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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Yet again my deadline for reporting falls between two big events. Firstly, our new premises for a workshop opened on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March. This was the culmination of hours and hours work by a large group of members, but more of that later. The second event is the official opening of the workshop to be held next week on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10.00am.



We are now officially up and running again. The Ourimbah Guide Hall does not provide everything we were looking for in our new workshop. It does however, go a long way toward meeting all the criteria. As a whole it is smaller than our space at the Milk Factory, but the workshop space is larger. This has allowed us to be more conscious of safety and the arrangement of the lathes and other equipment reflects this. The space for carvers, and other crafts, is more intimate with the Woodturners. No longer are they in a separate room but now share the main workshop space. We have a proper kitchen with fridge, microwave and cooker. A dedicated sitting area and library complete the available space.



Monica and Erin, from Creighton's, came for a visit

We reached this solution to our problem after a long and protracted period of negotiations between the Council, The Alison Homestead and the Guides. The lease on the Guide Hall is for five years. There is no automatic option of an extension written into the lease. It is too soon after completing what we have achieved so far to talk about the future but we are still in discussion with the council and the Homestead

Museum. Whilst not in the front of our thoughts at the moment the Council is aware that we are still looking for a long-term solution to our situation.

It has not been cheap arranging our move into the Guide Hall. Luckily existing funds, plus donations, mean we have been able to meet all our running costs, plus the costs associated with moving our equipment. Going forward we are confident that we can meet our day-to-day running costs providing the workshop is used. The Guide Hall is ours 24/7 so there is no reason why we can't use it at any time. At the moment we will continue with our opening mornings on Monday, Friday and Saturday. Are these the best times to open? Our income depends on use so I am open to suggestions that would maximise our use. If you have a preference for a different time, perhaps an afternoon or evening, please email me with your suggestions. I make no promises that we will meet all the requests, but the more we use the workshop the more secure the immediate future for the club.

As I said, the opening of the workshop is a result of the dedicated work of a several Board members, plus the combined effort of members, when requested to volunteer their time. Requests for working bees resulted in a good number of members allowing us to complete the transfer of equipment from the Containers at Alan Smith's property to the Guide Hall. Smaller dedicated working bees completed the fit out at the hall and here we are with a new home. On behalf of the board and all members I must thank everybody who gave their time and effort, in any way, to achieve this outcome. It also remains once again to thank Alan Smith for giving permission to place two containers on his property. As well as this Alan purchased one of the containers and, subsequently, has purchased the second container.

On March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10.00am we will hold the official opening. A number of people have been invited but unfortunately all the local politicians have had to decline, claiming parliamentary duties as their reason. On the other hand, we still have a number of our benefactors accepting. It has also been pleasing to see some long-term members able to attend. There will be a short speech from myself, thanking those people who have made this possible followed by a couple of presentations. Visitors will be able to 'tour' the workshop while

enjoying a 'morning tea'. I look forward to reporting back on this event at the club meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup>, as well as the next HT.



This is the next exciting chapter in CCWT's history. It is up to us all to make this a successful move. The work required to adapt the Hall to our needs has resulted in a smart, tidy and clean workshop. Things will not necessarily be where members might expect but it is important that we run with what we have.

Only after a short period using the workshop, can we see if things need to change. The important issue is that we keep the workshop the way we have it. If you have thoughts on how

to improve things, please keep them to yourself at the moment. Those people who gave their time setting up the workshop are exhausted. The last thing they need at the moment is to be bombarded with ideas for improvement. After a reasonable time of running the workshop as it is, we will review arrangements, and that will be the time to put forward your suggestions.

In the meantime, let's enjoy our new workshop and work to get the Club back on a secure footing.

... Peter



## Addendum to President's Report:

Although I had already written my report, I just wanted to add a short addendum covering the last few days. The workshop opened to members on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March but we held the official opening last Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. This was an informal event with invited guests and members. Unfortunately, this was the last day of sitting for both the state parliament and the Federal Parliament, so none of the invited politicians were able to attend.

Despite this, other invited guests were there. We had representatives from Gosford Men's Shed and Erina Men's Shed. Members from Maitland Woodworkers Guild also joined us. Darren McKiernan and colleague from Walker Brothers came along so we could thank them for their donation of wood for the floor. Elizabeth Baker, formerly District Co-ordinator for the Guides was with us. Elizabeth was the person who started the whole process, which resulted in our lease on the Guide Hall. Janine Gibbs represented The Elderslee Foundation who had provided grants previously, enabling us to purchase new equipment.

There were several presentations. Jill Lewis presented a double-handed saw which she had painted with a rustic scene and the club logo. She was joined by Richard Alexander who also presented a double-handed saw. This is as yet unpainted.



Finally, we were able to present Sohail Mohideen with a bowl, turned by Ron Gibbs, from a burl presented to the Club for this purpose. Unfortunately, Sohail was not able to get to the event in time for this, so the bowl was presented to his wife, Linda. Sohail was able to join us later in the event.

Following the opening, guests and members were able to enjoy morning tea. Bernard Careil and his helpers prepared cakes and sandwiches. Thanks to all those who helped out. It was an excellent day.

On a final note, I was going to say the only thing missing from the workshop is **YOU**, but after this morning, Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, I don't know. This morning the workshop was nearly full. Well, all the lathes, bar one, were being used. We had four carvers present, which included a new member. Other members were present for meetings, or to help sort out equipment.

So, as I said in my address at the Opening, we have started a new chapter in the life of CCWT. Please check the website as there have been lots of changes there.

Happy turning and I hope to see you at the workshop soon...Peter

## ANNUAL FEES:

For anyone who has forgotten to renew their Annual Fees. It's still \$45 (but next year it will rise). If you want to pay electronically then the details are as follows:  
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Account name: Central Coast Woodturner Ltd  
BSB 032564  
Account Number 135409

*Don't forget to send a copy of the receipt to:*

[Corina.buckman@bigpond.com](mailto:Corina.buckman@bigpond.com)

Medical Form, and have their application approved by the Board, before they can use any equipment.



Please note:

✚ If you are NOT a financial member, then you will definitely NOT be allowed to enter, or use, the workshop.

✚ All new members must fill out the appropriate paperwork, including our



A true friend is  
someone who knows  
how crazy you are and  
is still willing to be  
seen in public with you.

### Our GPS in 1978

GO PAST JEFF'S HOUSE  
THEN TURN WHERE THAT  
BARN USED TO BE.  
GO A LITTLE WAYS TILL  
YOU GET TO THAT HOUSE  
WHERE THAT REALLY  
WEIRD GUY USED TO LIVE.  
GO A LITTLE BIT TO THE  
RIGHT ON THAT BUMPY  
ROAD. CROSS OVER THAT  
OLD BRIDGE THEN HIS  
HOUSE IS PAST THAT  
PLACE WHERE THOSE  
DOGS USED TO  
CHASE US.



I got a phone call from my boss today.  
He said "Why aren't you at work!"  
I said "I am."  
He said "I've just spent 20 minutes looking for you. You're not here."  
I said "I've been here all day but I now identify as transparent and my personal pronouns are: Who? and where?"

**Central Coast Woodturners Co-operative Ltd  
Minutes of the General Meeting @ Alison  
Homestead held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**

The meeting was opened at 10.00am by Mark Board (Vice President)

Minutes taken by Alan Smith

**Guest Speaker: Nil**



**Mark B** announced that Bernie Careil had been elected to the Board and welcomed him.



**Show and Tell:** Conducted by:  
Dom Pirlo

**Name:**

Michael Dahl  
Bernie Careil  
Ron Gibbs

**Item:**

Lily pad  
Bowl  
Bowl

**Woods used:**

Huon pine and Teak  
Manchurian Pear  
Claret Ash

**Winner:** \$10 gift voucher went to Michael Dahl.

**Attendance:** 21 members, 7 apologies, 0 associates and 0 visitors.

**Lucky door prize:** \$10 gift voucher went to Graham Craik.

**Raffle:** First prize: Sue Wood and second prize: Roger Dixon.

**Welfare:**

- ✚ Bob Chivers is recovering from a lengthy time in hospital.
- ✚ Phil Clements is about to have further back surgery.
  - We wish them both a speedy recovery.

**Minutes:** It was moved by Brian Wilson and seconded by John Butlin that the minutes of the monthly meeting held in February be accepted. Passed.

**Business Arising:**

- ✚ More correspondence with Fair Trading to finalise acceptance of “Club Rules” document. Still ongoing.

**Coming Events:**

- ✚ Bunnings BBQ 16<sup>th</sup> March. Contact Ian Stokes if you can help out.
- ✚ Official Opening of our new workshop is 10am on the 21<sup>st</sup> March. Morning tea will be provided.





### **Correspondence:**

#### **Inwards:**

##### **Garry:**

- + Insurance \$1,195 paid.
- + We have a new Certificate of Currency and need to compile an Asset Register.

#### **Outwards:**

##### **Alan:**

- + Still trying to get Fair Trading to sign off on “Club Rules” document.
  - o More paperwork has been sent and more fees paid... \$238.00 all up.
- + Email from Peter re: Check list of things to do prior to Official Opening. This was discussed, along with the outcomes, at this meeting.

### **Business Arising from Correspondence:**

It was moved by Brian Wilson and seconded by Dom Pirlo that the correspondence be accepted. Passed.



**Financial Report:** Garry presented the reports for February 2024:

Income \$380.00 and Expenditure of \$2,391.75 leaving a Debit balance of - \$2,011.75 for the month.  
Toy Fund \$0.00 out and \$0.00 in.

It was moved by Dom Pirlo and seconded by Brian Wilson that the financial report be accepted. Passed.

**New Members:** Rosie Stanford. Welcome aboard Rosie!

### **Other Reports:**

#### **Workshop:**

- + Opening to financial members next Monday.
- + The mill and timber are staying at Alan’s place for the time being.

#### **Carvers:**

- + Keen to get back into it and will be tidying up the area asap.

#### **Scrollers:** Nil

**Toys:** Still collecting bottles and cans.

#### **Library:**

- + Organised into categories and there are 100’s of older magazines available to members.



### Merchandise:

- + Don Crittenden and John Butlin will be running the shop.

### General Business:

#### Dom P:

- + Harvest Fest is on the June long w/e @ Jilliby School. Dom is co-ordinating.

#### Ian S:

- + We are having a sales table at the Bunning BBQ on 16-03-2024.
- + Masterfoods have supplied the sauces and we are getting the bread from Woollies'.

#### Mark B:

- + He and the Heritage Consultant met with Council and it was very disappointing.
  - o News is not good re: Alison Homestead.
  - o Council are being extremely difficult and rejecting all suggestions/applications that we make, even though they asked us to move here.
  - o Decision was made to put it all in the Too Hard Basket and spend no more



money on fees/searches/applications etc re: Alison Homestead.

- + Lease documents have still not been supplied by the Guides. Mark to follow up.

- + Also re-looking at The Pioneer Dairy and the vacant land adjoining Wamberal Fire Station, as possible permanent venues. Cost to build a purpose designed and built workshop is around \$200,000.

#### Dom P:

- + Emphasised that no more money should be spent on Alison Homestead.

### Next Meeting:

General meeting will be at 10am on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Venue: Alison Homestead.

Board meeting 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024 @ 8.30am.

The meeting closed at 11.20am.

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### Dad Jokes:

- + The sky was looking ominous so I asked Siri, "Surely, it's not going to rain today?" And she replied, "Yes, it is, and don't call me Shirley." That was when I realized I'd left my phone on Airplane mode.
- + A red ship and a blue ship have collided in the Caribbean Sea. Apparently, the survivors are all marooned.
- + What does Charles Dickens keep in his spice rack? The best of thymes, the worst of thymes.





# Official Opening:

## Peter's Grand Opening Speech:

1. Welcome to Country?
2. Welcome to guests
3. Individual guests and companies etc.

- Janine Gibbs – Elderslee Foundation – previous grants
- Creighton's Funeral Directors– continuing support
- Brian Lewis – Gosford North Rotary Club – recent donation
- Jill Lewis – painter and friend
- Darren McKiernan – Walker Brothers – donation of flooring
- Elizabeth Baker – Guides, but here in her own right. More later
- Ron Hemsworth and Members from Gosford Men's Shed.
- Members from Erina Men's Shed
- Mention there are other Men's Sheds who have welcomed our members into their Clubs. Indeed, Bateau Bay Men's Shed has even allowed us sales opportunities.
- Heather from Maitland Woodworkers Guild.
- Last, but most importantly Sohail and Linda Mohideen

4. **Welcome members.** We have over 30 of our members here today. Hopefully as we get under way again numbers using the workshop will swell. Plus, please put the word out that we are welcoming new members. In fact, as a result of our BBQ last



Saturday at Bunnings we recruited a new member for carving. Good news, as now hopefully Sue won't be sitting on her own in the carver's area.

#### 5. Short history why we ended up here.

- Used to be at Kariong, but for the last 16 years we were at the Old Milk Factory in Wyong.
- CCWT moved to The Milk Factory in answer to an advert asking for community groups. An agreement was reached and the new workshop was set up. There was an agreement in place, but failure to update this lease left us in a very vulnerable position.
- Covid – prior to Covid we had over 100 members. Covid, with the associated restrictions caused by 'keep your distance' reduced us to just five lathes at times. We were also locked down completely for some of the time. We weathered the storm only to then face an even greater challenge.
- Owing to the appointment of a new site manager our rent was increased way



beyond anything we could afford. We were forced to move out during November 2022 and placed all our equipment in two containers on Alan Smith's property. Not only did Alan give us permission to place two containers on his land but he also paid for one of them. By the way, now that we have moved out Alan has purchased the second container from us.

- So, our search began. Dreams of a new super-sized workshop built to our own specification were soon dashed. We looked at halls, derelict buildings, schools that had been empty for over a decade, but all to no avail, until, on my way home from a Club meeting, in the car park of Heatherbrae, my phone went. It was Robert Zwart, a member, who recounted a conversation he had just had with a lady from the Guides. She had told him there was an empty Guide Hall at Ourimbah. Being a few hundred metres from said hall, I immediately drove round here. There were definite possibilities so we arranged a meeting. The lady was Elizabeth, and at last we left a meeting with a smile on our faces.



- In the meantime, the Council had granted us outline permission to build a workshop at the Alison Homestead. The Museum was also in agreement and so started a parallel set of negotiations. The advantage of the Museum was we would only have to pay a small rent and we would build what we wanted! Or so we thought! Mark Board, our vice president has put hours and hours of work in following this up. He has prepared several pre-DA submissions to Council and every time they are knocked back, 'Can't Build it there – it's too big – it's with wrong colour – it can still be seen from the museum (if you lean out far enough on the veranda) – you can't cut down trees as they are all heritage –etc. etc. We are just about at the end of dealings with the Council.
- Back to the Guide Hall. Things started to move forward and it became a real possibility. The Guides were looking to sell the property but would consider a lease. Things stalled a little at this stage and we became a little discouraged, when along came our own superhero, Sohail Mohideen, a local solicitor and neighbour of the afore mentioned Mark Board.
- Sohail generously offered to look over, which soon became much more, the lease on offer. Various negotiations went back and forth, and eventually the deal was signed. We are very grateful to the Guides who throughout the negotiations were mindful of what we could afford by way of rent.
- On January 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 we became the occupier of Ourimbah Guide Hall for five years.



- We set about adapting the hall to our needs. We strengthen and sound proofed the floor with materials gratefully donated by Walker Brothers.
- Several working bees set up the workshop and we were ready for action. The first workshop session for members was held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, and after this morning's celebration the CCWT workshop will be fully open.
- Whilst the workshop area for the lathes is larger than our last home the overall space available is not as large. At the Milk Factory we had three spaces, the workshop, the tearoom and the carvers/ pyrography space. In the Guide Hall we only have one workshop space, plus some smaller areas such as a kitchen and member's shop.



- Please feel free to tour (if you can call such a space a tour) after the opening of the workshop.
- It has to be stated that we have only arrived at the position we have now, thanks to the considerable amount of work carried out by a few members. Thanks must go to members of the Board who, as well as the usual monthly meetings, were happy to hold extra meetings at short notice. Members of the Board met frequently, often in small sub-committee groups, to address particular difficulties.



- Members always responded to requests for working bees, either whole club requests, or smaller numbers for what I call my muscle group. I don't intend to list all the names but you know who you are and thank you.
- Funds were always a problem. We are a not-for-profit club, so, as such we raise the minimum amount of money in order to run the club. The only fund with any money was the Toy Fund but this money has always been earmarked and secured for the purpose it was raised for, namely young people at Christmas.
- Several members came to our aid with generous donations.
- We also joined the ranks of Bunnings BBQ providers. A stalwart team have now conducted four BBQs and each time raised very necessary funds. Only one BBQ was disappointing, not through bad weather... well, Yes!... bad weather, as the temperature was over 40 degrees that day. Despite soldiering on the public stayed at home in their air conditioning.

## 6. Future!

- We are only secure for the next five years.
- The lease does not contain an option to extend the lease, nor does the lease give CCWT first option to buy.
- So, there are things to be considered, and soon, as it will be surprising how fast five years will go by.
- It is possible we will need to raise considerable funds in order to secure our future.

- Remember, I referred to members in excess of 100 pre Covid. We enter this new chapter with just under 50 fully paid-up members. I have to temper those figures with the knowledge that we had a number of members who did not maintain their annual fees while the workshop was closed. It is hoped, and indeed is already happening, that these members will renew their membership in the next financial year. Obviously, for insurance purposes, and to be fair to those members who paid their annual membership, we can only allow fully financial members to use the equipment
- But for now, let's enjoy our new workshop and restore CCWT to pre-Covid days.

## 7. Presentations

- One person that I introduced at the beginning, is Jill Lewis. Jill is the wife of Brian and a friend of mine. One day on visiting their home Jill showed me her hobby, painting old saw blades. They acquired the old saws at boot sales and garage sales but shortly after that some saws were brought into our workshop.



- Soon after that Laurie Luthje, a long-term member of the club and the instructor who taught me all he knew about turning pens, was downsizing his workshop and gave me his father's two handled saw. Jill has kindly painted a rustic scene on the saw including the CCWT logo. This I would like to ask Jill if she would like to come forward and present this saw on my behalf to the Club for display in the workshop in memory of past members, in particular Kerry Robinson, a past long time member and instructor of the club. Kerry taught me much about turning and even more about dealing with people and situations, many of them caused by Kerry
- I also have another saw, "in the raw" so to speak. I first caught site of this saw as Richard Alexander was walking towards the Alison Homestead Men's Shed. He was clearing his workshop of unwanted items and intended to give the saw to the Men's Shed. I managed to persuade him, without much difficulty, that it would look good, alongside the saw Jill had painted, in our own workshop. Perhaps Richard would join Jill and present the two saws to Mark Board, vice president of the Club, on behalf of the members of CCWT.
- Mark Board to accept the saws on behalf of the Club





- The last presentation is to the person who stepped in to negotiations at the last moment and steered us safely to a satisfactory conclusion. Sohail, we have a bowl to present to you in appreciation for the work you did on our behalf.

Ron Gibbs, one of our very talented turners, turned this bowl. Not only does he possess great skill for turning but also the ability to see the possibilities in what was a fairly ugly piece of burl that I gave him.

## 8. Opening

## 9. Morning Tea - Drinks gold coin please.

- Morning tea is now served. Both urns have been on all morning, so tea and coffee are available inside. Plus, our resident chef has prepared some culinary delights for you.

I am afraid I have to ask if you want a soft drink (cans) we ask for a gold coin donation.

This will go into the funds raised at our last Bunnings BBQ.

**Thank you... Peter**

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## **Richard, Dave and Damian at the opening."**

Dave has one of the best sayings that I've ever seen on a T shirt.

It says:

"Curious enough to take it apart.  
Skilled enough to put it back together.  
Clever enough to hide the extra parts when I'm done."

Take care, guys!

Keep smiling!980



# Letters to the Editor:



Our next CCWT Bunnings BBQ and sale at Tuggerah is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Please contact: Ian Stokes on 0408 242 668 if you have items that you can donate for the sale or if you are available to help out for a few hours on the day.

We are the first group that Bunnings have allowed to have a sale whilst running the BBQ, so we want to make the sale spectacular.

If we don't get enough quality items then we will have to cancel the sale and miss the opportunity to make much needed funds for our club.

Please don't just leave the work to others. We need everyone to step up and help out now.

If you can help out by donating some sale items, could you please contact Ian asap so that we can confirm our intentions with Bunnings.



Computer/office desk in good condition... \$350.00

Contact Damian on 0418863289

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## More Dad Jokes:

- ✚ First rule of Thesaurus Club: You don't talk, converse, discuss, speak, chat, deliberate, confer, gab, gossip or natter about Thesaurus Club.
- ✚ What do you call a lazy kangaroo? A pouch potato.
- ✚ When life gives you melons, you might be dyslexic.
- ✚ Light travels faster than sound, which is the reason that some people appear bright before you hear them speak.

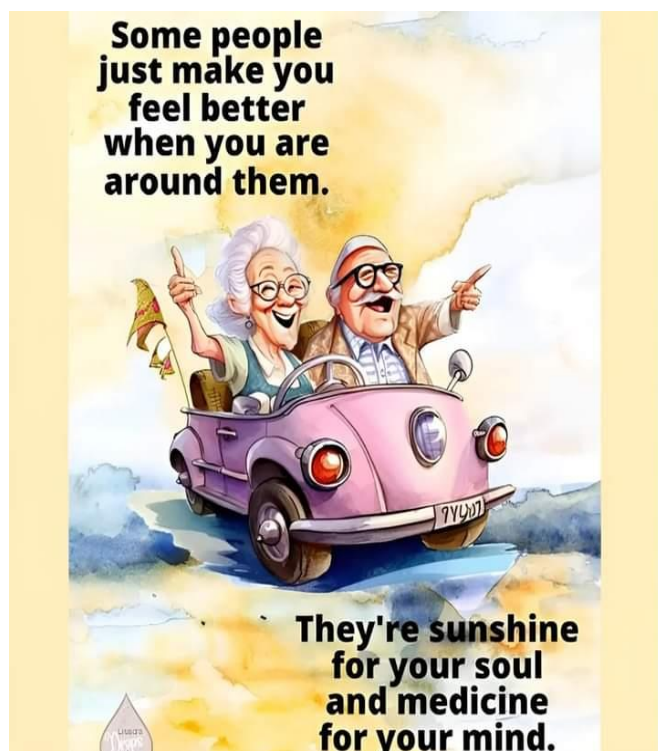


**FOR SALE**



Two lathes plus assorted bits and pieces.  
Contact Brian Lydford on 43343192 or  
0427348677 for prices. Pick up at Long Jetty.

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## Lolly bowls:

We need lots of lolly bowls... about 200+. They need to be 6 – 8cm high and have an internal diameter (at the top) of 9 – 10cm.

They must be high quality and finished in a food-safe product.

Just image that you are making them for your Mum or Dad. They need to be that good.

Contact John 'Rooster' Lea 0428927241 or myself 0414186963 if you have questions.





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.









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"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."

During a recent password audit, it was found that a blonde was using the following password: "MickeyMinniePlutoHueyLouieDeweyDonaldGoofyBrisbane"

When asked why such a long password, she said she was told that it had to be at least 8 characters long and include at least one capital.

## Stay Young My Friend:

*We all need to read this one over and over - until it becomes part of who we are!*



*Try everything twice.  
On one woman's tombstone she said she wanted this epitaph:  
"Tried everything twice. Loved it... both times!"*

*2. Keep only cheerful friends.  
The grouches pull you down.  
(Keep this in mind if you are one of those grouches!)*



*3. Keep learning.  
Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever...  
Never let the brain get idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.'  
And the devil's name is Alzheimer's!*

*4. Enjoy the simple things.*



*5. Laugh often, long and loud.  
Laugh until you gasp for breath.  
And if you have a friend who makes you laugh, spend lots and lots of time  
with them*

*6. The tears happen:  
Endure, grieve, and move on.  
The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves.  
LIVE while you are alive.*



*7. Surround yourself with what you love:  
whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever...  
Your home is your refuge.*

*8. Cherish your health:  
If it is good, preserve it.  
If it is unstable, improve it.  
If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.*



*9. Don't take guilt trips:  
Take a trip to the shops, even to the next city, state or even to a foreign country,  
but NOT to where the guilt is.*

*10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.*



*11. Forgive now those who made you cry. You might not get a second chance.*

*12. Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of  
battle.*

***Remember! Lost time can never be found.***



What's on	When	Contact
<b>Monthly Meeting</b>	First Saturday each month @ 10am. Alison Homestead.	<b>Peter</b>
<b>Woodturning</b>	Mon, Fri and Sat mornings from 8.30 until lunch.	<b>Skeeta, Ron</b>
<b>Carving</b>	TBA	<b>Gibbs</b>
<b>Scroll Sawing</b>	TBA	<b>Sue</b>
<b>Pyrography</b>	TBA	<b>TBA</b>



### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,

The weather has been perfect of late, and the night air is not yet cold, but it is crisp. This makes it just perfect for a long, relaxed night's sleep. Gone are the sleepless, sweaty summer nights and the cold winter nights are still hiding around the corner but, as I get older, I've noticed that the days and nights seem to be rolling around much, much too quickly.

It seems that I put the weekly rubbish bins out every second night and our monthly meeting is just over and yet I'm already back here again.

My eldest grandson, who I'm sure was just born a few years back, is now 22 and working. My youngest granddaughter, who I was sure was only 1, is actually turning 4 and she is definitely the ruler of her

universe. The world must be going crazy and there must be "a warp in the time continuum"... as they say in the movies.

To top it all off though, I got up the other morning and I saw a stranger in my house, walking around in my clothes; using my tooth brush and sitting in my chair.

He's much older than me but still quite good looking in a wrinkled, hairy sort of way. He moves a little slower than me and seems to lack the energy that I have. His hair is turning greyer than mine and he wears glasses but my wife seems to like him, so he must be a nice guy.

I don't remember inviting him in or saying that he could stay, but every time I look in a mirror, or into a shiny surface, he's there... just looking back at me. He reminds me a lot of my father but ... surely that grey haired older man who has come to live with us can't be me... I'm still only 25 after all... young, invincible and ready to take on the world.... well maybe after a short nap.

The bad news is that time does seem to fly but the good news is that you are the pilot... so live every moment and love every day because before you know it time does slip away.

Take care and stay safe... Alan.

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