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Hi Folks,

Just a quick up-date and an apology from me.

I'll start with the apology:

When all of this nonsense first started we were certainly hoping that it wasn't going to last long.

As a result we delayed the publication of the HT for several weeks, hoping to bring you some good news and our plan for re-opening the workshop.

Unfortunately, as the situation became dire, there was no good news and we were legally required to stay closed.

Peter Hamilton sent me his report quite a while back but at that stage I was keeping inside, feeling scared for my family, sorry for myself and doing my very best impression of a hermit or recluse.

As a result the HT kept getting put back and postponed. I do apologise for this.

It wasn't until Peter Kun phoned me and said that he was just checking that I was OK. I said that I was fine and had been just phaffing about at home.

He said that everyone else was at home too and that they all looked forward to the HT for the articles, jokes, cartoons etc. He basically gave me a wake-up call to get off my bum and get something out there to the members. Thanks for that Peter.

Up-date: As far as the near future goes and questions regarding re-opening, sales, markets etc. here is where we're at:

The Board have been conducting a meeting via e-mails this week and we have several motions regarding re-opening times, cleaning and maintaining the workshop in our absence, attendance at shopping centres etc. by the Club and the ability of members to attend markets and fairs as individual artisans.

Discussion of these motions will finish in the next few days and then we will formally vote.

Results and outcomes will then be sent to you asap... definitely before the end of the coming week.

We are taking this very seriously because it is an unprecedented situation for our club and, in fact most Aussies, to be in. We are taking our time to make sure that we get it right. We hope that we do.

I thank everyone for their patience and we really do hope that you are all well and turning out lots of articles for our next Show and Tell.

We all know that it's not ideal being stuck at home for extended periods but it's for our own safety and wellbeing at this stage. I've rung quite a few folks to check on them and I encourage you all to do the same. If you want to ring someone, but have mislaid their number, then please contact me.

If you want to kick your Editor in the bum because the HT is late then also contact me... or just leave it up to Peter K.

We will get through this and there will be much brighter tomorrows in our future.

Your safety and good health are our prime concern at present. Take care and stay safe folks.

Alan... (and Lynda says "Hi!" too).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

If there is any delay in the Hobby Turner this month it is entirely my fault as I have delayed writing this report hoping that things would become clear. I have to thank the Board for their decisive vote to close the workshop and all meetings related to CCWC. The decision was made not necessarily to protect individuals from the Covid -19 virus but to stop its spread into the wider community and especially our own CCWC community. A large number of our members fall into the 'most at risk' category either because of age or ongoing health problems, or both. As has now eventuated, the decision would have been forced on us by government restrictions forcing most of the Old Milk Factory to close. Our original decision was to be reviewed in the week after Easter. This will still take place but we might well be governed by greater restrictions from outside agencies.



So, all activities of CCWC are put on hold for the foreseeable future. There has been much talk about a timescale but nobody can give an answer, some say two months others as long as six months. It is very important that we all follow the advice put out in the media. Some of our members live on their own, whilst others have mobility problems. It is most important that we support each other during this period. Keep in touch by email or phone. Contact a fellow member and offer help if they need it.

Many of us have lathes at home. We are able to turn, carve, burn, or scroll over the next month or so. When this is all over I am looking forward to the next 'Show and Tell' at our first CCWC meeting

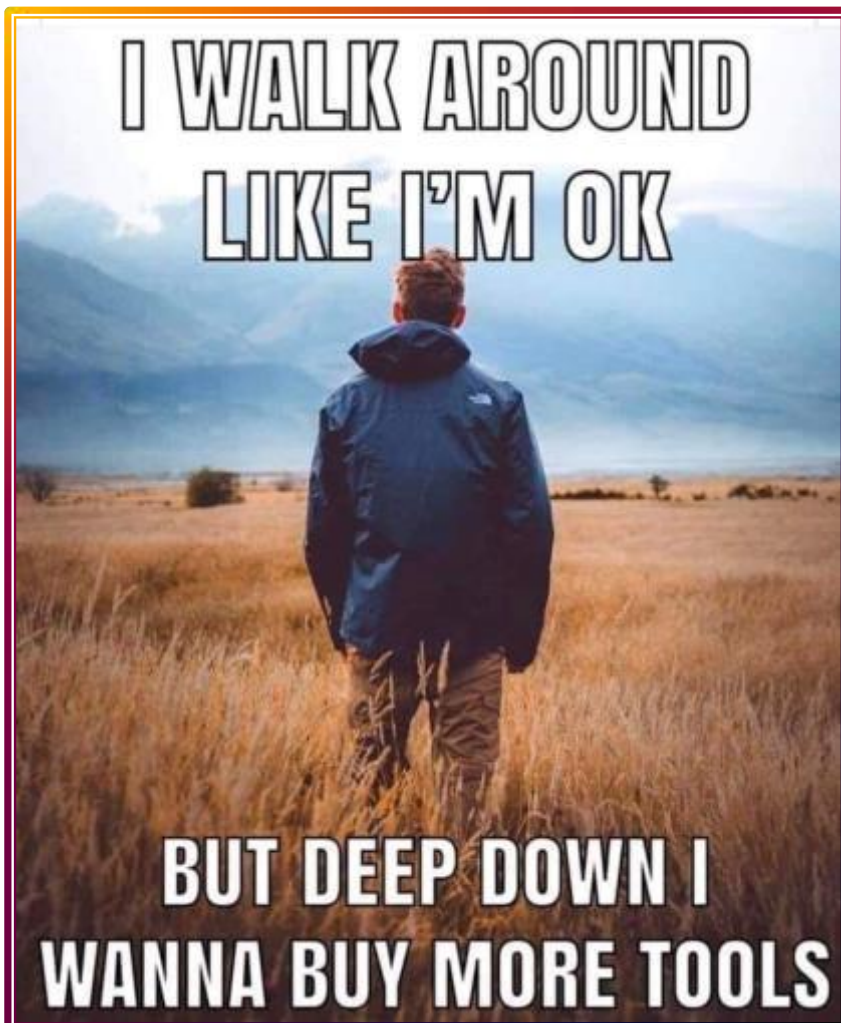
when there should be a huge entry of projects completed at home. There will almost certainly be huge amounts of stock from those who enjoy the sales.

Talking of sales, originally we had adopted a wait and see approach but in the light of restrictions on shops, cafes, etc. and individual self-distance required, I feel that all sales will be cancelled. If you are a seller please keep in touch with Frank.

Well these are certainly very difficult times we are enduring. Yet another 'once in a hundred years' crisis has arrived. Let's hope they come in threes and this is the third and last for the next 97+ years.

Please, please, please look after yourselves and your family and above all **STAY SAFE.**

Peter Hamilton



Minutes of the General Meeting held on Saturday 7th March 2020

The meeting was opened at 12.36 pm by Peter Hamilton

Minutes taken by Al Smith

Guest Speaker: Nil

Show and Tell: Conducted by: Bill Allen

Winner: Bob Chivers won a \$10 gift voucher.

Attendance: 28 members, 5 apologies, 0 associates and 1 visitor.

Welfare:

- ✚ Vicki R has a broken hand after a workshop accident.
- ✚ Allan (Cedar) Smith is recovering well from an illness.

Minutes: It was moved by Skeeta and seconded by John Lea that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in

February be accepted. Passed.

Business Arising:

- ✚ Re: Donated tools for Cobargo/Quarma. The locals were extremely pleased to receive our donations and they are sharing them around the community. i.e. using the tools and then returning them for others to use.
- ✚ Peter and Nth Gosford Rotary are also organizing delivery of a ride on mower etc. to the Bobin community in Northern NSW.

Coming Events:

- ✚ SWWWS: We won't be participating as a club this year.

Correspondence:

Inwards:

- ✚ Mail box rental.

Outwards:

- ✚ Thank you to Creighton's for renewing their sponsorship.

Business Arising from Correspondence:

- ✚ After researching the need for a mailbox we have decided to cancel the mailbox rental.
- ✚ Our mailing address now becomes CCWT at The Old Milk Factory, 141 Alison Rd Wyong 2259.

It was moved by Frank Barton and seconded by John Lea that the correspondence be accepted. Passed.

Financial Report: Garry presented the report for Feb 2020

Motion: "Donate \$500 from our student fund to the students of the Cobargo area to go towards their outing to the coast." Moved: Mark Board Seconded: Alan Smith. Passed.



Income \$2,223.40 and Expenditure \$4,837.71, leaving a Debit Balance of \$2,614.31 for the month.

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

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

New Members:

- ✚ Martin Lloyd... Welcome aboard.

Other Reports:

Workshop:

- ✚ **Kerry:** We purchased \$200 worth of timber from Ray Grennan. It was a huge stack that he has been collecting for 25+ years. Money from sale to go to Toy Fund.
 - Otherwise, no problems and all good.
- ✚ **Skeeta:** All injuries on the premises must be entered into the First Aid Book.
 - Please use common sense when using tools and machinery.
 - We've recently had two injuries:
 - A finger that was cut on the jointer and a hand that was broken on a lathe.
 - Always check the lathe speed prior to mounting your timber.
 - Always wear a face shield. Always wear a face shield. (Not a mistake: Written twice because some folks don't listen the first time).
 - Machines will bite if incorrectly handled. They don't have a heart or give second chances.

Carvers:

- ✚ Robert Corlette donated a set of chisels. Thank you.
- ✚ Chris is in WA.
- ✚ We have two new ladies in the carving crew. Welcome ladies.

Scrollers:

- ✚ We need more scrollers. Give it a go!

Toys:

- ✚ Rooster can access a 16 seater bus through the Toukley Senior's Centre if we want to organize a trip to the SWWWS. All participants must be members of the Seniors Club.
- ✚ Bob Bamforth is having hip problems and has difficulty moving around.
 - He is giving up toy making but is happy to pass on his knowledge to others.
- ✚ Toy Fund boxes are being placed at Angel Azzuri this week.

Library:

- ✚ Sue has purchased several carving books for the library.

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Merchandise:

- ✚ All good. Lots of stuff is available.

General Business:

John L:

- ✚ Capital One are making a donation to the club.

Phil C:

- ✚ We are in need of lolly bowls.
- ✚ We are no longer working with Charmhaven Lions Club for several reasons.(Contact Phil or Al Smith if you need details.)

Brian Duncan:

Motion:

- ✚ “That club’s shopping centre sales have first call on the use of the club’s EFTPOS machine.”

- Moved: Brian Duncan and seconded: Frank Barton.
 - There were arguments for and against.
 - **Ron G:** No need for a motion. Just let the Board decide when and where it is used.
 - **Peter H:** Agreed that it should be a Board decision and suggested that we defer the motion to the next club meeting.
 - Brian D and Frank B agreed to this,

Kerry:

- ✚ We need a receipt book for those that request one. Answer: We have one already.

Frank B:

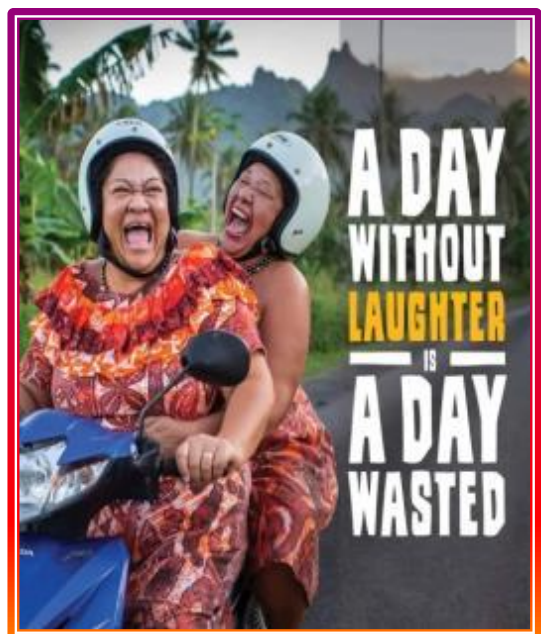
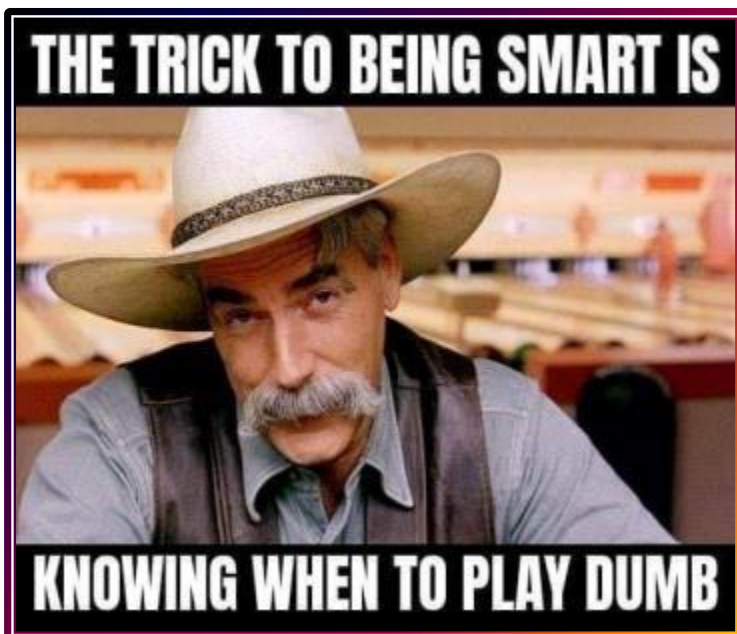
- ✚ Are members attending sales covered by our insurance?
 - Peter H: We need to check this out. Garry to follow up.

John L:

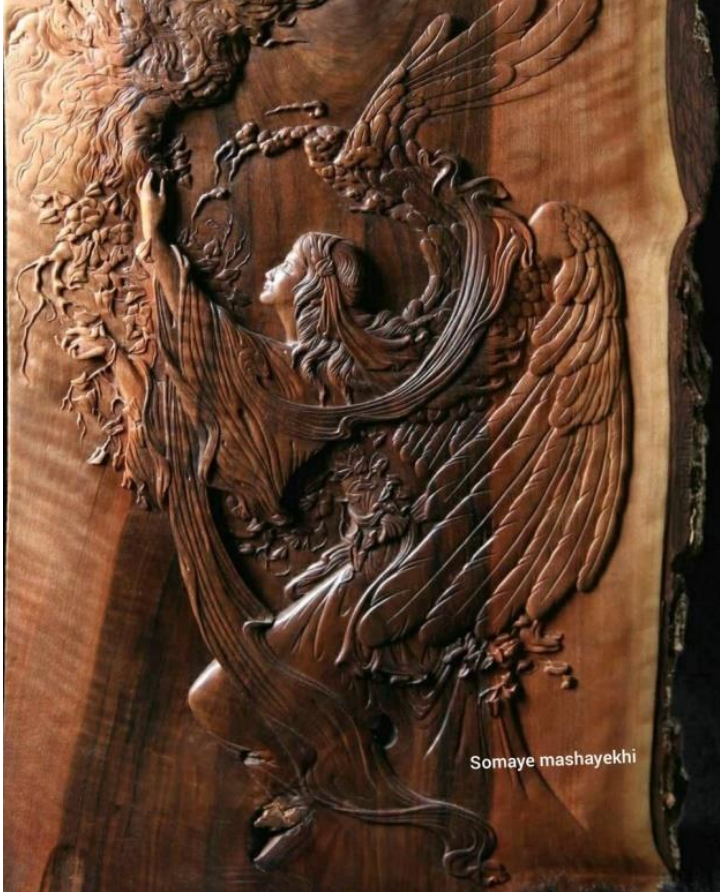
- ✚ Reminded us of the proposed excursion to Rathmines Catalina Base.

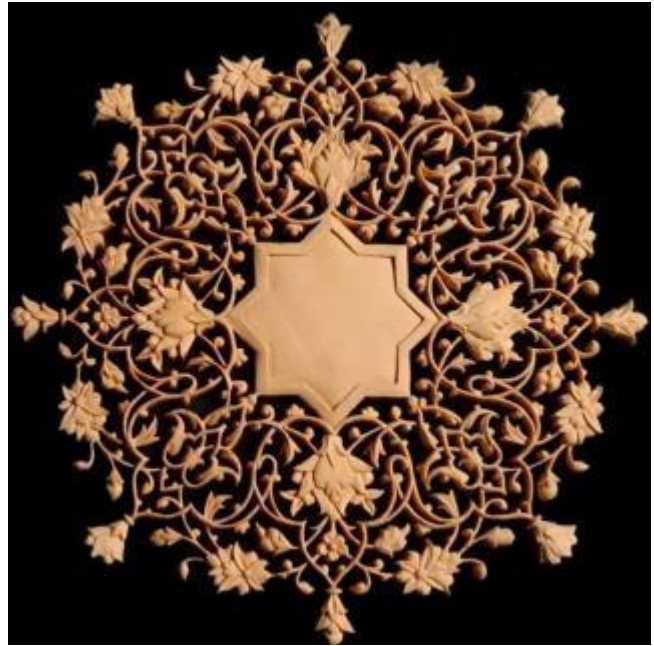
Next Meeting:

General meeting will be on Saturday 04-04-2020. Board meeting 03-04-2020.
The meeting closed at 1.47pm.



Somaye Mashayekhi... wood artist and carver:





Somaye Mashayekhi is a very talented and extremely patient wood artisan from Iran.

She is widely known amongst the worldwide wood carving community and her attention to detail is astounding.

Her pierced pieces are cut out of boxwood on, what I think is, a foot operated scroll saw, then painstakingly carved to perfection.

"Every time you find some humour in a difficult situation, you win!"

An elderly man visited the doctor for a check-up. "Mr. Jacobs, you're in great shape," said the doctor afterward. "How do you do it?"

"Well," said Mr. Jacobs, "I don't drink, I don't smoke, and the good Lord looks out for me. For weeks now, every time I go to the bathroom in the middle of the night, he turns the light on for me."

Concerned, the doctor found Mrs. Jacobs in the waiting room and told her what her husband had said.

"I don't think that's anything to worry about," she said. **"and on the bright side, it does explain who's been peeing in the fridge."**



An Old favourite: A little old man shuffled slowly into an ice cream parlour and pulled himself slowly, painfully, up onto a stool. After catching his breath, he ordered a banana split.

The waitress asked kindly, "Crushed nuts?"

"No," he replied. **"Arthritis."**

Three senior women were sitting in a cosy diner, having a chat.

The first woman says, "I feel I'm getting really forgetful lately. This morning, I paused in the middle of the staircase, and couldn't remember if I was ascending or descending!"

"That's nothing," said the second woman. "Last week, I was lying on my bed and couldn't remember if I was trying to go to sleep or struggling to get out of bed."

"How unlucky," said the third woman "My memory's as good as ever, knock on wood!"

She then rapped the wooden table with her knuckles.

"Who's there?!" the third woman cried.



Two young brothers were spending the night at their grandparents' home.

When it was time for bed, the two boys knelt down and began to say some prayers.

Suddenly, the younger brother started yelling at the top of his voice, "I PRAY FOR A BICYCLE! I PRAY FOR A NEW COMPUTER! I PRAY FOR A TRIP TO DISNEYLAND!" and so on...

His older brother leaned over and whispered, "There's no need to shout. God isn't deaf."

"I know," said the younger brother. "But Grandma sure is!"

Three senior women were having a chat on a park bench, reminiscing about the price and quality of vegetables in the good old days.

The first one demonstrated with her hands the length and width of the cucumbers she used to get for a couple of pennies.

The second one used both of her hands to demonstrate just how large the tomatoes she used to buy were.

The third one, who was hard of hearing, said: "I can't hear a word you're saying, but I know exactly *who* you're on about!"

It was early morning and an old man in his 80's was putting on his coat.

His wife said "Where you going?" and he said "I'm going to the doctor."

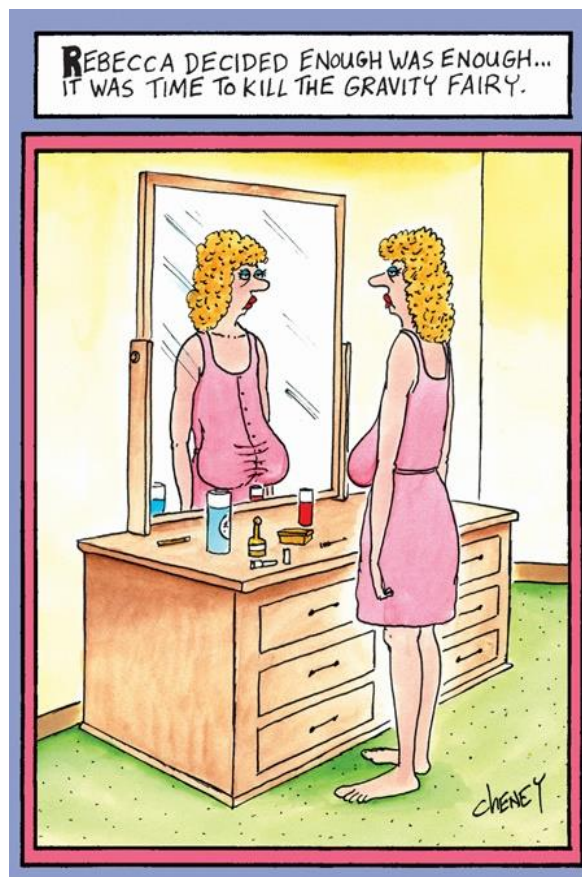
And she said "Why? Are you sick?"

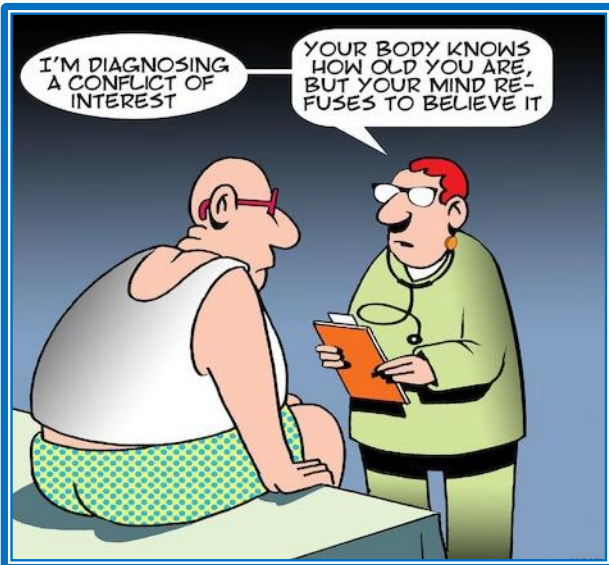
"No!" he said "I'm going to get some of those new-fangled Viagra pills."

So his wife got up out of her rocker and started putting on her sweater" and he said "Where are you going?"

She said "I'm going to the doctor too." He asked "Why?"

She said "Well, if you're going to start using that rusty old thing again then I'm getting a tetanus shot."





Two old ladies go visit their friend Mary. They sit down and after a while Mary says: "How foolish of me! I haven't even offered you coffee." So she gets up and gets the coffee.

Sometime later, old Mary says: "How foolish of me! I haven't even offered you coffee." So again she gets the coffee. Half an hour later, the scene repeats for the third time.

Finally the two ladies say goodbye. "Mary is acting really weird, don't you think?" says the first one. "All the time we spent there, she hasn't even offered us coffee!"

The second one looks at her in amazement: "What? You've been to see Mary, and you haven't even invited me??"



We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the 'seniors' special' was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$2.99.

'Sounds good,' my wife said. 'But I don't want the eggs.'

'Then, I'll have to charge you \$3.49 because you're ordering a la carte,' the waitress warned her.

'You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?' my wife asked incredulously.

'YES!' stated the waitress.

'I'll take the special then,' my wife said..

'How do you want your eggs?' the waitress asked.

'Raw and in the shell,' my wife replied. She took the two eggs home and baked a cake..

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What's on	When	Contact
Monthly Meeting	First Saturday each month - Old Dairy Co-op Wyong	Skeeta
Woodturning	Mondays 8 - 4, Fridays 8 - 12 and Saturdays 8 - 12.	Skeeta, Ron Gibbs
Scrolling	Every Saturday of the month 8 - 12.	Clarry Rogers, Ron Dunn
Carving	Mondays 8 - 4	Kevin West, Bev Clark
Pyrography	Every 2 nd Saturday of the month 8 - 12	Valda Barton

Currently closed
but still awesome!

****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).

The 'SHOP' is, unfortunately, closed at the moment.

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 world is certainly a crazy place at the moment. It's a bit like someone has hit the "pause" and "reset" buttons.

Time also appears to be absolutely flying by.

I feel like I'm putting out the bins every second or third night and our weekly phone calls to our kids in Queensland are here again before we know it.

This time at home has given all of us a chance to reassess our values in life and start to head towards those life goals that we had when we were young and invincible.

It was a time when failure wasn't an option, but then life got in the way. We all gained responsibilities... family, work, mortgage etc... all which were very great and necessary, but the dreams got pushed aside.

What would you do now if you couldn't fail?

What would your wildest dreams be?

Think about it. Is there ever going to be a better time that right now to get out of that rut, get off your bum and start to achieve what you've been putting off?

Dream and dream big, then make it happen.

Take care and stay safe guys... Alan.

Come Visit My Shed:

These members have volunteered their services but please do them the courtesy of phoning up first to arrange a mutually beneficial time to meet. Don't just turn up.

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