up slowly and it looks like Spring is finally here.

Our farm is abuzz with new life and we have a multitude of kangaroos, wallabies, ducks, rabbits and birds, all showing of their newborn babies.

Apart for the white and black cockatoos they all go about their day peacefully and the cycle of life goes on.

We find that we keep making a short detour past the windows to see what's in the paddock today.

With all of the new development in our area pushing them out, it's not unusual to see 30 or 40 kangaroos and wallabies in our paddocks. It's great to see the mums grazing with the little joeys hanging out of the pouch to try grass for the first time.

Years ago, we pulled most of our fences down so that these beautiful creatures could have free access to the pasture.

The added bonus to doing this was that I no longer had to look after the sheep, alpacas and goats that we had for many years. We rehomed them. I also, no longer have to repair fences after the goats have escaped. Goats look cute but they are sneaky little bastards and most mornings they would either be outside our bedroom window telling us to get up, or they would be in the neighbour's veggie patch. Anyway, I digress.

It's a time for new beginnings, so we need to break out of our winter slumber, dust ourselves of, break out the shorts and T shirts and get active again.

Dust off and oil the machinery in your workshop, give the floors a good sweep and get busy making some masterpieces.

It's all good exercise and it keeps the brain active too. There is no excuse for not doing something active every day. Start slowly if you have to and gradually gain a bit more momentum as you can.

For those of you know me, you'll understand that I'm writing these messages for me too.

We all need to take responsibility for the actions that we take... no matter what our goals are.

If we aren't going to do it... then who, and if not now... then when.

Lots of baby steps and we can achieve any dream. Dream big and start now.

Take care and stay safe... Alan.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM.

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

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Home Phone:	Mobile:	
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Family Doctor's Name, Address and Phone Number:	

Specialist's Names, Area of Expertise and Phone Number

Allergies:

Present Medical Conditions:

Brief Medical History:

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