



# Merry Christmas

*from Alan and Lynda.*



To my friends  
that I am honored to have  
in my life. May the season  
warm your soul, bring love  
to your heart and bless you  
with everything this life  
has to offer.

-UNKNOWN

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (for November):**

I am pleased to say the move from the workshop into storage went better than we all expected. While I was away Rooster, Mark, and Skeeta began to organise things. On my return the clear up continued. The concrete blocks for the containers were poured and the containers arrived safely. This allowed us to start actually moving small equipment and items up to the containers. Come moving day on November 16<sup>th</sup> everything was ready for the truck. The lathes were loaded using a forklift but unloaded at the other end by muscle power. Luckily, we still have a few strong members left, plus the removal men and one kind son of a member. It all went so well I couldn't understand why, when I was pulling out of the Milk Factory, the school "40 zone" lights were still on. Under the expert guidance of Rooster, we had the truck packed, plus another cup of coffee, and were away up to Alan's before 9.30am. At the other end the muscle men took over and again under expert guidance, this time from Skeeta, we were all done by about 11.30.



I can't name everybody who helped in the moving. A few people had contributed while the workshop was still open. It was amusing to see a few stalwarts desperately trying to finish some project or other, under the help of Ron Gibbs, while the workshop was in chaos around them with people packing things away ready for the containers. I cannot name all the people who helped with this mammoth task, but thanks to those who helped before and those who turned up on the day to help. It all went very well. Let's hope it will not be too long before we are moving it all out again.

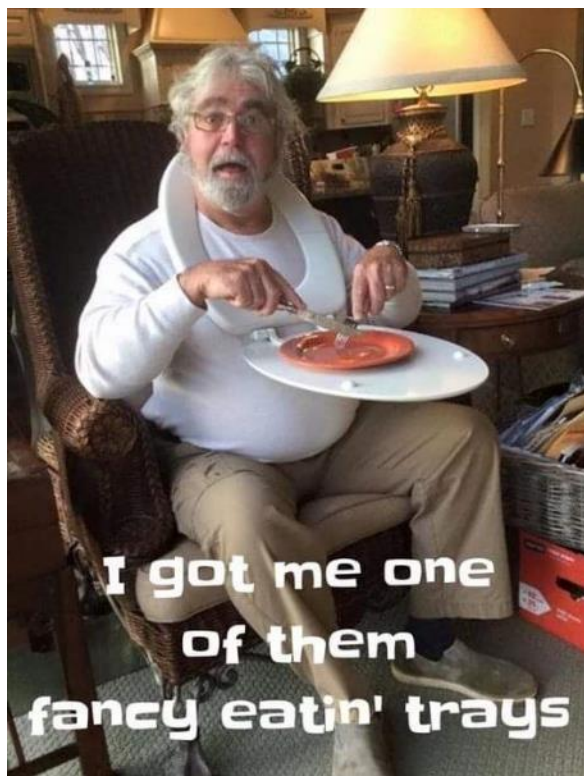
Whilst we were at Alan's, and on other occasions when we are there, people remark on the amount of wood there is in his yard. Many also complain it is just rotting away. I agree with everything people say but always add that the wood is there for members. If members want wood, they can just phone Alan and go at a time convenient to both and cut and slab as much

Nobody claim 2023 as  
"your year". We're all  
going to walk in real slow.  
Be good. Be quiet. Be  
cautious and respectful.  
Don't touch anything.

wood as they want. The drawback is that very few people do that. Some members want dry wood and think Alan or someone is going to cut it and slab it for them. They expect wood to be ready for them to turn. To improve this situation, we have organised a work day at Alan's property on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We plan to move wood to another place on the property and stack the wood neatly. Anything that is of no use will be put aside as firewood. Morning tea will be provided and possibly a BBQ at the end.

The Board is working hard on looking for a new venue. We follow up every possible site that we have thought of or have been brought to our attention





by others. So far, we are not advancing very far but we still have two possible sites. We have an enquiry with the Dept. of Education concerning Dooralong School. The second possibility is at The Alison Homestead. With both of these, we are up against the usual bureaucratic process. I will report in more detail on these options at the General Club meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. A number of people have sent us suggestions and we have followed these up. We also have members spending a great deal of time looking at funding. Unfortunately, as of now we have no income at all. We need to bear this in mind.

One benefit of closing the workshop is reducing the health risk to members. At this time, we are told that Covid-19 infections are rising rapidly. Many of us are out and about again, traveling interstate, even aboard. As a club we worked very hard to protect our members from the spread of Covid-19 and the

danger to health, particularly those of us of more senior years. With no workshop we don't have to worry about lockdowns etc but please take precautions if you think it is necessary.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the General Club meeting in December and having a bumper show and tell'. Remember, the meeting is at Richard and Margaret Alexander's home at 18 Longview Close Wamberal (see map). It will be followed by a BBQ so bring a chair, something you have made recently for Show and Tell, a plate with your lunch on it and BYO drinks. Richard is providing a venue for the meeting and a BBQ to cook your lunch on if you bring something that needs cooking. Everything else is BYO.

I hope you are enjoying this weather. Stay safe and healthy.  
Peter

1 Bed room 1 bath 18 car garage. Perfect design.



## Minutes of the General Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Venue:** Alison's Homestead, Cape Rd Alison.

**Time:** 9:00am start. Venue opened: 8:30am.

Meeting opened at 8:56 am by President Peter Hamilton.

Minutes taken by Carol Jennings.

**Attendance:** 18 Members, 0 associate, 4 apologies and 0 visitors.



**Minutes:** Previous minutes were read by President Peter. It was moved by Alan Smith and seconded by Ron Gibbs that the minutes of the monthly meeting held on 8th October be accepted. Passed.

### Business Arising from Minutes:

- Mark Board was congratulated by the Club for being Acting President. Accepted by all.
- Amendment from October minutes and Hobby Turner: The Kariong sales will be held at Gosford Racecourse, Racecourse Rd, Gosford on 18<sup>th</sup> December. **See Dom for details.**
- Lolly bowls: **Peter will follow up with Phil if more bowls are needed and where they are to be distributed.** If you have lolly bowls to donate, please take them to the workshop or to Alan once the workshop is closed.

**President's Report:** See attached.



### Correspondence:

#### Inwards:

- There is a new postal box: PO BOX 83, WYONG 2259. Keys will be held by Peter Hamilton, Ian Wilson (Skeeta) and Carol Jennings. Carol will receive notifications when mail arrives.
- There will be no new members accepted however, all enquiries will be logged.
- Alan Smith's letter was read by President Peter Hamilton and accepted by all.

**Outwards:** Many emails about the move have been sent.

### Business arising from Correspondence: Nil



It was moved by Mark Board and Skeeta.

#### Financial Report: Nil

- President Peter Hamilton raised the fact that the Club needs to be careful on our spending, making sure all that is spent is accounted for.

Moved by Alan smith and seconded by Ron Gibbs.

**Lucky Door Prize:** Won by Kevin West who receives a \$10 shop voucher.

**Other Reports:**

**Workshop:** Process of being packed up. There are 5 lathes to be leased, 3 have been taken. Contracts have been made and are signed by the member.

**Carvers:** Equipment is packed up.

**Scrollers:** Equipment is packed up.

**Pyrography:** Equipment is packed up. Old burners were thrown out or taken by members.

**Toys:** There was \$5,000, \$2,500 is being used for the Women's Refuge (We Connect) and the remaining \$2,500 will remain in the toy fund and carry over to 2023.

Future raised funds will be suspended from the Toy fund but will contribute to the Club's funds.

**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. Valda will also take some of the items to the Gosford Show.



**General Business:**

**MOVING:**

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 is the last day for the workshop to be operational. There will be 4 lathes available for use. Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022 the Club will be CLOSED. The Club will be open on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022 for packing of all equipment, **only abled bodies are needed**. The Club will be opened on Friday & Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November, then open every day from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Removalist will be on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Skeeta has itemised all parts of the equipment.
- There are 2 TV's, Fridge and microwave that will be disposed of, **Skeeta to organise**.
- Skeeta will be in charge at Alan's house and Rooster will be in charge at The Club house. Any concerns are to be raised with Peter!**
- The application to move to Dooralong is processing up the ladder with the Department of Education. It will open for expression of interest to the public soon.
- Mark Board has a meeting with Cassie from Council at Alison's Homestead on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Discussions will be around the next processes in applying for the land and what is needed for DA approval, Rent etc. We need it in writing so we can pursue the next stage of applying for grants. Alan Smith showed the draft plan, members are to contact Alan for any input they may like to add. Alan will then raise it at the Board meeting.
- Dave Farrell has offered to draw up the plans.
- Valda thanked Alan for all his work on the draft plans. Accepted by all.

- Discussions were also raised to add our work with school students when applying for grants and Dooralong PS site. It was also stated when applying for grants that we currently have \$5,000 and to state that we also do donations and work “in kind” re training school students to show our worth.
- Chris raised how we are funding the new club house: will it be grants only or can the Club apply for a loan. **Peter will investigate this further and discuss with the Board.**
- It was also raised to approach local clubs and Bendigo Bank for sponsoring or donating to the Club. **Peter Hamilton to investigate further the process.**
- **Alan and Peter will contact Kelvin re applying for grants.**
- We are still considering affiliating with the Men’s Shed, further information still needs to be clarified. **Alan will follow up.**
- Sales: If you know of sales then approach the Board, however, it is your responsibility to organise it. John read the Bi-laws and constitution and offered advice for follow up.
- There is no January meeting in 2023. After the December meeting the next meeting will in February 2023.
- It was raised that all future meetings be held at Alison Homestead. **Mark will follow this up.**
- Peter Kun has wood to sell, contact him if you are interested.
- It was raised that we continue to fund raise at our meetings. **Peter will take this to the Board for consideration.**
- Valda raised that after the meetings is the social part with the BBQ and this is an important part of the Club and how it will continue in the future.



- John raised the need for the sound equipment to be at the meetings. **To be discussed at the Board meeting.**

#### **Next Meeting:**

General Meeting will be on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 at Richard Alexander’s house; 18 Longview Place, Wamberal.

**BYO: Food (meat and salad), drink, chair. Only the venue and BBQ will be supplied!** Show and tell items, this is our Christmas party!!!!

Board Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
(Venue to be advised)

The meeting closed at 10:10am.



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT (for December):**

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.

Next week we close the workshop on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November. The workshop will be closed on Tuesday and Thursday but Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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

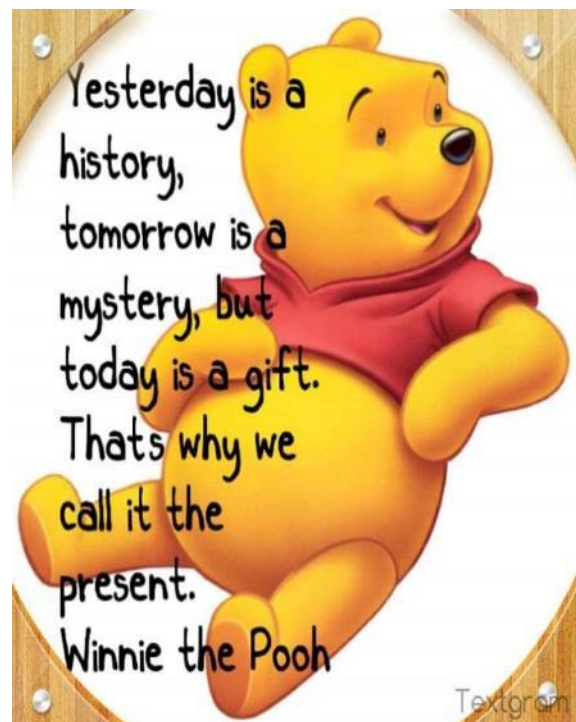
inconvenient to have to leave the workshop after 16 years but it is a great opportunity for us to re-establish our Club at a new venue. We hope to have the chance to put our own design stamp on new premises and grow the membership back to our pre-Covid days

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



## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



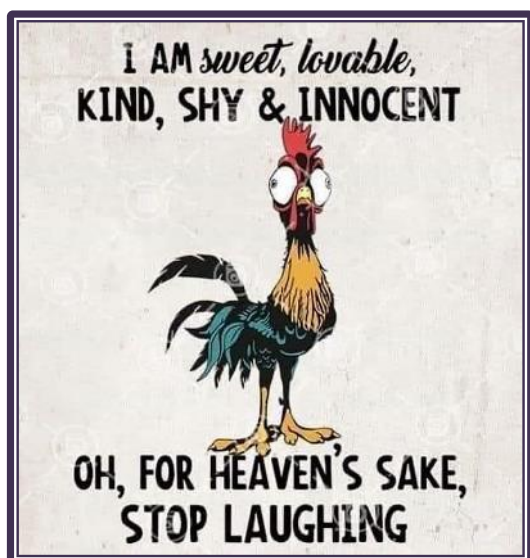
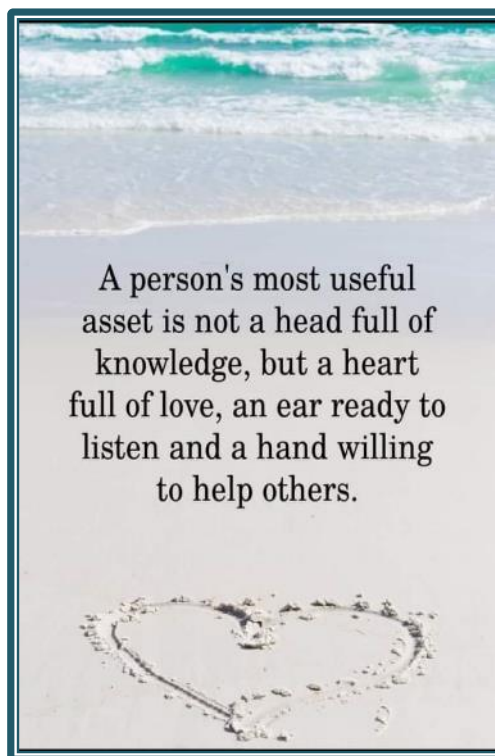


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**Merchandise:** The shop is now closed. The gallery is still selling items at The Milk Factory, Valda is looking after the cabinet and has spare items from the Toy Fund and Kerry's items.

**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](http://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)

Board Meeting Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (Venue to be advised)

The meeting closed at 11:15am.



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,

As some of you know, I've been under the weather for the last 7 or 8 weeks, but I believe that I'm slowly on the mend now.

Wow! A lot has happened recently.

Thanks to all of those folks who played an active part in our BIG move.

Our whole clubhouse is now packed into 2 x 20' containers on our property just waiting for a new home to go to.

Thanks also to the team of hard workers who spent most of a day moving, culling and cutting the huge pile of donated timber that was very quickly taking over our front yard. There must have been at least 8 – 10 tonnes of it in all. It is now cut, stacked and covered. So, if you are in need of timber for a project give me a call. All money raised from sales, goes to the club.

There is also a big piled of firewood available to anyone who can use it. (Note: The firewood needs cutting and splitting, but, no by us. I can help to load it with the tractor though.)

Lynda and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Take care and stay safe guys... Alan.

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P.S: I am going to re-instate the **Come Visit My Shed** list next year. If you would like your name to be on the list, then please give me a call, text or email... Alan (Editor)

