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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (for December Meeting):

Thank you to all those members who were able to attend the funeral of Kerry Robertson. I am told his coffin had to be seen to be believed. Brian 'Skeeta' Wilson delivered an address on behalf of the Club. This really marks the passing of one of the prominent members of our Club. I still have a number items turned by Kerry, so if you want to own a piece of his work please speak to Valda or myself.



I have just returned from a short break on the North Coast. Thank you to Mark Board for stepping in whilst I was away. Mark chaired the last board meeting and many important decisions were discussed and agreed. Much has happened at the workshop. I am afraid our search for a new venue has not progressed very far but we are still actively pursuing Dooralong School and a place at the Alison Homestead. Alan Smith has given an update on this in the Hobby Turner and if there is any more news, we will share it at the Club meeting.

While talking about the Club meeting it is important that we hold the Club together and ensure we continue as an entity on the Central Coast. Many of us have our own lathes at home so will be able to continue our hobby. However, it has become clearer than ever that we also have a social side to our Club. It is vital that we keep this alive, so monthly Club meetings will continue, together with a 'Show and Tell' for our home-produced projects, as long as we can continue to find a venue. There are more details on this in the HT but there are discussions about arrangements for meeting up for coffee or lunch. If you have any views on this please contact a Board member.

Although next Monday is officially our last day for the workshop, there is lots of work already done. The workshop is unrecognisable, as much has already been accomplished. Much of the shop is already packed up. Carvers, scrollers and pyrographers have already packed most of their belongings and these went off to the containers this morning. As said in the HT, there are five lathes and equipment available for hire. Three of these are claimed and two left the workshop today.



"Always pick the right tool for the job.
Let's go fix that squeaky door."

Next week we close the workshop on Monday 7th November. The workshop will be closed on Tuesday and Thursday but Wednesday 9th, Friday 11th and Saturday 12th, we require ABLE BODIED members to help dismantle and pack. I expect this to be the case for the whole of the following week. Wednesday 16th the removal company are coming in to take the heavy equipment to the containers. We need to have everything that we want them to move ready as we are paying by the hour. The quicker we can get loaded and unloaded the other end the more money we will be able to save. Once again, we need as many people as possible who can lift and carry divided into two teams. One team at the

workshop loading and the other at the containers packing away.

Looking further to the future we will need to turn our minds to fund raising. No matter which of the possibilities becomes a reality we do not at this time have the necessary funds. Even if we were to get Dooralong School, there will be a lot of alterations needed. If we are to build at the Alison Homestead, we will be into grant applications etc.

As Alan has said in the HT, this is an exciting time for us. Yes, it is inconvenient to have to leave the workshop after 16 years but it is a great opportunity for us to re-establish our Club at a new venue. We hope to have the chance to put our own design stamp on new premises and grow the membership back to our pre-Covid days

I look forward to our next meeting at the home of Richard Alexander. This will be the last meeting of the year, so we will be able to give you all the details of our Toy Fund gifts. I know we require loads more 'lolly' bowls but, unfortunately, we are now without a supply of blanks. If you have wood at home, please think about producing 'lolly' bowls for our Christmas gifts.

In the meantime, please stay motivated, inspired and excited. We enter a new chapter in CCWT history and I am certain it will be 'onwards and upwards'. Please ensure that you stay in touch, particularly with people who you know do not have contact through electronic channels.

Stay safe and stay healthy.

Peter



For those who rang me up, asking what this was all about, here's the answer:

There was a folk rock band who formed in 1972 in Scotland. They were called Stealer's Wheel and one of their hits was "Stuck in the Middle with You". (One of their founding members was Gerry Rafferty who also formed "The Humblebums" with Billy Connolly.)

Anyway, some of the lyrics are:

"Well, I don't know why I came here tonight
I've got the feeling that something ain't right
I'm so scared in case I fall off my chair
And I'm wondering how I'll get down the stairs

Clowns to the left of me
Jokers to the right
Here I am stuck in the middle with you."

Minutes of the General Meeting held on 3rd December 2022

Venue: 18 Longview place,

WAMBERAL.

Time: 10:00am start.

Meeting opened at 10:10am by President Peter Hamilton.

Minutes taken by Carol Jennings.

Attendance: 16 Members, 0 associate, 6 apologies and 0 visitor.



Minutes: Previous minutes were read by President Peter. It was moved by Mark Board and seconded by Ron Gibbs that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 5th November be accepted. Passed.

Business Arising from Minutes:

- Phil would like more lolly bowls; they can be delivered at Alan's house. Not sure where it is going to be distributed at this stage.
- Carol to pick up spare postal keys from post office.

President's Report: See attached. Peter read out the report.



Correspondence:

Inwards:

- Carol has organised the distribution of the Toys to Coast Shelter. This will be done on Monday 12th December at Gosford. Rooster (John Lea), Skeeta (Brian Wilson), Clare and Carol will attend to hand over the toys and partake in a photo with Coast Shelter. Toys will be distributed to the Women's and children's refugees on the Central Coast.
- Skeeta stated that his email has been archived re: Antique table leg and will be contacted if needed for the repairs.

Outwards: Numerous emails sent to appropriate people in regards in establishing new premises.

Business arising from Correspondence:

- All keys have been handed in to the Milk Factory. The Milk Factory has sent a rates bill for the month of December. This will be followed up by Peter.



It was moved by Richard Alexander and Skeeta.

Financial Report: Nil (Garry... an apology)

- Peter to follow up with Garry.
 - \$4000 was spent on public liabilities and insurance.
- This cannot be cancelled as it covers members who attend sales and visiting other member's homes. This will be discussed further at the next Board Meeting by Peter.

- There is **approximately** over \$6000 in the investment fund and \$600 in the general fund.



Lucky Door Prize: No prizes currently.

Show and tell: Was conducted by Mark Board. No prizes were given. However, special mention was given to the jewellery box.

Name	Item	Woods used
Richard Alexander	Ironbark bowl	Ironbark
	Rosewood end grain bowl	Rosewood
	Pestle and mortar	Needle wood/red wood
	Bird mouth vase	Jacaranda
	Jewellery Box	

Other Reports:

Workshop: Everything was moved on 16/12/22 at the workshop by 9:30am and completed at Alan's house by 11:30am.

Peter would like to give a special thank you to Skeeta and Rooster and thank all members that helped on the day and the days leading up to the move. Skeeta would also like to thank the members that participated in the move.

Carvers: Equipment is all stored in container. Sue has stated that the carvers have planned to meet in a location such as a park to continue to complete projects. They are planning to do this twice a month.

Scrollers: Equipment is all stored in the container.

Pyrography: Equipment is all stored in the container.

Toys:

- The toys were purchased by Rooster, Clare and Skeeta. They received a 10% discount from Casey's Toys! A lot of fun was had by all!! Toys will be distributed to Coast Shelter on 12/12/22. 177 toys were purchased costing approximately \$2500. Also \$400 worth of \$20 vouchers will be given.
- Peter thanked Carol for organising the link with Coast Shelter for the toys to be distributed to the Women's and Children's Refuges on the Central Coast.



Library: All books are now boxed and at Alan Smith's house.

Merchandise: The shop is now closed. The gallery is still selling items at The Milk Factory, Valda is looking after the cabinet and has spare items from the Toy Fund and Kerry's items.

General Business:

- Mark Board forwarded a letter from the Department of Education that was sent in response to David Harris regarding the Dooralong school site. The final response stated that the Dooralong School site is **NOT** available for us to use.
- Mark Board is still following up Wyong Racecourse as a possible venue. A proposal was sent to their Board members to discuss this matter and then the proposal will be sent to another meeting to occur in December. Mark will follow up on their response. The Board will send a letter stating we are interested in a 3-year lease whilst our building is being built at Allison's Homestead.
- Chris asked about whether we are a registered charity and how that may affect our applications. Skeeta stated we are a non-for-profit group and he has had negative dealings with being a registered charity. Peter will raise it at the Board meeting re pros and cons.
- There was a meeting at the Homestead with Chrissy and Peta from Council and the following Board Members: Peter Hamilton, Mark Board, Alan Smith, Skeeta and Greg from Alison Homestead. There were concerns raised such as the size of the building, not allowing verandas and the exact location of the site to be used. The objections from council were that the building must look like a shed belonging to the Homestead.

Mark Board has submitted plans to council with and without the veranda and is still awaiting feedback.

Peter stated that we still need a firm commitment from council that the building is going to go ahead.

Chris stated that he has spoken to a Men's shed who has stated that the biggest delays were getting council approval.

Mark Board is speaking with Greg about the Rates in arrears and that council is discussing a new lease agreement.

- There are 3 lathes available for hire – See Skeeta if you are interested.
- Ron Gibbs stated that he had an email from TLK Youth College thanking the Club for the vouchers.
- Richard raised the Kirribilli markets that have over 220 stalls. They have 2 markets a month. To find out more information go to: www.kirribillimarkets.com to see how you can sell your items. It cost \$130 for a table in the tunnel for two people.
- Alan Smith will continue to publish the Hobbyturner.
- Richard offered his house as a possible location for the next general meeting. Peter gave a special thanks to Richard for the use of his premises for today's meeting and BBQ lunch.
- Mark will follow up venue at Alison's Homestead

Next Meeting:

General Meeting will be on Saturday 4th February 2023 (Venue to be advised)



Here are some more inspirational pieces from my “Projects: To Do” folder.



Child: “Mum, if you give me \$5, I’ll be good all day.
Mother (sighs): “Why can’t you be like your father? He’s been good for nothing for the last 19 years.”

I grew a beard thinking it would say "Distinguished Gentleman."
Instead, turns out it says, "Senior Discount, please!"

Letters to the Editor:

Withdrawals.

How many of us suffered these by the shutting of the clubhouse?

Or was it by suddenly realising we no longer had three days comradery.

I know I was severely affected, but I am supported by my memories of the support and nurturing given me over the past few years when my health was failing.

At a meeting with my GP last week, I told him I was slowly walking approx. 2km each day. He was ecstatic and said that I didn't realise the extent of my heart rebuild. I do this distance between 30/40 minutes. When I'm finished, I'm knackered though.

There is always someone who is worse off. So, I don't have any complaints.

--ooOoo--

Many are aware I have been asked to write a book on my knowledge called "Things I thought I forgot"

I have wanted to make video /usb for easier reference.

Finally, it is coming together.

Claire is keen to learn and is helping me to achieve this goal. We had a good day yesterday discussing the plan of attack and setting guidelines.

I took instruction advice to clean and tidy the shed. I have spent many hours and two garbage bins today. Time for a glass of red (stop when recovered).

See, the club is still operating.

Our club has never been member numbers. It's the melding and achievement of a passion.

If you need advice, a chat, grinding of tools or tuition just call me.

Namaste Skeeta

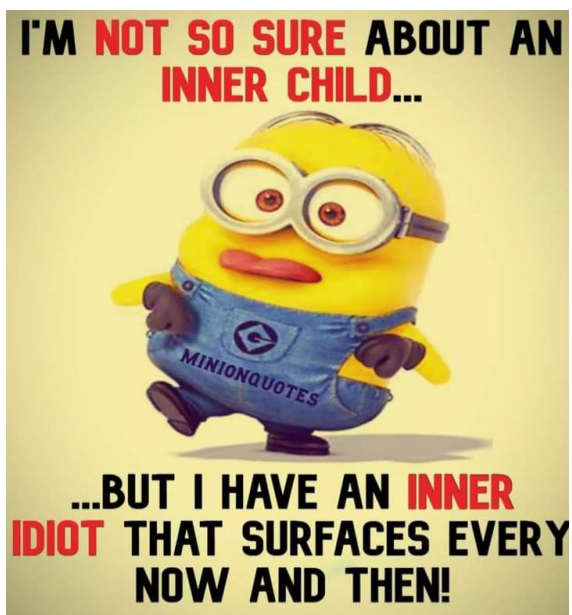
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For Sale:

20" Oregon bar and 3/8" pitched chain to fit most larger chain saws.

Price: \$50. Contact Arnold on 0243 281224 or 0407 281210.



My girlfriend and I are trying this whole "long distance relationship" thing.
I have to stay 100 feet away from her at all times.
Also, the police say I should stop referring to her as my girlfriend.

During my check-up I asked the Doctor, "Do you think I'll live a long and healthy life then?"
He replied, "I doubt it somehow. Mercury is in Uranus right now."
I said, "I don't go in for any of that astrology nonsense."
He replied, "Neither do I. My thermometer just broke."



"Make me one with everything," says the Buddhist to the tofu hot dog vendor. Then, after getting his tofu hot dog, the Buddhist hands the vendor a \$20 bill. The vendor takes the money and begins helping the next customer.
The Buddhist looks puzzled and asks the vendor, "Where is my change?"
The vendor replies, "Change comes from within."



My son brought a friend, Billy, home from school and I asked what he was doing on the weekend.
He said that his great, great, great grandfather was coming to visit.
I said that I was amazed and that he must be a very old man.
My son said "No, Mum. Billy just stutters!"

What's on	When	Contact
Monthly Meeting	First Saturday each month. Old Milk Factory Wyong.	Skeeta
Woodturning	Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays: 8 – 12	Skeeta, Ron Gibbs
Scrolling	Every Saturday of the month 8 – 12.	Clarry Rogers, Ron Dunn
Carving	Mondays 8.30 – 2.	Kevin West, Sue Wood
Pyrography	Every Saturday of the month 8 - 12	Valda Barton

****Note:** The Club's Workshop is located in the Old Dairy Co-op premises at 141 Alison Rd, Alison (about two kilometres west of Wyong).

All of the above times are subject to change on long weekends and holidays.

Check with organizers for details.



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,

Well, the festive season is over, all of the shops and businesses are open and it's time to get really serious again in our quest to find a new home for our club.

I've had a couple of calls over the break saying, what is the Board doing about this, and I assured them that we are searching and following up every lead.

I also had to remind these members that we are a club of over 100 people and that every one of them should be trying to find us somewhere to relocate. Don't just sit back and think that it's someone else's to deal with.

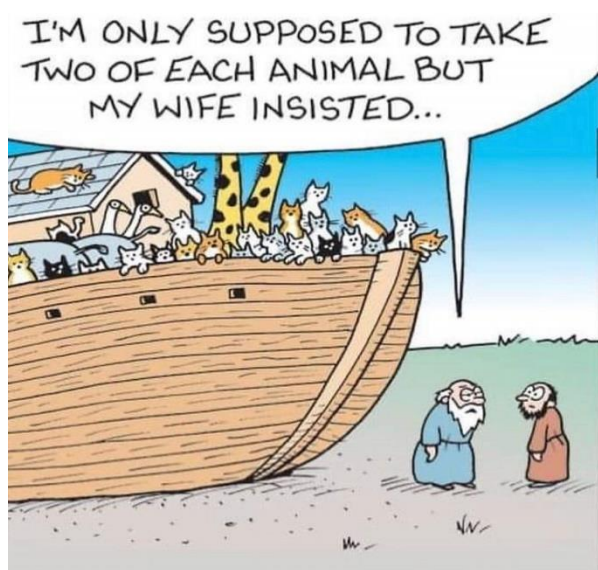
If you find a new possibility, even if you're not sure, phone a Board member and we will happily follow up every lead that we are given.

Remember: We need a workshop area of 200m² or more, with a concrete floor and 3 phase power. We also need bathroom facilities and room for our Carvers, Pyrographers, Scrollers etc.

If you have any ideas, call me please asap.

Take care and stay safe guys... Alan.

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**Think
positive
and positive
things will
happen.**