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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Every time I sit down to write a report to members something changes the next day. I remember from my time as a school principal 'the only thing that is constant is change'. Almost daily the restrictions on what we are allowed to do seems to change.

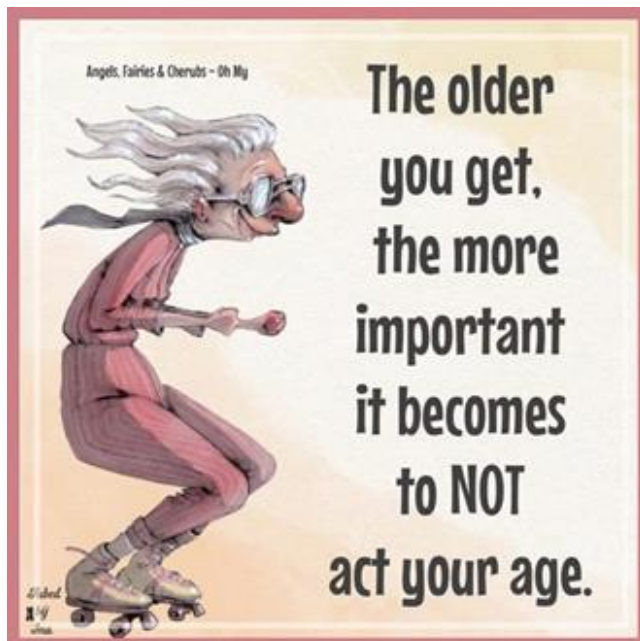
In reply to one of my letters to members when I said I was totally confused, a member kindly sent me a copy of the NSW restrictions and what would be allowed when the state achieved set targets in relation to the number of people fully vaccinated. The very next day they were changed, then a change of Premier gave us a raft of new restrictions to be eased. Hopefully, the latest letter sent out, after our recent board meeting, has made things clear in relation to opening the workshop.



The hardest thing in this pandemic is trying to get clarity on exactly what is allowed at the workshop. Clearly it is not a business, but exactly how one defines the CCWT and what restrictions apply has all along been a difficult task for the board. Despite this the board has always been mindful of trying to protect the health of members. At every turn of events the board has tried to keep as much of the workshop open as possible. Being mindful of the average age of members it was difficult to find the balance between keeping as much of the club premises open and protecting vulnerable members.

It will be great to get back to a fully open workshop. Unfortunately, we will still be unable to accommodate learners as adherence to the 1.5 metre distance rule makes it impossible to teach. This will also be made difficult if wearing masks is still compulsory. We also hope to start the course to train more instructors as soon as possible. Because of the constant interruptions to this course Skeeta will be starting at the beginning again.

The board has also set the 1st February 2022 as the AGM. This will also be the first full club meeting since June 2021. It was not possible to hold our AGM in 2020 and members of the



board kindly agreed to continue for another year. We have also had to postpone 2021's AGM resulting in the current board having been in place for some two and a half years. My term as President is now in its fourth year. We will have the opportunity to elect new members to board positions. Several members of the board have been in place for a considerable period of time. While their enthusiasm for the club shows no sign of waning, they would like a rest. Please consider carefully if you could put your name forward for election. The board needs new members and people who represent other aspects of club activities. Although a significant number of our members are ladies, we have no

**I'm going to try
and act like a
normal, happy and
mentally stable
person today.
Wish me luck.**

female representation on the board. Currently we have no carvers, or regular sellers, on the Board either. Please discuss this with other members and send all nominations to Dom Pirlo

Finally, recently, Mark Board and myself collected a significant quantity of wood from a resident who was downsizing and needed to clear his garage. This wood had been in store in excess of eight years so was dry and ready for turning. This wood is now at Alan's yard, along with a large quantity of other wood, many different types of wood. Please give Alan a call on 0243921864 if you need wood.

I would love to say we are now entering a period of time when life will be able to return to something we remember. I am also aware that living on the Central Coast many of us have been unable to visit family and travel as we used to. This will most probably mean members will be away but please remember family and wellbeing come first.

Enjoy your release from restrictions and I look forward to welcoming members, with double vaccination, back to the workshop.

Peter

True story:

You'll appreciate this.

Luke, and the four-year-old twin boys, came around on Tuesday to pick up some camping gear.

They bounded out of the car and rushed over to me all excited. literally jumping up and down.

Twin 1 said: "Dad told us that you caught the flu"

Me: "Yes."

In unison they said: "Can we see it?"

I said "What Dad meant was that Gran and I have been sick. We just caught a bug."

In unison they said: "Can we see it?"

I laughed and said "Gran and I just caught a very bad cold."

You guessed it.

In unison they said: "Can we see it?"

I distracted them with a tractor ride instead.



CARVER'S REPORT:



Woodcarving Illustrated Magazine
Community

These are my 1st two whittling carvings I have just completed unassisted. Both the snake and swan are carved in Juniper wood in modern contemporary style. Any points for improvement will be greatly appreciated. Valda



... The Australian Woodcarving Illustrated Magazine is now on FACEBOOK. I took the opportunity to post my first 2 unassisted carvings onto the site for comment. I was overwhelmed with the good responses I received, so I would like to encourage other carvers in CCWT to also post items. This site is mainly a site for learning and sharing. See some of the group rules below. I find little rubbish on this site and I don't get overloaded with unwanted posts.

Valda Barton

Our sales cupboard in the kitchen at CCWT is due for items to be changed over at end of December, but, as we have been in lockdown for so long, I proposed, and this was agreed upon, that this changeover be held off till the end of June.

So could sellers please remove all of their items from cupboard in last week of June 2022 and

mark them in the records book (in the cupboard) as removed and date.

Anyone wishing to have their works placed into the cupboard may bring them along in the first week of July 2022 and leave them with labels placed on items along with your name and phone no. The number of items chosen will depend on how many items we receive.

Hopefully, we can accommodate all items. New members and members who have never displayed in cupboard before are encouraged to do so. I will be in attendance at CCWT on Saturdays if anyone wishes to talk to me about display cupboard... Valda Barton



A little 10-year-old girl was walking home, alone, from school one day, when a big man on a black motorcycle pulls up beside her.

After following along for a while, turns to her and asks, "Hey there little girl, do you want to go for a ride?"

"NO!" says the little girl as she keeps on walking.

The motorcyclist again pulls up beside her and asks, "Hey little girl, I will give you \$10 if you hop on the back."

"NO!" says the little girl again as she hurries down the street.

The motorcyclist pulls up beside the little girl again and says, "Okay kid, my last offer! I'll give you 20 Bucks "and" a Big Bag of Candy if you will just hop on the back of my bike and we will go for a ride."

Finally, the little girl stops and turns towards him and Screams Out...

"Look Dad" "You're the one who bought the Honda instead of the Harley ...YOU RIDE IT!"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor

During the course of the pandemic, I have become aware that some members are disappointed with the response of members to the need for more “sellers”. I would like to express my reasons for not responding to the request. Can I make clear that I am writing as an individual, a member of CCWC, not as President of the Club? My thoughts might agree with other members but I have had no discussion with other members on this matter.

Firstly, I did not join CCWC in order to sell what I make. I was once asked “If you are not going to sell, why did you join the club?”

I understand that originally the club responded to opportunities provided in the locality to sell product in order that members could sell surplus items. I know there are a few members who specifically produce objects in order to sell. For me when I finish a piece it is the end of a whole process. This process starts when a group goes out to cut and collect wood. It may continue at Alan’s yard as we cut blanks or slab the wood on club equipment. The camaraderie provided at the workshop is part of the process and hopefully it will result in something I can take pride in. I fully understand how quickly shelves and cupboards fill. There are not enough friends and family to give our product to. Eventually it might be a good idea to try and sell but it is never going to be the reason why I turn.

Having toyed with the possibility of selling I am faced with the possible scrutiny of regular sellers. Is my turning good enough? Again, my experience is not a positive one. As a teacher, when giving feedback on anything, I always try to start with the positives, before discussing the improvements that could be made. I am afraid that too often here only the defects are pointed out.

Attendance at sales has been an issue in the past. Friends at the workshop have told me they have asked to be included in sales only to be told there is no room. When I have visited the sales, at first, I was clearly not welcome, even being asked to move away from the table. Some people are natural sales people; I am not one of them. I am happy to respond if asked a question and will offer advice or alternatives but cannot try to persuade somebody to buy something they did not really want.



This leads me to the thing I find most contentious at sales, that of price. How do you arrive at a price for your items? There are a few considerations such as cost of materials. For some they talk about cost of tools and equipment. Then there is the cost of your time! If you are turning as a hobby can you realistically ask to be paid for your time? So, what is the value of a piece of turned wood? Do value and price

mean the same thing? I once had a member say to me if people were not prepared to pay

what he thought an item was worth he would rather burn it than reduce the price. If I sell an item, I just want to get my costs back. The cost of labour is irrelevant to me as I produced the item because I want to. I do not turn with the objective of selling. I produce something for my own enjoyment, the pleasure in turning a piece of wood into something useful or ornamental. The time I spend producing an item is my enjoyment and part payment.

How fast was the ostrich running when it hit the tree?



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.

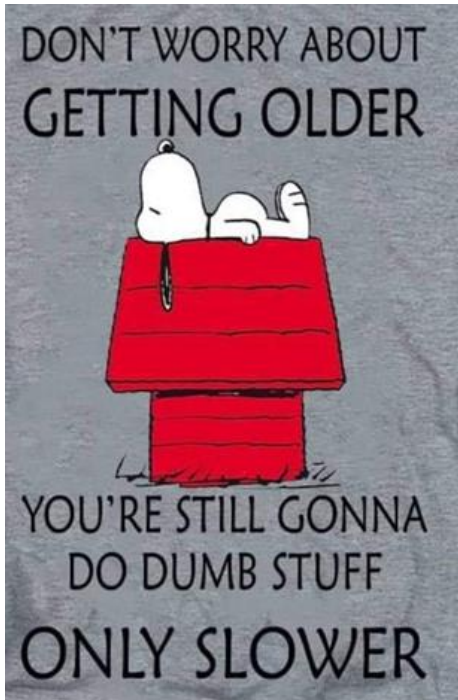
● GO A LITTLE BIT TO THE RIGHT ON THAT BUMPY ROAD. CROSS OVER THAT OLD BRIDGE THEN HIS HOUSE IS PAST THAT PLACE WHERE THOSE DOGS USED TO

● CHASE US.

I like to make pens. I have been told several times that making pens is not real turning. Each to their own. I do not make pens to sell but I have to admit I do now have rather a lot so I am persuaded by Dom to try the sales on December 5th. The last time I tried to sell pens I was told there was a minimum price of \$20. This was unknown to me and I persisted with my price of \$10. I sold two pens across two days! Imagine if this was a sale at a shopping centre. I cannot imagine sitting for two days just to sell two or three items. Clearly at the end of the day the price is what you think you can get for an item. What you sell it for is the price the purchaser is prepared to pay.

As things stand at present, the prices I can charge are controlled by the prices that others charge, otherwise I am undercutting. I ask myself would I be prepared to pay \$20 for a basic pen. The kit will have cost me \$2.50 (although I was given a quantity of basic pen kits) and the wood is most likely free, an off cut retrieved from the firewood bin or off the floor of the workshop. Total cost \$2.50 plus about an hour of my time. I would rather sell 20 pens at \$10 than five pens at \$20. This is not to say I do not have pens costing a lot more but the principal is the same.

This highlights another negative experienced at sales. While it is hard to judge a fair price based on the time spent at the lathe, how do we judge time spent at the sale. For me I would find it very difficult to sit at a sale for one or two days. Perhaps that is why when I have visited sales, I have found sellers reading



the newspaper, or doing a crossword. Boredom features strongly in my decision concerning joining a sale.

In my experience there are two types of turners at the club. The first group turn to sell and make money. This does not mean that they don't enjoy what they do, but selling is the main driver. The second group is made up of people who turn for enjoyment but would like to recover the cost of materials. In the past it has been made clear to me that some sales are for the first group and other sales would suit an 'occasional' seller.

So, despite everything I have said above I am looking forward to December 5th when several 'occasional sellers' are joining experienced market sellers. I am sure we will all enjoy the experience.

Peter Hamilton

Hi Guys,

Not all correspondence that we get is supportive.

We occasionally get irate or stupid emails from folks who just want to give us a hard time or try to get their 15 minutes of fame.

Normally, we either ignore them or try to explain rationally our point of view.

I have included this one, and my response, to show you some of the nonsense that we receive.

Please note that I have deleted any reference to his name... and, no, it doesn't even start with an 'N'... and, yes, he is a member.

Alan (Editor)

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Hi Alan, will the club get rid of the silly vaccination rule on December 1 when the state gets rid of the silly rule or will the club continue to discriminate against people of choice. If the club will continue the rule can you please take me off the email list as a slap in the face with every email that I get. Thanks

Have a great day! ... N

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My Response:

N...

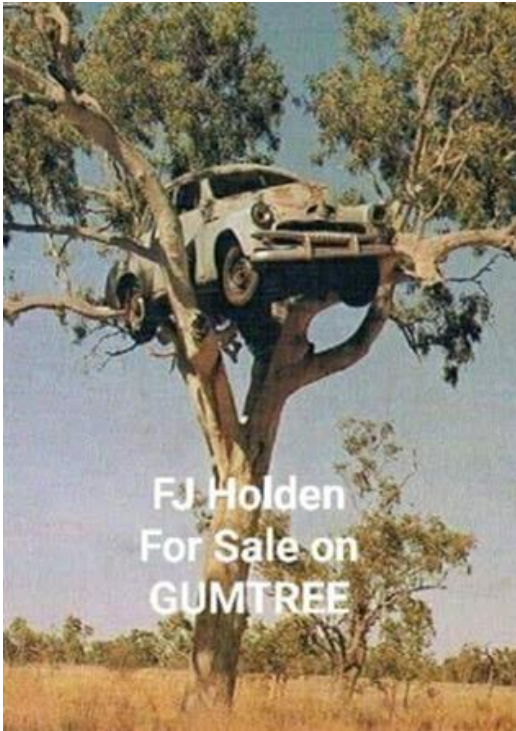
Everyone is entitled to their opinion, even if it is misguided and poorly researched.

I did not appreciate the unnecessarily aggressive tone of your email.

The Board has been working tirelessly over the past few years during the ongoing WORLD-WIDE PANDEMIC to do what is best for ALL of its members.

No aspect of this insidious disease is "silly" and it is not simply a figment of someone's imagination.

It is very real; it is very deadly and it has horribly killed many millions of people worldwide.



Some of us have sadly lost precious family members and life-long friends because of it.

So, for you to send this ridiculous email is quite simply A HUGE SLAP IN THE FACE for all of the Board members.

We have always followed legal and mandated guidelines and we have adapted these to suit the ongoing situation as relates to our club. Almost all of our members appreciate our efforts and have given us nothing but positive support.

It is disappointing that you have taken this opportunity to issue us with an ultimatum. As a result, though, I have removed you from my mailing list, as requested.

You will no longer receive updates, messages or Hobby Turners.

You will however, still be expected to abide by any decisions made by the Board and to follow any

instructions issued by Board members and Workshop Managers.

Remember: In life, ignorance of the laws does not make you exempt from them.

Your email and my response will appear in the October Hobby Turner.

Should you choose to remain a member of our club then I suggest you adjust your attitude.

Alan Smith – Board Member and HT Editor.



Hi Al,

Can you remind people working on the lathes that, as club members, it is everybody's responsibility to clean the lathes and vacuum the surrounding area as there are already shavings building up

People sweep their own lathe and that's it. Bandsaws, Compressor, Table Saw and Thicknesser are part of our equipment

I just think they need reminding they can't leave everything to the supervisors.

Thanks Ron

Folks, it's important to remember that the teachers are there to help you... **NOT TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOU.** If you see something that needs cleaning... then clean it.

Everyone using the workshop should be asking the workshop manager and teachers if there is anything else that they want done before they leave.

IF YOU CAN'T KEEP IT CLEAN... THEN YOU WONT BE ALLOWED TO USE IT.

... Alan

A good golf story:

John, who lived in the north of England, decided to go golfing in Scotland with his buddy, Chris.

So, they loaded up John's minivan and headed north. After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible blizzard.

So, they pulled into a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night.

'I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed,' she explained, 'and I'm afraid the neighbours will talk if I let you stay in my house.'

'Don't worry,' John said. 'We'll be happy to sleep in the barn.
And if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light.'

The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night.

Come morning, the weather had cleared, and they got on their way.
They enjoyed a great weekend of golf.

But about nine months later, John got an unexpected letter from an attorney.

It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the golf weekend.

He dropped in on his friend Chris and asked, Chris, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our golf holiday in Scotland about 9 months ago?'

'Yes, I do,' said Chris.

'Did you happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?'

'Well, um, yes!,' Chris said, a little embarrassed about being found out, 'I have to admit that I did.'

'And did you happen to give her my name instead of telling her your name?'

Chris's face turned beet red and he said, 'Yeah, look, I'm sorry, buddy. I'm afraid I did.' 'Why do you ask?'

'She just died and left me everything.'



My next-door neighbour just knocked on my door wearing nothing but a see-through negligee, asked to borrow a cup of sugar and then winked and invited me over for a cup of coffee.

I said, "Bugger off, Andrew!"

A CALL TO A MENS' HELP LINE:

“Hello, my name is Bob. How can I help you?”

“Hi Bob, I really need your advice on a serious problem.

I have suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me.

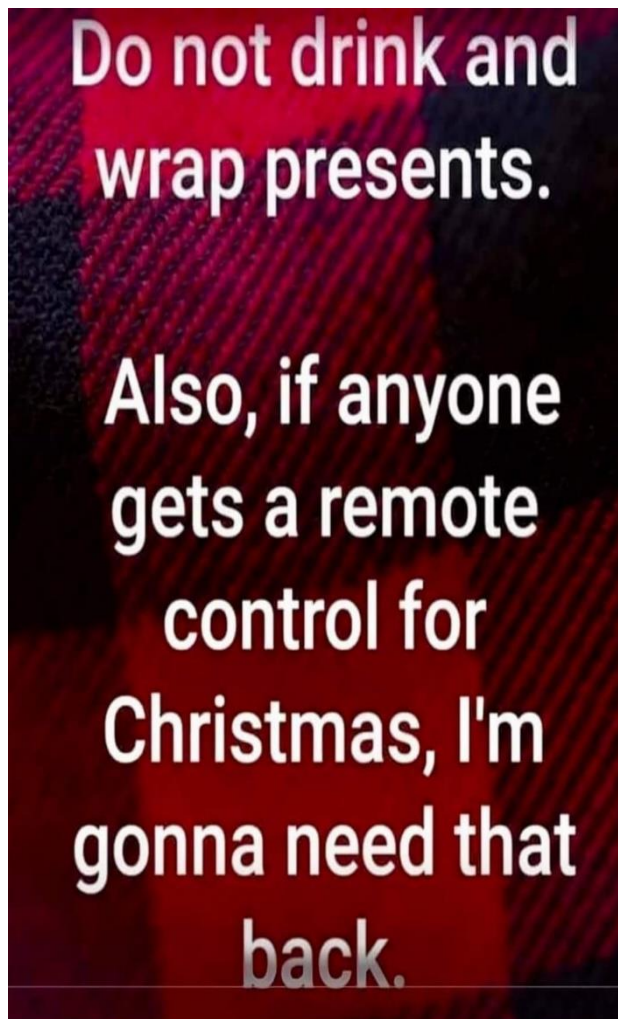
The usual signs: If the phone rings and I answer, the caller hangs up. She goes out with ‘the girls’ a lot. I try to stay awake to look out for her when she comes home, but I usually fall asleep.

Anyway, last night about midnight, I hid in the shed behind the boat. When she came home, she got out of someone’s car buttoning her blouse, then she took her panties out of her purse and slipped them on.

It was at that moment, crouched behind the boat, that I noticed a hairline crack in the outboard motor mounting bracket.

Is that something I can weld, or do I need to replace the whole bracket?”

If you're ever with me and someone comes up to me and starts talking and I don't introduce you, it's strictly because I don't remember their name. So please feel free to be awesome and introduce yourself so I can then hear said name and pretend I knew it all along.



A yellow advertisement for Creightons Funeral Service. At the top is a palm frond logo above the text "CREIGHTONS FUNERAL SERVICE". Below that is the slogan "Take the guess work out of planning a funeral." and the phone number "Call 4324 1533 for assistance today." with "CREIGHTONS CARELINE OPEN 24 HOURS, 7 DAYS" underneath. A row of four small images shows different funeral home facilities. At the bottom are three logos: "PALMDALE LIONS CEMETERY & MEMORIAL PARK", "CREIGHTONS FUNERAL SERVICE", and "GREENWAY CHAPEL & MEMORIAL GARDENS". Below these is the text "A Community of Care | www.palmdalegroup.com.au" and "The Central Coast's most trusted funeral service for over 160 years."

Hi folks,

We are hoping that we can have our AGM in the February meeting next year... lockdowns and restrictions permitting. So, here is a copy of our AGM minutes from 2019 which will need to be ratified at that time... Editor.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 5th October 2019 at the Old Dairy Co-op.

Meeting opened at 1pm by President Peter Hamilton, who welcomed members to the meeting.

Minutes taken by Dom Pirlo

Attendance: 37 members, 1 associate, 8 apologies and 1 visitor.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous AGM minutes were published in the August edition of the Hobby Turner.

It was moved by Ray Grennan and seconded by Frank Barton that the minutes as published in the August hobby Turner be accepted. Passed.

President's Report: Peter Hamilton presented his report for the year 2018/ 2019.

The Club has had a very successful year following Ron's previous outstanding tenure when much of the Club's major items of equipment were upgraded. There has been a steady stream of new members, although, sadly, some long time members have been lost to the Club. The large number of people who make significant contributions to the Club were acknowledged. The vital contribution made to the Club by the trainers was especially acknowledged. There is an urgent need for more trainers and a program will be organized early in the New Year for interested members to undertake the necessary training. A brief report was included in the September edition of the Hobby Turner.

It was moved by Bob Norris, seconded by Alan Smith that the report be accepted. Passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Garry Buckman tabled the Financial Report for 2018/2019. Garry gave some pertinent figures for the financial year. The club had a good year with considerable income and expenditure and has an overall balance of \$6 654.61 in the operating account. The Financial Report for the year is available to members on request.

Election of Office Bearers: The Chairman declared all positions on the Board vacant and asked for nominations for the new Board. As there were fewer nominations than Board positions to be filled, it was not necessary to conduct a ballot.

The roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer were filled by Peter Hamilton, Dom Pirlo and Garry Buckman respectively as there were no other candidates.

The new Board for 2019-2020 is as follows:

President: Peter Hamilton
Secretary: Dom Pirlo
Treasurer: Garry Buckman
Directors: Dave Farrell, Mark Board, John Lea, Tony Hartman, Phil Clements and Brian Wilson.

Nominations for an additional Board member were called from the floor. As there were no nominations the position will be filled as soon as possible by the president approaching potential members.

Life membership:

It was reported that Kevin West and Brian Duncan had been nominated for Life Membership.

As they met all the criteria for Life Membership of the Central Coast Woodturners Co-Operative Ltd, the Board voted to bestow this honour on these two members.

This was announced at the AGM and the decision was acclaimed.

As there was no further business the meeting was declared closed at 1.30 pm.

If you have fresh ideas and are keen to be on the Board of Directors of CCWT then please complete the form below and return to Peter Hamilton or Dom Pirlo.

CCWT Nomination Form for 2021 AGM:

Name: _____ Are you a financial member: Yes / No

Position that you are seeking (circle): President / Secretary / Treasurer / Board Member

Nominee's signature: _____

Seconded's full name and signature: _____

What's on	When	Contact
Monthly Meeting	First Saturday each month. Old Milk Factory, Wyong.	Skeeta
Woodturning	Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays: 8 – 12	Skeeta, Ron Gibbs
Scrolling	Every Saturday of the month 8 – 12.	Clarry Rogers, Ron Dunn
Carving	Mondays 8.30 – 2.	Kevin West, Sue Wood
Pyrography	Every 2 nd Saturday of the month 8 - 12	Valda Barton



****Note:** The Club's Workshop is located in the Old Dairy Co-op premises at
141 Alison Rd, Alison
(about two kilometres west of Wyong).

All of the above times are subject to change on long weekends and holidays.
Check with organizers for details.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Hi Folks,

Well, here we are, nearing the end of another year, and I'm sure that we're all hoping and praying for a better outcome in 2022.

As we all go about preparing for our Christmas festivities, please take a few minutes to check on your neighbours, friends and family, to ensure that they are all safe and well too.

I know that during these uncertain times we are all very stressed but some folks are really struggling.

Take the time to ask "How are you going? Are you alright?" and don't always accept "I'm fine" as an answer... probe a little deeper.

If you are struggling and need help then please ask and please, phone a friend.

Lynda and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a New Year packed full of good health, happiness and hope for a brilliant future.

Take care and stay safe guys... Alan.

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