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| | | Assisted by Jim Christie | |
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| Trainers | G. Buckman, R. Gibbs, J. Lea and B. Wilson. | | |
| Refreshments | Valda Barton | | 0439 901804 |
| Board Members | Mark Board, Garry Buckman, Phil Clements, Peter Hamilton, John Lea, Dom Pirlo, Alan Smith and Brian Wilson. | | |
| Life members: | Barry Carson, Margaret Deacon, Brian Duncan, Bob Fischer, Ron Gibbs, Ray Grennan, Alan Hagan, John Lea, Laurie Luthje, Barry Peick, Kerry Robertson, Alan Smith, Dorothy Thomas, Lois Watt, Kevin West and Brian Wilson | | |

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**Central Coast Woodturners Co-operative Ltd
Minutes of the General Meeting
held on Saturday 4th June 2022 at Wyong Milk
Factory**

Sausage sandwiches were provided for the members. Catering was a bit of a challenge as it was difficult to predict attendance after such a long break. Special thanks to Ron Cathcart for doing the cooking and “Rooster”, Mark Board and Peter Hamilton for getting things ready.



The meeting was opened at 12.30pm by President Peter Hamilton
Minutes taken by Dom Pirlo

Due to Covid restrictions the CCWT has been unable to hold regular monthly meetings since 2nd May 2021.

Guest Speaker: There was no guest speaker.



Show and Tell: Conducted by:
Brian “Skeeta” Wilson.

Some outstanding and unique items were displayed.
Unfortunately details of some are unavailable.

Name:
Mark Board
Alan Smith
Alan Smith
Ron Gibbs
Ron Gibbs

Item:
Segmented Vase
Jacaranda Bowl
Angophora Bowl
Redgum Burl Platter 745mm
Coolabah Burl Bowl 400 x
100mm

Woods used:
Various timbers

Ron Gibbs
Ron Gibbs
Bob Chivers
Ron Cathcart.

Redgum Burl Bowl 400 x 80mm
Biscuit Barrel – segmented.
Six bowls from Red Cedar burl. Some quite unusual.
A variety of interesting items – including a goblet and a vase.

President’s Challenge: Bob Chivers – red cedar bowl - who won a \$10 gift voucher.

Attendance: 30 members, 3 apologies, 0 associates and 1 visitor.

Welfare:

Kerry Robertson was brought to the workshop for a visit last Saturday. Unfortunately, his health continues to deteriorate.

Laurie Luthje – having vision and mobility problems. Unable to continue with woodworking.

Phil Clements – lost his brother-in-law. Still in Victoria. Health not great.

Unfortunately, the Club has lost a number of members in recent times. These are sadly missed and condolences are offered to the families:

Reg Watts, Neville Heap, Ron Deacon, Eric Marshall, Eric Lysaught, Jerry Paine.

Minutes: It was moved by Bill Allen and seconded by Allan (Cedar) Smith that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in May 2021 be accepted. Passed.

Business Arising:

There was no business arising that anyone present could remember.



Correspondence:

Inwards:

Numerous e-mails and phone inquiries dealt with by executive members.

Outwards:

Answered lots of email enquiries re: membership, opening hours etc.

Business Arising from Correspondence:

Bill Allen to address the meeting concerning a proposal to participate in sales at Erina Fair.

It was moved by Brian Wilson and seconded by Ron Gibbs that the correspondence be accepted. Passed.



Financial Report: Although absent, Garry Buckland submitted the Financial Report.

Income \$84.90 and Expenditure \$565.43, leaving a Credit Balance of \$219.47 for the month.

It was moved by Bill Allen and seconded by Jim Christie that the financial report be accepted. Passed.

Lucky Door Prize: Won by Barry Peick, who received a \$10 shop voucher.

New Members:

The Club welcomed the following new members:

Les Roddan, Roger Price, Clare Buckingham, Karen Murray and Jerry Vanbuul.

Reports:

Workshop:

John Lea – Members who use the workshop and fail to clean and tidy the area, and the equipment used, remains an issue. Cleaning up is NOT the responsibility of the workshop managers – as some members seem to think! To help address this problem, yellow warning cards will be issued to members not meeting their obligations – possibly leading to a fine if the warnings are not heeded. Any fines will be used to fund replacement band-saw blades. Some items of equipment go missing on a regular basis which is a concern. Chucks especially need to be cleaned and lubricated regularly. Chucks borrowed from the cupboard must be returned once cleaned and lubricated and borrowers must ensure that ALL components are in the box.

Carvers/Pyrography:

Sue reported that the carvers are going well and almost back to normal. Four members are doing Pyrography.

Scrollers:

Valda reported that two new members have expressed interest in learning scroll-saw skills. New trainers for this discipline are needed.

Toys:

“Rooster” reported that the Toy Fund is quite healthy financially. He is having trouble finding a Women’s Refuge on the coast for the Club to support as the previous organisations, including Central Coast Outreach, that the Club was supporting, are no longer operating. Ron Gibbs suggested a special Government school for youth in Years 9 -11 who are experiencing difficulty in mainstream education as a worthy recipient of the Club’s support. There was general agreement for “Rooster” and Ron to investigate the Club providing further support.

Several members are investigating other organisations that meet the Club criteria for support.

**Library:**

Members – especially new members - are encouraged to make use of this Club facility.

Please use the card system and return the books at the end of each month.

Numerous woodworking magazines have been donated to the Club. Members are encouraged to take these and return them when finished.

Hobby Turner:

Alan Smith is in the process of preparing the next Hobby Turner. He would love some contributions for the newsletter from members. Please send Alan any material that may be suitable.

Merchandise:

There are lots of items for sale in our shop. See Skeeta or Phil for details.

The shop is being re-organised to meet the changing needs of members.

There is a good supply of super glue.

Stylewood is not available to conform with Government regulations. Members need to organize their own supplies.

General Business:

1. Members are encouraged to discuss with their G.P. to get Shingles injections.
2. Valda informed the meeting that cabinet sales are going well. She will organize a changeover of items in November.
3. Members are encouraged to make lolly bowls in time for distribution at Christmas.

4. Barry Peick informed members that light duty plastic bags will be banned as of 1st June. Meeting agreed for Barry to purchase a box of heavy-duty plastic bags – which comply with the new regulations – for use at sales events.
5. “Rooster” informed the meeting that the barbecues need replacing. Moved Sue, seconded Ron – “That “Rooster” arranges for the purchase of a barbecue.” Carried. Mark Board will arrange the disposal of the old barbecues.
6. “Skeeta” reminded members that subs are due.
7. Barry Peick will collect gear needed for sales next Friday.
8. Bill Allen has been in touch with management at Erina Fair to investigate organizing Club sales there – possibly in September. He asked for members interested in participating and this request will be made to all members through the Hobby Turner. Bill has offered to organize this sale if it is supported by sufficient members.
9. Sue Wood expressed concern about some of the materials stored in the Carving room. Board members will look at re-locating some of this gear. Alan Smith has offered to store the lolly bowls at his place.
10. Alan Smith informed members that a good variety of wood is stored at his place and available for purchase by members.
11. Peter Kun – expressed concern that his sales sheets from the Craft Extravaganza have not been returned to him. He inquired about a financial report for the event and was informed that Garry presented it to the Board immediately after the event. The secretary can provide the sales figures if Peter needs them. He also indicated that he was not happy with the overall organization of the event.
Peter informed the meeting that he is ceasing woodworking and that he has a wide range of tools and equipment for sale. President Peter suggested that Peter make a list of the things he has for sale, along with prices, and give them to Alan for inclusion in the Hobby Turner.
12. The workshop will be closed on Monday 13th – public holiday.

Meeting closed at 2.00pm

Next monthly meeting will be on Saturday 2nd July. (As long as “Murphy” doesn’t interfere!)

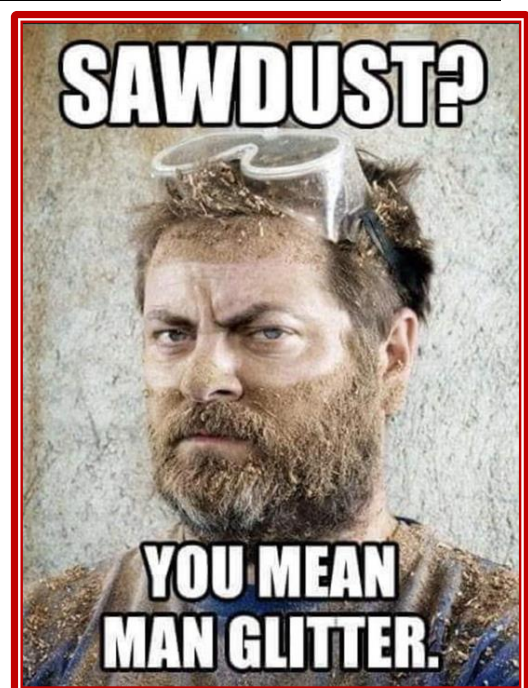


A man was arrested in Melbourne recently for supposedly running a scam where he was selling water taken from “The Fountain of Youth”.
He claimed that a single bottle of this ‘magic’ water was

enough to give the drinker immortality.

It turned out that he has a criminal record and has run this scam before in 2021, 2009, 1986, 1924, 1865, 1819, 1789 and before that, in London, in 1763, 1654, 1602, 1546, 1432...

- 🇷🇺 Russian dolls are so full of themselves.
- 🇺🇸 A termite walks into the bar and asks, ‘Is the bar tender here?’



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

We are entering into a period which we are told is 'post pandemic'. Let us hope that this is in fact true and that lockdowns are a thing of the past. I am reminded of all the 'good news, bad news' jokes that I heard in the past.

Good news, the workshop is open fully.
Bad news the workshop is far from fully utilised.

Good news, we are getting new members starting in the different crafts offered at CCWT.

Bad news, we need more past members to renew their membership.

Good news, our workshop is well equipped.

Bad news, items go missing and equipment is not cleaned properly after use.

Good news, this SATURDAY is our first club meeting for a few years.

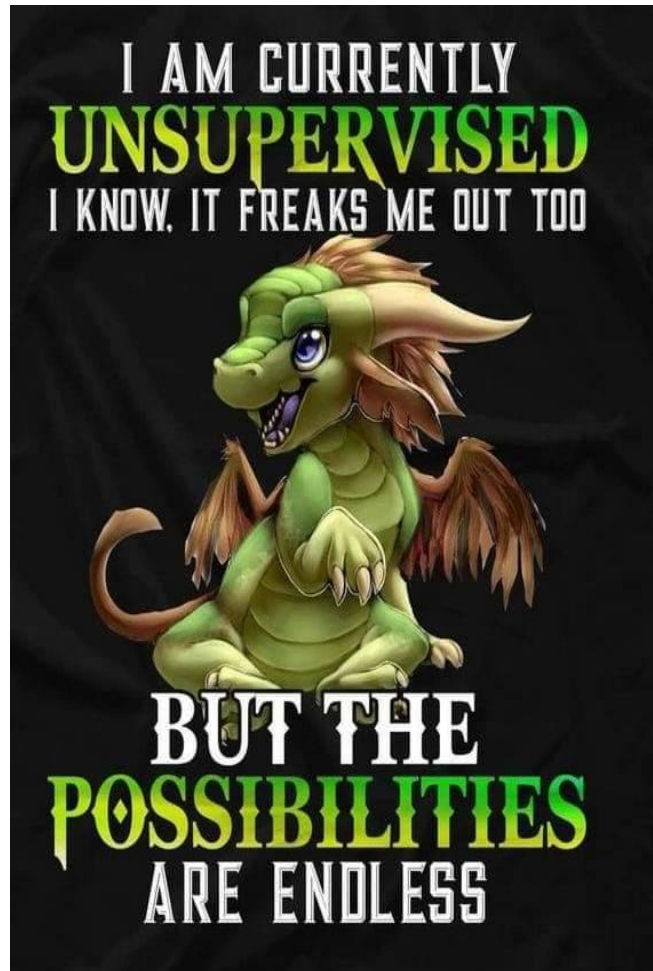
Hopefully no bad news associated with this.

During the time we have been closed we held our Craft Extravaganza. The organisation of this event continues to be the brainchild of Garry Buckman. Friday was mainly for wood sales. "Sparkie's

Burls" were here again and offered a good range of burls, exotic timbers and blanks. We also had a good load of wood from that stored at Alan Smith's yard. This included maple, blackwood, silky oak and camphor laurel to name a few. Saturday and Sunday were for sales. A good number of members took the opportunity to display items and there was a steady flow of people through the sales area. Sellers reported mixed fortunes but overall, I feel the Craft Extravaganza was successful and will be repeated. It also raised awareness of the Club and there were a number of enquiries about membership.

It is always sad when we farewell members and we have lost a number of members over the lockdown periods. As well as this a number of members have decided it hang up their craft tools and retire from woodcrafts. The result of this is there are many work tools offered for sale. Keep your eye on the Hobby Turner.

Talking of the Hobby Turner, as I do often in my report, I must thank Alan smith for keeping our club publication alive during lockdowns. If you enjoy the HT and want to see it carry on Alan needs help. If you have any interesting stories relating to our hobby. If you have made anything unusual write up a short report and send it to Alan along with a few pictures. This your chance to forward something interesting that you've found and it's also your chance to showcase the work that you've been doing.



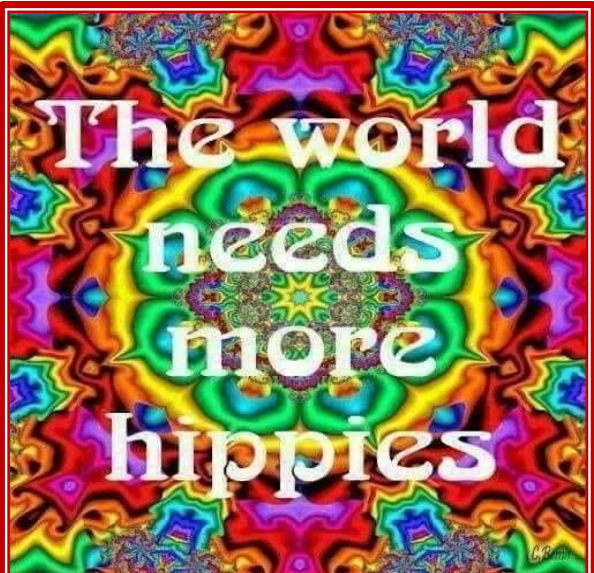
Since the last Club meeting we have expanded the gallery in the tearoom. Next time you visit the workshop (how about this Saturday) make sure you go and see the items for sale. Valda has taken control of sales from the workshop. Maybe a visit to the club will inspire more members putting items up for sale.

Although we are told this is now 'post pandemic', please stay safe. Covid-19 infections are as high as they have ever been. The number of deaths is still too high. Having just had covid myself it was nothing like the illness of the past. Perhaps this was due to the vaccines. I encourage all members to keep up their vaccine injections, both covid and flu.

Please keep safe and happy craft hours... Peter

A good life
is when you assume
nothing, do more, smile
often, dream big, laugh
a lot, and realize how
blessed you are for
what you have.

Diet tip:
Your pants
won't get
too tight if
you don't wear any.



I might
look like
I'm doing
nothing..
But in my
head I'm quite busy!



A smart person
knows what
to say. A wise
person knows
whether or not
to say it.

The tallest tree in Wales got damaged in a storm and it was supposed to be cut down. Instead, chainsaw artist, Simon O'Rourke, found a better solution to symbolise the tree's last attempt to reach the sky.



Trying something new...

As many of you know, I also dabble in a bit of watercolour painting.

Well, one day my art teacher, Belinda, asked if I knew anyone in our club who would take on a commission to make her a large, round picture frame for one of her works. It had to have an outside diameter of around 800mm and be made from a darker timber.

Now, Belinda is a world-renowned artist who specialises in botanical and true to life paintings. A second-rate frame would not do justice to her amazing artworks.

I told her that I was sure that I could find someone to do it for her but I added that if I couldn't, then I would have a go at it myself. I also pointed out that I had never done anything like this before.

Anyway, the end result was that I now had a picture frame to make.

I happened to have a couple of nice, well-seasoned branches of an Australian Red Cedar tree that I'd acquired from another member, Allan 'Cedar' Smith, in the Dooralong valley. I decided to slab one of the logs to see what it looked like, and it was beautiful.

Making a pattern was no problem but working out how to make the frame strong and rigid, and then deciding how to turn it, was a bit challenging.

Obviously, the frame needed to be segmented, so I decided on 6 pieces and made a template out of cardboard.

I used dowel joints to join the pieces, along with epoxy glue. This made for very strong joints and I was happy with the results.

Now came the task of mounting the frame for turning.

I used 2 layers of thick ply that were glued and screwed for rigidity and attached the frame using hot glue and specially made brackets (see photo). It was nothing fancy but it worked.

My idea was to initially turn the recess on the back of the frame and inlay a large circle of ply, held in place with hot glue. I could then screw through the ply, into the backing plate, and make it secure.



This allowed me to remove the custom clamps and finish the back of the frame.



I decided to French polish the frame to give the finishing polyurethane lacquer something to bond to. I was going to be using a matt finish as requested by Belinda.

This all went well until I tried to decorate the back of the frame with beads and knurling. I had it looking lovely and decided to just touch up a bead with a new tool that I hadn't used before... and Yes! you guessed it, it dug in and ran right across everything.

Luckily, I had made the timber pieces thick enough to allow for stupid mistakes, so I took some 20-grit garnet paper and sanded off all of the beads and knurling.

Anyway, the back eventually turned out well. I stained it with Black Japan but left a timber highlight around the edge.



I drilled a 7mm hole in the centre of the plywood insert and the backing plate, to allow for easy centring of the job when reversed. I then removed the job from the backing plate, glued a 7mm dowel onto the

backing plate and, after the glue had dried, I easily remounted the job using lots of screws.

Turning the front of the frame was easy because Belinda just wanted it plain.



It was difficult to remove the hot glue from the inlaid circle of ply but I remembered what Skeeta had told me and I doused it liberally with Mineral Turps and the glue just peeled right off.



After French polishing and lacquering it was finished and ready for delivery.

Belinda was thrilled with the result.

I was hoping to show the finished, framed picture here but that will have to wait for the next edition because after Belinda delivered the painting and the frame to the framer, they (the framers) all came down with Covid and temporarily closed down.

I can tell you though that the painting is of a beautiful Australian parrot sitting on an Australian Red Cedar branch and that the branch came from a tree in my back paddock.

...Alan Smith (Editor)

Me: (sobbing my heart out, eyes swollen, nose red)...I can't see you anymore... I am not going to let you hurt me like this again!

Trainer: It was a sit up. You did one sit up.

**RAP SOUNDS
BEST IF YOU
LISTEN TO
ROCK'N'ROLL
INSTEAD.**

**Whatever you do today, do it
with the confidence of a 4 year
old wearing a Batman t-shirt.**

Letters to the Board:

Kerry Robertson is a Life Member of our club, who has been battling illness for some time. Our members were very happy to see him and his wife, Margaret, pay the workshop a visit recently. We wish them both the best at this difficult time... Editor.

Hi Peter,

I thought I should give you an update regarding Covid at Hakea Grove, it is spreading quite rapidly there, as it is in all homes on the coast. This is despite rapid testing which is not 100% accurate. It is believed that it has been brought in by a visitor who tested negative as all staff are tested daily and none have Covid.

Influenzas and Covid are spreading with just fleeting contact.

I am not sure if anyone is still visiting in person, but it is recommended that it is only carers and restricted visiting.

Cheers Margaret Robertson.



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- ✚ The first time I got a universal remote control, I thought to myself, “This changes everything.”
 - ✚ My teachers told me I’d never amount to much because I procrastinate so much. I told them, “Just you wait and see!”

Featured Artisan:

Skeeta's been busy...

Despite very recently undergoing extensive heart surgery, our mate, and mentor, Brian "Skeeta" Wilson has been busy in his workshop.

As they say "You can't keep a good man down".



Exercise batons aka Indian Clubs. Used by many cultures. Used in pairs, fast or slow, controlled movements.



Handles for two chaff cutters.



American Oak Vanity Legs. First turning after heart surgery. Very impressive, Skeeta

**You need to be careful
of them face masks.
My cousin done fell in
love with a girl that
only had 3 teeth.**

- ✚ Have you heard about the new restaurant called 'Karma?' There's no menu... you get what you deserve.
- ✚ I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work.

Featured Artisan:

Some fine work from Richard...

One of our newer members, Richard Alexander, has been hard at work producing some excellent pieces. Congratulations on some outstanding work!



Hairy she oak box with knob on lid made from red mallee burl.



Nice vase from Tassie Oak.
Tried liberally applying lacquer with lathe in slow reverse. No wiping between coats (2) and no EEE afterwards. Gave pretty good finish.



Mulga vase from old fence post complete with auger hole.



Jacaranda music box with dancing ballerinas which spin as they move round in a circle.
Is a 3 magnets movement bought on line from AliExpress.



My first clock - jacaranda with nice skeleton insert from Timberbits.

My wife had a car accident today and she told the police that the man she hit was on his phone and drinking beer at the time. They said that that he was entitled to do whatever he liked in his own lounge room.

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- ✚ Whiteboards are remarkable.
 - ✚ A dung beetle walks into a bar and asks, 'Is this stool taken?'
 - ✚ "Some people feel the rain. Others just get wet" ...Bob Marley.

**FOR
SALE**



Carbatec Benchtop Mini Lathe and 8 Chisels, 3 Nova Chucks, 1 Face Plate... \$500



1250W Planer Thicknesser... \$150

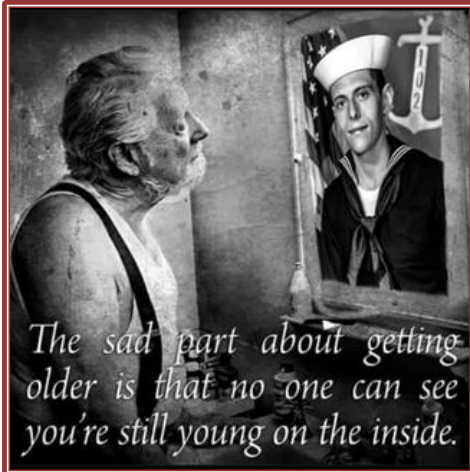


Router Table with Router... \$70

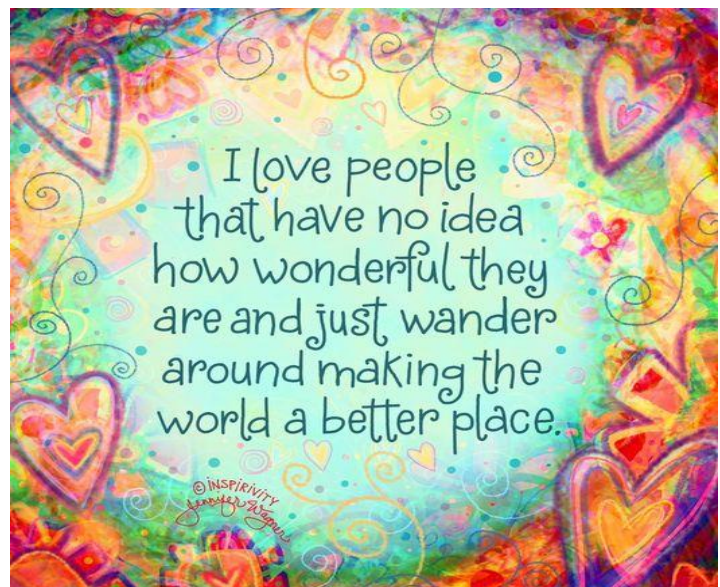


Slide Compound Mitre Saw... \$50

Contact: Peter Kun (02) 4392 6092



**REMEMBER
IF WE GET
CAUGHT
YOU'RE DEAF
AND I DON'T
SPEAK ENGLISH**



| 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 2 nd 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, we are certainly living in strange times.

With the pandemic still very active around the world, the wettest start to the year for many, many years and the coldest start to winter that I can ever remember, it's no wonder that we are all feeling stressed out and a little miserable.

On the brighter side though, most of us have warm homes, warm food and warm beds to snuggle into each night.

Now is not the time to hibernate though.

It's the time of year when we should be checking on our family, neighbours and friends again and again to make sure that they are all OK. Help out when and where you can and get extra help if it's needed.

If you are doing it tough yourself, then please reach out to somebody.

Also, think about those that don't have nice warm homes and beds. There are thousands of people on the Coast and around Australia who are on the streets every night, often through no fault of their own, in near freezing conditions.

If you have the chance to help or to make life a little easier for someone, then please don't hesitate to do so.

Take care and stay safe guys... Alan.

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**I found my first grey
pubic hair today, but I
remained very calm...
not like everyone else
at the Zoom meeting.**