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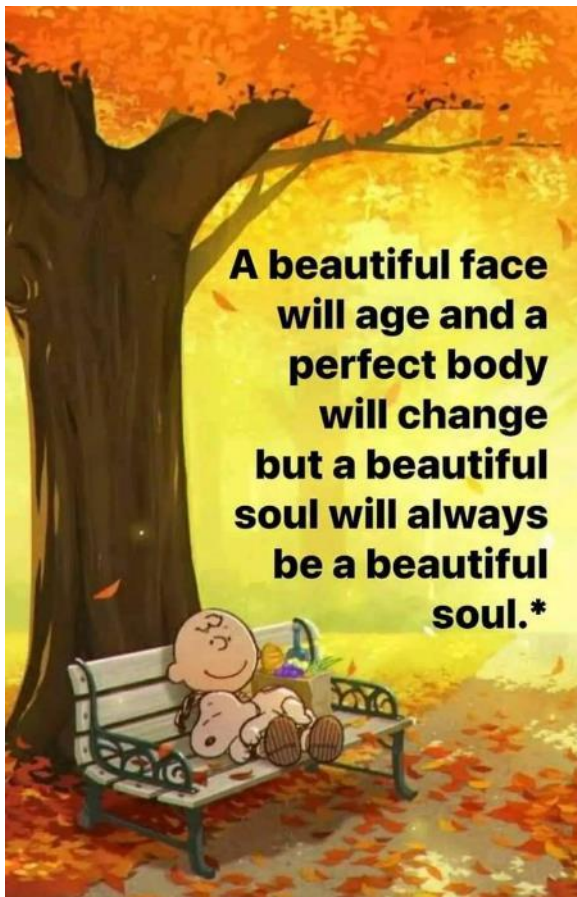
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

For the first time as President, I am trying to match Alan's deadline for the Hobby Turner. Unfortunately, I was away on Rotary business at the time of the last Club meeting. The fall-out from that Rotary meeting must act as a warning to us all that the threat posed by Covid-19 has not passed. In Melbourne some 15,000 or more delegates from all over the world gathered for the annual International Convention. The conference part of the Convention was held at the Rod Laver Arena, where all the delegates met on four consecutive mornings. When less attendees were expected large portions of the auditorium were closed off. Delegates were crowded into less space so the hall would appear full. On the way home from the Convention my wife tested positive for Covid-19. During the week that followed, while she developed a cough, I felt increasingly unwell, until I also tested positive. Two other members of my Rotary Club, who also attended the Convention, have tested positive. I have since discovered that at least six others from the Central Coast have tested positive as a direct result of attending that Convention in Melbourne. I relate this story at length to highlight the continuing threat of the pandemic and a need to continue to be cautious.



Well done the four members who brought items to the 'show and tell' at the June meeting. Congratulations to Ron Gibbs for his Mantra Ray Box made from Jacaranda. I have seen Ron's Mantra Ray work before and watched him turning such an item on the lathe. The



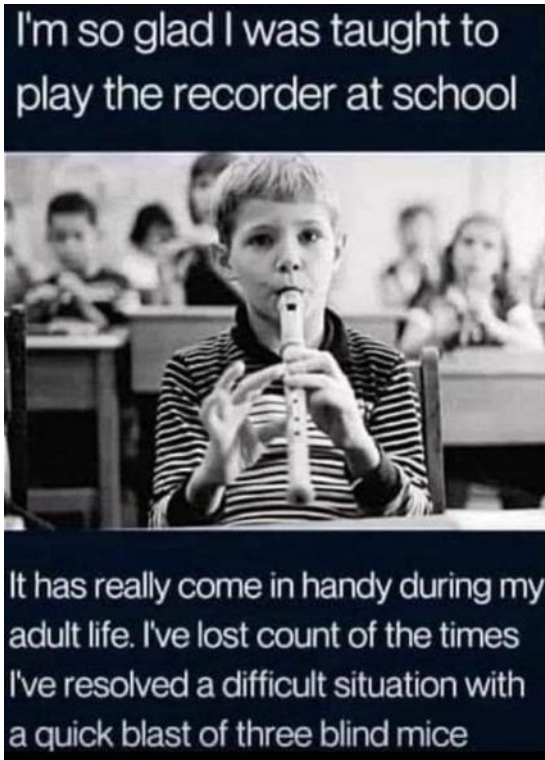
variety of woods on display must have made a colourful display. Thanks to Ian Stokes for appraising these items. I hope we can continue and grow the participation in the 'show and tell' part of our monthly meetings. I personally always find the critique of items gives me useful advice and ideas for my own woodturning.

Members attending the June 3rd meeting were provided with an update on progress on finding a new workshop. We continue to follow up on our two avenues, namely the Alison Homestead and the Ourimbah guide hut. Until the Alison Homestead agrees its lease with Central Coast Council, we can make little progress there. The board will continue to update members through the monthly meetings and minutes published in the H.T.

I have had little, well no, response to my request for ideas for demonstrations or speakers at our monthly meetings. If we are to increase the number of people attending each

month, we must make the meetings worth attending. This will also help to retain membership which has declined a little over the pandemic time.

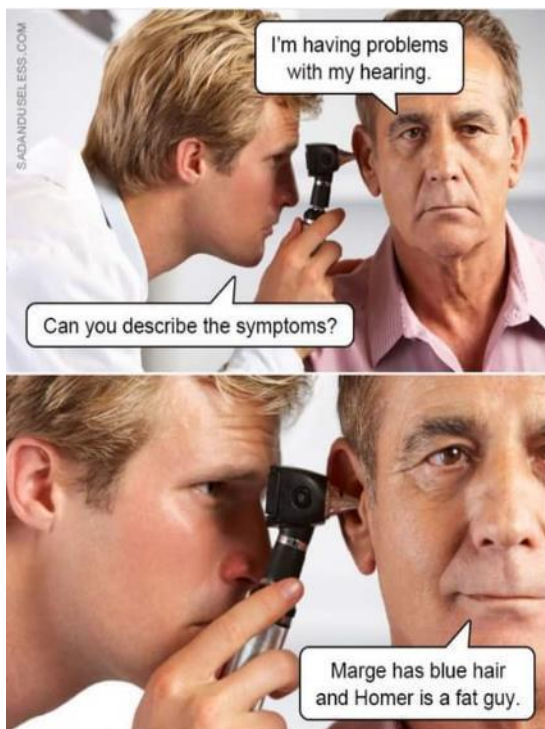
It is a timely reminder that as well as trying to increase attendance at the Club meetings, Alan has asked for items for the Hobby Turner. It is hard work producing an interesting edition each month. So far Alan has done brilliantly but photographs and articles to be included would help Alan a great deal. As well as things you have made, interesting articles and videos could also be mentioned with links as to how to access them.



From my opening remarks you will remember that I am also President of my Rotary Club. Fortunately, the Rotary year comes to an end at the end of June and I shall be handing over the presidency to another member. As well as the Change Over Dinner I have one last Rotary Event to attend, District Change Over. Unfortunately, this is mid-day 1st July, which is also the date for the next Club meeting. Once again, I will be an apology.

Despite our lack of workshop, I hope that as many of you as possible are able to carry on with your hobby either in your own workshop, Men's Shed, or other sites. Remember to keep in touch with each other and get out for coffee or lunch-time chats and meetings.

Happy woodworking.
Peter



Paddy asked a shop assistant, "In what aisle could I find the Irish sausage, the assistant said "Are you Irish?" Paddy clearly offended, says, "Yes I am. But let me ask you something. "If I had asked for Italian sausage, would you ask me if I was Italian? Or if I had asked for German Bratwurst, would you ask me if I was German? Or if I asked for a kosher hotdog, would you ask me if I was Jewish? Or if I had asked for a Taco, would you ask if I was Mexican? Or if I asked for Polish sausage, would you ask if I was Polish?" The assistant says, "No, I probably wouldn't." Paddy says, "Well then, because I asked for Irish sausage, why did you ask me if I'm Irish?" The clerk replied, "Because you're in Bunnings."

Minutes of the General Meeting held on Saturday 3rd June at Alison Homestead.

The meeting was opened at 10.08 am by Mark Board

Minutes taken by Carol Jennings



Show and Tell: Was conducted by Ian Stokes. He commented on the quality of the work, and he picked Ron Gibb's Mantra Ray Box made from Jacaranda.

Name	Item	Woods used
Ron Gibbs	Mantra Ray Box	Jacaranda
Ron Gibbs	Bowl	Coolabah
John Butlin	Bowl	White & Red cedar, Jacaranda
John Butlin	Bowl	Jacaranda, She Oak
John Butlin	Bowl	Red cedar and Jacaranda
Richard Alexander	Fruit bowl	Yellow box burl
Richard Alexander	Xmas Tree	Camphor Laurel
Ross Gordon	Lidded Box	W. African Mahogany & King Billy Pine
Ross Gordon	Square bowl	Jarrah
Ross Gordon	Decorated bowl	Myrtle & Gidgee
Ross Gordon	Gronk/Viking	Various Timbers

Attendance: 21 members, 5 apologies, 0 associates and 0 visitors.

Welfare: Nil

Raffle: Won by Bob Bamforth.

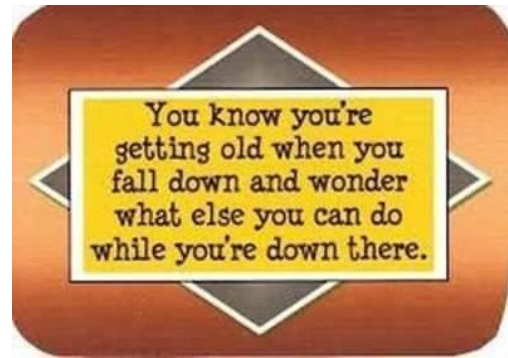
Previous Minutes: It was moved by Alan Smith and seconded by Ron Gibbs that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in May 2023 be accepted. Passed

President's report:

I am writing this report somewhat earlier than usual. This is for two reasons, firstly Alan has asked for all reports to ensure they are in the next HT and, secondly, I shall be away for the next two weeks or so, attending the Rotary International Convention in Melbourne.

You have received an email from Ian Stokes, forwarded to you by Alan Smith, reminding members that we have a BBQ at Bunnings, Tuggerah, on the 25th June. Please read this email and if you are free let Ian Stokes know on the number at the end of that email.

I also have a request. At the last two Club meetings, Graham Craike has repeated the offer from Bateau Bay Men's Shed for us to have a stall at their up-coming sale. This is to sell items to raise funds for CCWT. At this point in time, we have two items donated by Ron Gibbs and a dozen or so bowls from Kerry Robertson. I would be grateful if members could donate further items for the sale. Don't limit this to bowls; we are open to any objects made by members, which they would like to donate. We don't have a date for the sale yet, but we might not have much notice, so I would prefer to build up a collection of donated items. Alan Smith has kindly agreed to store all donations in the containers. If necessary, a board member near you will collect any donations. Those running the stall on the day of the sale will fix prices.



Whilst we are looking for a new workshop, it is important, not only for the Club, but also for members, that we keep in touch with each other. Valda has organised a lunch which was attended by a few members and she has another coming up. I know that there have been a few 'coffee meetings' at various locations on the Central Coast. Whilst these have not been advertised, please remember other members living in your area. Some of our members live alone and I am certain they would love to join other members for a morning tea outing. It could even be someone could pick them up and deliver them home again.

A couple of Saturdays ago, six members, and a guest, attended a resin workshop in Cardiff. Our efforts were on show at the last Club meeting. A number of other members had expressed an interest in attending but were unable to make the date. Subsequent to that I have attended another workshop with Allettare, this time their Resin Workshop – Beach. In this workshop you produce two serving boards with a beach theme in the colours chosen.



Again, this was a relaxed evening, which I really enjoyed. My efforts are in the photograph below. If there are any other members who would like to attend a workshop, please let me know. If we have eight participants, Chris, the teacher, will put on a workshop just for us. If you are interested, please go on line to allattaredezigns.com.au

... Peter

Business Arising:

- Ian Stokes spoke about the Bunnings BBQ 25/6/23 at Tuggerah and the finalizing of the details. Times have been covered by members to attend. It is a 7:30 am start.
- Bateau Bay's Men Shed event was on this current weekend and no communication had taken place to keep us informed, so members were unable to attend.



Correspondence:

Inwards: Nil

Outwards: Letters were sent by Dom Pirlo to Barbara re Ourimbah Guide Hall (6 Ourimbah Creek Road, Ourimbah) and David re: North Gosford Rotary Club.

Business Arising from Correspondence:

- Dom has spoken with Barbara re: leasing the Guide Hall, she has stated that they have yet to have their State Meeting, but she looks favourably on us leasing the property. This will include payments for the modifications e.g., electricity phase and concrete flooring, as well as monthly rent and any other repairs. Barbara expects to have it finalised by the end of August and will contact Dom within 2-3 weeks with their decision. Dom has asked Barbara if we can have a monthly meeting at the Guides Hall so members can have a look at the space. **Dom to follow up.**
- The Building Fund committee have been investigating grants available, \$20,000 is the maximum amount given. Council grants end 30/6/23 for this year. Correspondence moved by Brian (Skeeta) Wilson and seconded by John (Rooster) Lea.



Financial Report:

- Garry Buckman stated there is enough funds for the next 12 months.
- Need members to re-new membership. Membership will remain at \$45.00 and discussed to increase to \$50.00 next year.
- Building Fund consists of \$290.
- Toy Fund consists of \$3250.42.
- Expenditure out \$61.75. Income balance consists of \$678.25.

It was moved by Ron Gibbs and seconded by Rooster that the financial report be accepted. Passed.

Other Reports:

Carvers: All going well.

Pyrography and Scrollers: All going well.

General Business:

- Mark Board spoke about the lease at Alison’s Homestead. It will still take 2-3months before the lease is finalised for Alison’s Homestead, then after that point our lease will be finalised. There is a new President for Alison’s Homestead, Greg is the Vice President.
- Garry spoke about the Harvest Festival, Jilliby and due to lack of communication with the organisers and lack of interest from members we will not be taking part this year.

I was born a female. I identify as a female, but according to Woolworths sticky date pudding, I’m a family of four.

Garry also stated there has been no communication with the knitters re: sales being held at Wyong Racecourse.

- Dom Pirlo raised the need for an assistant treasurer for the building funds to support Garry, this can be discussed further as the role gets busier.
- Dom had tools and wood for sale with proceeds going to the building fund.

The meeting closed at 11:10 am

Next meeting is at Alison Homestead on 1st of July 2023 @ 10am.



If common sense was lard, most people wouldn't be able to grease a pan.



✚ "Today, on a drive, I decided to go visit my childhood home. I asked the people living there if I could come inside because I was feeling nostalgic, but they refused and slammed the door in my face. My parents are the worst."

✚ You're not completely useless. You can always be used as a bad example.

✚ Did you hear about the mathematician who's afraid of negative numbers? He'll stop at nothing to avoid them.

✚ A bear walks into a bar and says, "Give me a whiskey..... and a cola."
"Why the big pause?" asks the bartender.
The bear shrugged. "I'm not sure. I was just born with them."

Quote of the Day



"Life moves pretty fast.
If you don't stop and
look around once in a
while, you could miss it."



Hobby Turner Deadline: All reports, minutes, articles, advertisements etc need to be with me by the 15th of each month to assure their inclusion in the HT... Editor.

Letters to the Editor:

Hi Al,
Re: Bunnings BBQ Tuggerah 25th June 2023
Five degrees @7am. We settled in to a warm welcome from staff.
Ian was our commander and was very well organised. I was happy to be given instruction and relegated to reception. I would have been a hindrance otherwise. Cooking and service was a credit to our Chefs and servers.
We had many repeat customers and donations. Very good camaraderie.
Our profit was \$1900.
A big thanks goes to all who attended and worked their magic.
Congratulations Ian and Judy.
... Skeeta



Hi Alan,

On Sunday 18th June four members of the Club: Ron, Peter, Bernard and Richard, travelled to Western Sydney Woodturners for a demonstration. Ken Cooper, from Northern Beaches Club was demonstrating how to turn a three-pointed bowl turned between centres.

On arrival there was just time for a quick hot drink and a tour of the Lalor Park Club as Richard and Bernard had not been there before.

Ron had also requested that we each bring a couple of finished pieces, especially burls, that we had made. These were added to the Show and Tell table.

Ken began his demonstration showing how to cut the blank, either a true cube or a slight longer side than the cross-section. He also gave some description of different chucks and their advantages.

Both Ron, and Ken, gave feedback on the Show and Tell items. We enjoyed both morning tea and a BBQ lunch before Peter won the raffle prize: two matching pieces of Sassafras.





Perhaps we should organise similar demonstrations, any ideas for content and location?

Thank you, Ron for driving.

Regards... Peter



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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.



Bill: “Now that your married, how’s your sex life.”

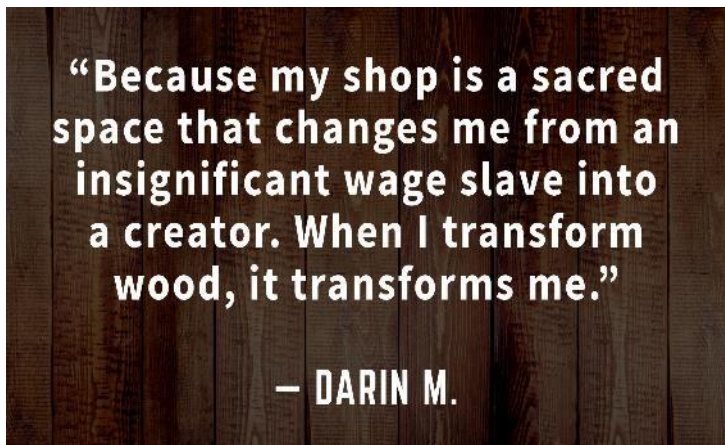
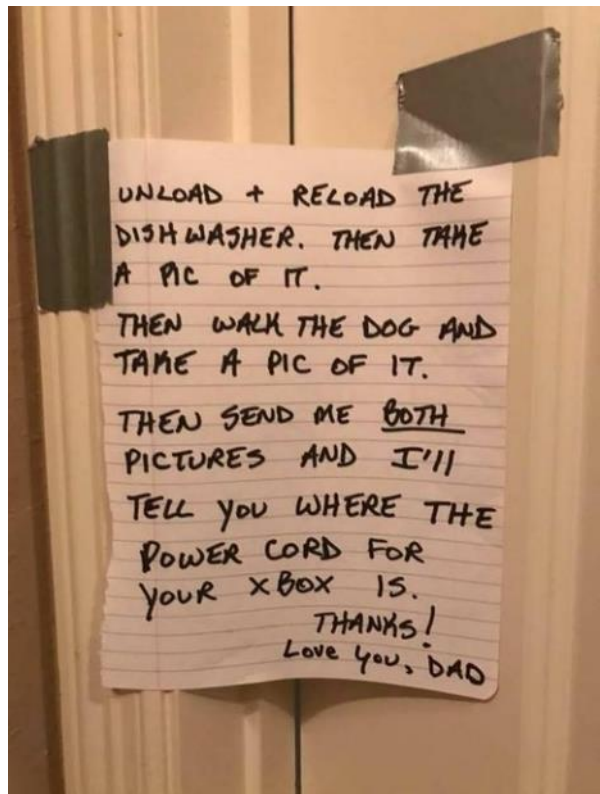
Bob: “A bit like my Ferrari.”

Bill: “But you haven’t got a Ferrari!”

Bob: “Exactly.”



"It's a social distancing machine. I built it for your mother."



What's on	When	Contact
Monthly Meeting	First Saturday each month @ 10am. Alison Homestead.	Peter
Woodturning	<i>As we are temporarily homeless, we are searching for new premises and there are no set workshop times at present.</i>	Skeeta, Ron Gibbs
Scrolling		Tony Bruckard
Carving		Sue Wood
Pyrography		Valda Barton

**Note: The Club's Workshop is currently closed but we are searching for new premises.
Check with organizers for details.



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,

Well, the winter equinox has passed and we should soon notice the days starting to get longer and the weather getting a little warmer. For now, though, it is still quite cold and I'm sitting here with many layers of winter woollies on... complete with beanie and scarf.

Please don't forget to check in with neighbours, friends and relatives to make sure that they are doing OK during these cold months.

Also, if you have the opportunity and means, please help out those in need at this time.

I've had many phone calls this week, mostly over club related matters, but the call that I enjoyed the most was from an ex-member who is looking to re-join, after a few years absence. She started the conversation by saying that I wouldn't remember her, but I assured her that we all remembered her and missed her at the club events. We then went on to chat for ages and catch up on what's been happening. It was good.

My point is, that as we go through life we meet and interact with 1,000's of people each year and I believe that every one of them enters our life, however briefly, for a reason.

Some, like people that we see when we are out and about, are there for just a moment and after a smile or a few words, we move on.

Others are workmates or acquaintances who we see often and get to know reasonably well. Some become friends.

Some friends though, become family because you really value the time that you spend with them and they have a profound affect in your life. It doesn't matter if you don't see them for a while, or don't talk for ages. When you do catch up, however, it's like you saw each other just yesterday and you simply pick up where you left off.

I'm very lucky to have my 'extended family' in my life and I value every one of them.

Take care and stay safe guys... Alan.

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