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### HOW STUPID!



### NEITHER OF THEM IS WEARING GOGGLES

Abraham Lincoln on being called two faced:

"If I had two faces, do you think I would be wearing this one".

## Dates to Remember

Alesco Senior School	Tuesday	31 <sup>st</sup> July, 2018	Details to issue shortly
Project – Lifestyle Solutions	Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> August, 2018	Details to issue shortly
Executive Meeting	Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup> August, 2018	1.00 p.m. Workshop
Monthly Meeting	Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup> August, 2018	2.00 p.m. Workshop
Workshop Clean-up	Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> August, 2018	10.30 a.m. Workshop

## NEW MEMBER

This month we again welcome a new member. Her name is Merja Seguin-Hold, but she prefers to be called Kristina.

Welcome Kristina. We look forward to seeing you around the workshop and members are asked to make sure that you are given every assistance in this new venture in your life.

## TID BITS FROM THE SHED

- The Bridgeman's have gone off to the Kimberly region of WA for a well-earned rest and will be missing for about 3 weeks. We wish them a great holiday and a safe return.
- Frank Henderson has a new job at the Arts Centre. Looks like we will see a lot more of you Frank.
- The GRANTS have moved into their new home in the: "Latitude One" Lifestyle Community at Anna Bay. Their new address is: - Latitude One, 5 Reeve Parade, Anna Bay, 2316.
- Peter and Gail HAYNES have also moved into their new home at "Latitude One". Their address is: - Latitude One, 7 Reeve Parade, Anna Bay, 2316. Yes, that is next door to the Grants.
- Rod Ryder has had an operation to repair a Hiatus Hernia. We were all thinking of you Rod and it is pleasing to note that you are out of Hospital and doing well. Your presence at the AGM was noted and we thank you for making the effort to be there. Rumour has it that the operation involved Keyhole surgery hence reduced scaring and early release from hospital.
- Once again, the problem of off-cuts being trapped against the rip fence and being tossed around the workshop has been raised. Please make sure that when cross-cutting the rip fence is nowhere to be seen.
- The Club's Christmas Party has been booked for Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at the Soldiers Point Bowling Club. Please note the change of venue. The cost will be \$35.00 per head and all members and partners are invited. More details as to menu and entertainment will issue closer to the event. Please record the date in your calendar/diary now.
- As an aid to providing members with details of the Constitution, By-laws, Club policies, machine use, etc, such items will now be held in a container on the wall in the office. Please feel free to become familiar with each of these items so that we are all aware of what is required in the workshop. Thanks Geoff for the suggestion and its implementation.
- We have several School Projects scheduled for this month and also in August. Specific details will issue prior to each project. Members will be asked to assist as usual. Without your help this very important part of our service to the community could not function. Members are again reminded that to participate you MUST have "Working With Children" certification. This can be done online or through the local RMS. Details as to accreditation number and expiry date are to be advised to me (Bob Grant) so that they can be officially recorded by the schools.



Dates of our forthcoming projects are as follows: -

31 <sup>st</sup> July.	Alesco Senior School
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Lifestyle Solutions – Taylors Beach
14 <sup>th</sup> August	Bobs Farm Public School
30 <sup>th</sup> August	Karingal Pre-School
Date to be advised – Soldiers Point Public School.	

Thanks again to Ines Thomas for liaising with the schools to arrange these projects and in organising the manufacture of the kits for each school.

## BUNNINGS BBQ – 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2018



Our Bunnings BBQ on the 16<sup>th</sup> June was a great success, returning a Net Profit of \$1,002.30. This is our second highest result ever. Once again, a big thankyou to all the members who assisted on the day. At left is the morning shift consisting of Col Bridgeman, John Jeffress, Frank Henderson, Graham Miller and Les Grumsen.

At below left is the afternoon shift with Graeme Sosso, John Jeffress (again), Peter Lee, Rod Ryder and Ines Thomas. Also present were Col Bridgeman and Bob Grant (both all day). For your information we went through 14 kgs of onions, 4 bags of ice, 21 trays of sausages (24 to each tray), and 52 loaves of bread. Thanks again to Col Bridgeman for purchasing the supplies and arranging the paperwork. Our next Bunnings BBQ will be in 3 to 4 months' time. Get ready.



## MEMBERSHIP FEES

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**All members** are reminded that your membership fee for the 2018/2019 Financial Year is now due. At the AGM held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of this month the fees were maintained at **\$30.00 per year**.

You have until the 30<sup>th</sup> September to pay; otherwise your membership will automatically cease. Fees may be paid by cheque or cash to me as Treasurer (Bob Grant) in person, posted to my home address (see page 2), or left in an envelope in the box at the workshop.

Alternatively, you may pay directly to our bank account.

If you use this method, please ensure you record your name and mark it "Membership Fee".

Details are: -

Bank	Newcastle Permanent Building Society
BSB	650 300
Account No.	953293009
Account Name.	Port Stephens Community Woodworkers Inc.

**Members who have paid their fee for this new financial year will continually be highlighted with an asterisk \* against their name on page 2 of each issue of "Woodnews".**

If any member believes he/she has paid their membership fee and their name is not highlighted as above, please let me know ASAP.

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## SHOW & TELL



At left is a table reconstructed by Stewart Upton. Stewart was not able to be present at the meeting, but his table is shown nevertheless. It originally belonged to one of Stewart's neighbours and was in poor condition having been left out on their verandah and exposed to the elements for a lengthy period. Some repairs had been made by others, but these were poorly executed, and the table looked a mess. Having acquired the table, it was deemed too large for Stewart's needs, so it has been reduced in size and the top re-stained. Stewart had some help from fellow members and the end result looks great. For those of us who notice that the top colour doesn't match the legs, it had not been re-stained when the picture was taken. Well done Stewart and friends.



Charlie Kuhn was first off the rank with his Surf Board and Wave presentation. See picture at left.

The wave is carved using a formula that Charlie explained to members and the guy on the surfboard is made up of many pieces. The surf has been "finger painted" which Charlie found created the right colours. Normal painting techniques were found to be unsuitable. Well done Charlie, it looks great.

Peter Thompson was next with his document box, see pictures below. It is



made from Norwegian Birch which came from the mast of a ship. The top is veneered from an unknown timber, and this was Peter's first effort with this process. The veneer is glued with PVA glue which caused some bulging in the beginning, but Peter solved this, and the result looks good. The lid has a gas lifter and



the box is lined with a

blue cloth. The box is quite heavy but is well designed for its purpose. Well done again Peter.



Chris Sturt was next with his carving of a Humpback Whale with Calf. The timber for the whales is Jacaranda standing on a Burl. The whales are finished off with several coats Danish Oil. This has been a labour of love over a year in the making and the end result is quite fantastic. Well done again Chris – a master carver if ever there was one.

Graham Miller followed with several items listed below.



The platter (top right) is made from Jacaranda with a resin band. The bark seen on the left has been retained as a feature. The plate (top left) has resin inserts containing bottle brush. The two remaining plates (top centre and bottom left) have resin inserts filled with gum nuts. Graham acknowledged that some errors occurred in the manufacture of some items which necessitated resin inserts which weren't originally on the menu. Nevertheless, the results are excellent and Graham has become an expert using this medium. Graham entered the last two items (bottom right) in a Woodworking Exhibition in Melbourne and won 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize. Congratulations Graham on a great display and we thank you for your contribution to our Club's activities.



Bob Parrish was last but not least with the items pictured below. The Bowl at right in made from Red and White Cedar and the contrast between the two timbers really sets it off. The Plate at left is made from Red Cedar with a resin insert in the centre. Bob admits that this was not originally planned but was necessitated when he made a

hole in the centre. Once again, the ingenuity of members in fixing unexpected problems is amazing. Well done Bob



## TALES OF THE MONTH

### A LETTER BACK HOME TO THE FARM

Dear Mum & Dad,

I am well. Hope youse are too. Tell me big brothers Doug and Phil that the Army is better than workin' on the farm - tell them to get in bloody quick smart before the jobs are all gone! I wuz a bit slow in settling down at first, because ya don't hafta get outta bed until 6am. But I like sleeping in now, cuz all yagotta do before brekky is make ya bed and shine ya boots and clean ya uniform. No bloody cows to milk, no calves to feed, or eggs ta get or feed to stack - nothin'!! But ya haz gotta shower though, but it's not so bad, coz there's lotsa hot water and even some soap and a light to see what ya doing!

At brekky ya get cereal, fruit and eggs but there's no kangaroo steaks or possum stew like wot Mum makes. You don't get fed again until noon and by that time all the city kids are bugged because we've been on a 'route march' -strewth... its only just like walking to the windmill in the back paddock!!

This one will kill me brothers Doug and Phil with laughter. I keep getting medals for shootin' - dunno why. The bullseye is as big as a bloody possum's bum and it don't move and it's not firing back at ya like the Johnsons did when our big scrubber bull got into their prize cows before the Ekka last year! All ya gotta do is make yourself comfortable and hit the target - it's a piece of cake!! You don't even load your own cartridges they comes in little boxes and ya don't have to steady yourself against the rollbar of the roo shooting truck when you reload!

Sometimes yagotta wrestle with the city boys and I gotta be real careful coz they break easy - but it's OK coz it's only one at a time like, it's not like fighting with Doug and Phil and Jack and Boori and Steve and Muzza all at once like we do at home after the muster.

Turns out I'm not a bad boxer either and it looks like I'm the best the platoon's got, and I've only been beaten by this one bloke from the Engineers - he's 6 foot 5 and 18 stone and three pick handles across the shoulders. As ya know I'm only 5 foot 7 and eight stone wringin' wet, but I fought him till the other blokes pulled me off and carried me to the boozier. He didn't come with us though, said somethin about a sore mouth...

I can't complain about the Army - tell the boys to get in quick before word gets around how bloody good it is. Your loving daughter, Sheila.

### THE RETIRED DOCTOR

An old physician, Doctor Gordon Geezer, became very bored in retirement and decided to re-open a medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said: "Dr. Geezer's clinic. Get your treatment for \$500 - if not cured, get back \$1,000." Doctor Digger Young, who was positive that this old geezer didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So, he went to Dr. Geezer's clinic.

Dr. Young: "Dr. Geezer, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me?"

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."

Dr. Young: 'Aaagh! -- this is Petrol!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money.

Dr. Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything."

Dr. Geezer: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth."

Dr. Young: "Oh, no you don't -- that's petrol!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back. That will be \$500."

Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.

Dr. Young: "My eyesight has become weak --- I can hardly see anything!"

Dr. Geezer: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, "Here's your \$1,000 back" (giving him a \$10 bill).

Dr. Young: "But this is only \$10!"

Dr. Geezer: "Congratulations! You got your sight back! That will be \$500."

Moral of story-- Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an old "Geezer"

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## Some More Quotes

I've never killed a man, but I have read many an obituary with a great deal of satisfaction.

Mark Twain

When asked "What do you think of the singer's execution", President Calvin Coolidge replied, "I'm all for it".  
It's not that I believe that there are too many idiots in the world, it's just that lightning isn't distributed right.

Mark Twain

When Actress Mary Anderson asked Alfred Hitchcock "What is my best side"? He responded, "You are sitting on it, my dear".

Frank Sinatra on Robert Redford. "Well at last he has found his true love. What a pity he can't marry himself".

British MP to Winston Churchill. Must you fall asleep when I'm speaking. Churchill's response. "No! It's purely voluntary."

Reporter to Mahatma Gandhi, "What do you think of Western Civilisation?" Gandhi's response, "I think it would be a good idea".