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Back in my day the  
only time we started  
panic buying was when  
the bartender yelled  
"last call" 😂

Looking to trade 3 rolls  
of 2 ply toilet paper and  
half a can of Lysol for a  
'68 Camaro.  
Message me!

## Dates to Remember

Executive Meeting	Tuesday	TBA	1.00 p.m. Workshop
Members' Monthly Meeting	Tuesday	TBA	1.00 p.m. Workshop
Bunnings BBQ ??????????????????	Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020?????	8.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Christmas Party	Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup> December, 2020	Diarise now

# Membership List as at 31/04/2020 (H= Honorary Member, L=Life Member)

*110	Antcliffe	John	Colleen	4981 9928	6 Hanson Ave, Anna Bay. 2316
<b>*055 H</b>	<b>Audet</b>	<b>Phill</b>	<b>Dorothy</b>	<b>4981 2420</b>	<b>14 Leonard Ave, Shoal Bay. 2315</b>
<b>*095</b>	<b>Bear</b>	<b>Dave</b>		<b>0434 267 101</b>	<b>28 Compass Close, Salamander Bay. 2317</b>
*138	Beard	Allen	Nadia	4984 2050	15 Whiting Place, Corlette. 2315
<b>*043 L</b>	<b>Belcher</b>	<b>Ray</b>	<b>Meg</b>	<b>4932 2700</b>	<b>"Benhome", 30 Regent St. Maitland.2320</b>
*203	Bonar	Tom	Roslyn	0407 277 493	7 Reflections Drive, One Mile. 2316
*227	Brewer	Doug		4984 3366	1/4 Dalton Street, Nelson Bay. 2315
<b>*082</b>	<b>Bridgeman</b>	<b>Col</b>	<b>Clyne</b>	<b>4981 3417</b>	<b>14 Windward Close, Corlette. 2315</b>
*119	Brooks	Eric	Mari	4984 9279	2/204 Rocky Pt. Rd., Fingal Bay. 2315
*176	Bryars	Keith	Caryl	0418 884 482	3/16 Thurlow Ave, Nelson Bay. 2315
*182.	Canivilo.	Francisco		4981 1147	8a Ketch Close, Corlette. 2315
*150	Cannon	Warren	Lyn	0427 093 145	Villa 37, Fingal Haven, 44 Farm Rd, Fingal Bay.
*204	Case	Bob	Robyn	4981 0232	60 Government Rd, Shoal Bay. 2315
*257	Choat	Graeme	Pam	0417 247 813	5 Fathom Place, Corlette. NSW 2315
<b>*045 H</b>	<b>Cox</b>	<b>Steve</b>		<b>4982 1807</b>	<b>40 Gan Gan Rd, Anna Bay. 2316</b>
*230	Cross	Gillian (Gidgie)			
*177	Cuffe	Steve	Ines (Thomas)	0422 410 107	9 Cromarty Road, Soldiers Point. 2315
*217	Cumberland	Greg	Diane	4981 3369	19 The Peninsula, Corlette. 2315
*211	Delaney	Roger	Melanie	0423 588 232	105 Galoola Drive, Nelson Bay. 2315
*253	Erskine	David		0402 340 817	62 Ullora Close, Nelson Bay. 2315
*252	Erskine	Jo	Warren Mayers	0402 340 815	62 Ullora Close, Nelson Bay. 2315
*168	Falzon	George	Paula	4984 2475	60 Boulder Bay Rd., Fingal Bay. 2315
*156	Foster	John	Yvonne	4981 3486	1/95 Shoal Bay Rd., Nelson Bay. 2315
*264	Freer	Simon	Rachel	0439 407 377	18 Raymond Save, Salamander Bay. 2317
*113	Geale	Darcy	Robyn	4982 2780	56 Ocean Ave, Anna Bay. 2316
*260	Gillard	John	Julie	0412 778 536	30 Essington Way, Anna Bay. 2316
*233	Gilmour	Toby	Helen	0414 642 100	62 Corrie Parade, Corlette. 2315
<b>*234</b>	<b>Gilmour</b>	<b>Helen</b>	<b>Toby</b>	<b>0414 886 162</b>	<b>62 Corrie Parade, Corlette. 2315</b>
*261	Graham	Hannah	Rachael	0448 694 757	18 Ocean Street, Fisherman's Bay. 2316
<b>*117</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Bob</b>	<b>Nell</b>	<b>0407 402 253</b>	<b>Latitude One, 5 Reeve Parade, Anna Bay. 2316</b>
*248	Greenham,	Elijah		0432 954 133	13 Sunset Boulevard, Soldiers Point. 2317
*148	Greiter	Dieter	Helga	4981 5996	12A Wallawa Rd, Nelson Bay. 2315
*241	Hart	Rich	Ingrid	0491 073 790	59 Saratoga Ave. Corlette 2315
*244	Harvey	Fred	Wendy	4981 6249	85 Rocky Point Road, Fingal Bay. 2315
*118	Haynes	Peter	Gail	4981 9181	Latitude One, 7 Reeve Parade, Anna Bay. 2316
*154	Henderson	Clarence		4982 6008	368 Marsh Road, Bobs Farm. 2316
*175	Henderson	Frank	Metta	0434 645 348	368 Marsh Road, Bobs Farm. 2316
*143	Henderson	Metta	Frank	4982 6008	368 Marsh Road, Bobs Farm. 2316
*191	Howard	Colin		0417 206 151	PO Box 134, Salamander Bay. 2317
*102	Howard	Rodney	Linda	4981 0334	46 Pacific Drive, Fingal Bay. 2315
*116	Jeffress	John		4984 6540	7 Waratah Ave, Salamander Bay. 2317
*120	Kuhn	Charlie	Robin	4982 2689	2/32 Ocean Ave, Anna Bay. 2316
*166	Kuhn	Joel		0412 075 567	2/32 Ocean Ave, Anna Bay. 2316
*209	Lawson	Jim	Tanya	0413 696 594	88 Tallen Road, Nelson Bay. 2315
*194	Lawson	Laurie	Robyn	4984 7470	29/40 Horizons Drive, Salamander Bay. 2317
*232	Lee	Peter	Sadie	0417 790 491	9 Sanderling Close, Salamander Bay. 2317
*255	Lingard	David	Marg	0437 437 583	144 Spinnaker Way, Corlette. 2315
*153	Lollback	Len	Carol	4982 7505	30 Kestrel Ave, Salamander Bay. 2317
*254	McLean	Stuart	Melinda	0402 348 157	2/10 Trafalgar Street, Nelson Bay. 2315
<b>*130</b>	<b>McClelland</b>	<b>Geoffrey</b>	<b>Marti</b>	<b>4981 1602</b>	<b>8 James Crescent, Nelson Bay. 2315</b>
*066	McIver	Ian	Phyllis	4984 9934	3A Wollomi Ave, Nelson Bay. 2315
*250	Martin	Yazmin		0497 477 140	2 Darramba Rd, Fingal Bay. 2315
*262	Mason	Ollie		0421 670 077	236A Sandy Point Rd., Salamander Bay. 2317
*251	Mayers	Warren	Jo Erskine	0468 359 451	62 Ullora Close, Nelson Bay.2315
*249	Michalak	Luke	Alyssa	0411 419 576	45 Caledonia Close, Salamander Bay. 2317
*090	Miller	Graham	Elizabeth	4984 4510	17 Shimmer Street, Nelson Bay. 2315
*259	Moretti	John	Cynthia	0478 633 977	18 Canomii Close, Nelson Bay. NSW 2315
*246	Murdoch	Col	Pauline	0429 416 185	21 Vista Ave. Soldiers Point. 2317
<b>*206</b>	<b>Parrish</b>	<b>Bob</b>	<b>Pauline</b>	<b>0407 103 933</b>	<b>2/4 The Bridge, Corlette. 2315</b>
*222	Percy	Alwyn	Christine	4917 2127	27 Shores Close, Salamander Bay. 2317
*091	Ramsey	Brian	Lorraine	4984 1714	85 Wallawa Rd, Nelson Bay. 2315
*218	Richards	Ken	Sue	4981 3742	10 Whitesands Rd., Fingal Bay. 2315
*190	Rigby	Roger	Carol	4981 5204	10 James Crescent, Nelson Bay, 2315
*146	Rowlands	Taffy	Sheila	4984 6381	18/4 Muller Street, Salamander Bay, 2317
*127	Rush	Vince	Margaret	4982 8521	660 Medowie Road, Medowie. 2318
*263	Ryan	Anne	Gary	0417 625 169	79 Sandy Point Road, Corlette. 2315
<b>*137</b>	<b>Ryder</b>	<b>Rod</b>	<b>Andrea</b>	<b>0431 177 944.</b>	<b>121a/8 Government Rd, Shoal Bay. 2315</b>
*183	Sosso	Cody		0431 963 283	34 Saratoga Ave, Corlette. 2315
<b>*018 L</b>	<b>Sosso</b>	<b>Graeme</b>	<b>Vera</b>	<b>4981 2446</b>	<b>46 Squire St, Fingal Bay. 2315</b>
*208	Sosso	Peter	Teresa	4984 6936	34 Saratoga Ave, Corlette, 2315
<b>*087</b>	<b>Sturt</b>	<b>Chris</b>	<b>Chris</b>	<b>4024 2096</b>	<b>3 Mary St, Soldiers Point. 2317</b>
*171	Teasel	Peter	Alexis	4981 3823	1/61 Donald Street, Nelson Bay. 2315
*161	Thomas	Ines	Steve	0416 199 551	9 Cromarty Road, Soldiers Point. 2315
*099	Thompson	Peter	Cherie	4981 4781	80 Tomaree Rd, Shoal Bay. 2315

*213.	Tognon	Chris	Roz	0403 792 400	1/1 Randall Drive, Salamander Bay. 2317
*114	Townsend	Wal	Lillian	4984 9691	69a Harbourside Haven, Shoal Bay. 2315
*129	Treble	Gordon	Lynne	4981 1170	10 Clipper Close, Corlette. 2315
*199	Upton	Stewart	Dorothy	0448 821 166	10 Armidale Avenue, Nelson Bay. 2315
*000 H	Wells	Merlyn			
*256	Went	Mathew	Karen	0405 185 330	66 Talleen Road, Nelson Bay. 2315
*258	Williams	Lorrelle		4919 1924	44 Kerrigan Street, Nelson Bay. 2315
*207	Winslow	John	krystyna	4919 1522	22 Caledonia Close, Salamander Bay. 2317
Total Members 82 Names highlighted in Yellow <span style="background-color: yellow; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> </span> have a key to the workshop.					

## A special Report from President Roger Delaney

It's four weeks now since we closed the workshop and I guess we're all missing the activities, the camaraderie and the tall tales at morning tea!

I hope everyone is keeping busy and fit. My jobs list doesn't seem to be getting any smaller, as, despite my best efforts, new ones keep getting added. I've been doing lots of walks, even dusted off the ancient old bike, lots of reading with real books and my e-reader and have really got into streaming material on the ABC and SBS, as we don't have Netflix. At the weekend I did a video hook up with my three children and their kids using Zoom (could have been Skype), so lots of ways and ideas to keep busy. And remember, if you have a smart phone, you can make free phone calls with WhatsApp.

All the paperwork to claim our solar grant is now in to the NSW government and I am just finalising three quotes from companies in Newcastle for consideration by the Executive Committee. We didn't get the full grant, so we might have to chip in some of our own money but on the other hand business is quiet, so the quotes are fairly keen.

I'm also hoping that we might be able to do the testing and tagging of our electrical equipment while the workshop is closed but that remains to be seen.

The current status of Covid-19 cases around us by post code, as of Sunday, was:

2315: 9  
2316: 9  
2317: 4  
2318: 4  
2319: 1

These stats can be found by downloading the NSW Services app, if you have a smart phone.

If anyone is struggling with the current situation, whether it be supplies or any other issue, please let me know and either I'll help or I'll find someone or a service that can. If you have a need, then please share it. A problem shared is a problem halved and a phone call to a fellow member to see how they are going, will always be appreciated.

Stay safe.

**Roger**

## TID BITS FROM THE EMPTY SHED

- As we all know, the shed is closed indefinitely due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Despit some early criticism this was a brave but correct decision made by your executive at the right time..
- Our member Greg Cumberland has completed a course in Sydney (at our expense) to qualify him to tag machines for electrical safety. This will be a huge benfit to the Club as it is costly to get all our machines tagged. Greg may also be able to assist the Arts Centre tag their equipment at a cost saving to them. Well done Greg, and thanks for your offer to take part in this exercise.



- Arbotech has demonstrations and connections to Youtube of woodworking etc. If you are interested please watch.
- As Roger has mentioned we have been successful in obtaining a Government Grant for the installation of Solar Panels on the workshop. This should save us a heap of money as our normal 3 monthly electricity Bill is around \$700.00. Well done Roger.
- As mentioned above, Youtube has a plethora of sites involving woodworking projects, especially on woodturning using resins to enhance the result. Definitely a good way to fill in the day.
- In the meantime, stay at home unless absolutely necessary.



## Some Coronavirus comments

- They say you can't fix stupid. You can't quarantine it either.
- Whoever said one person can't change the world never ate an uncooked bat!
- Just seen a burglar kicking his own door in. I asked him what he was doing? He said he was working from home.
- Just be careful because people are going crazy from being in lock down! Actually, I've just been talking about this with the microwave and toaster, while drinking coffee, and all of us agreed that things are getting bad. I didn't mention anything to the washing machine as she puts a different spin on everything. Certainly not to the fridge, as he is acting cold and distant. In the end the iron straightened me out as she said everything will be fine, no situation is too pressing. The Hoover was very unsympathetic...told me to just suck it up, but the fan was more optimistic and hoped it would all soon blow over! The toilet looked a bit flushed when I asked its opinion and didn't say anything but the door knob told me to get a grip. The front door said I was unhinged and so the curtains told me to... yes you guessed it... pull myself together.
- Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those married men who have spent months telling their wives, "I'll do it when I have time."
- Your horoscope this week is the same for everybody. *"You'll be spending time in your home".*
- I'm giving up drinking for a month. Sorry, bad punctuation.  
I'm giving up. Drinking for a month.
- First time in history. We can save the Human Race by laying in front of the TV and doing nothing. Let's not screw this up.
- This is it. The day that all dogs have been waiting for. The day they realise that their owners can't leave the house and they've got you 24/7! Dogs are rejoicing everywhere; cats are contemplating suicide.
- Snow White is now down to 6 dwarfs, Sneezy has been placed in quarantine.
- For the third time this week, I'm buying booze for the next 2 weeks.
- "We are eight days into self-isolation and it is very upsetting to see my wife standing at the living room window gazing aimlessly into space with tears running down her cheeks. It really breaks my heart to see her like this. I have thought very hard about how I can cheer her up. I've even considered letting her in, but rules are rules.
- Prediction. There will be a minor baby boom in 9 months and then one day in 2033, we shall witness the rise of the Quaranteens.
- In line this morning at the Post Office, three people came in wearing masks. PANIC!!! Then they said "This is a robbery" and we all calmed down.
- To prevent the spread of Coronavirus, people who need to sneeze have been asked to do so into their upper arm. People have instead started stockpiling toilet paper. which confirms the long-standing belief that too many people don't know their ass from their elbow.
- The spread of the Coronavirus is based on 2 factors.
  - How dense the population is.
  - How dense the population is.
- You thought dogs were hard to train. Look at humans who can't sit and stay.
- This is the longest that something made in China has lasted.
- Saw my neighbour out early this morning scraping the "My kid is a terrific student" sticker off her windscreen. Guess the first week of home schooling didn't go so well.
- It is with great sadness that I have to mention the loss of a few further local businesses around the town. The bra manufacturer has gone bust, the specialist in submersibles has gone under, the manufacturer of food blenders has gone into liquidation, a dog kennel has had to call in the retrievers, the suppliers of paper for origami enthusiasts has folded, the Heinz factory has been canned as they couldn't ketchup with orders, the tarmac laying company has reached the end of the road, the bread company has run out of dough, the clock manufacturer has had to wind down, the Chinese Cook has been taken away, the shoe shop owner has had to put his foot down and given his staff the boot, the launderette has been taken to the cleaners, the travel-agent has departed and even the charity shop has finally given it away!



## Who was who in 1923 and what became of them?

### ➤ In 1923, Who Was:

1. President of the largest steel company?
2. President of the largest gas company?
3. President of the New York stock Exchange?
4. Greatest Wheat Speculator?
5. President of the Bank of International Settlement?
6. Great Bear of Wall Street?

These men were considered some of the world's most successful of their days.

Now, 80 years later the history book asks us if we know what ultimately became of them.

### **The Answers:**

1. The president of the largest steel company was Charles Schwab, who died a pauper.
2. The president of the largest gas company, was Edward Hopson, who went insane.
3. The president of the NYSE, Richard Whitney, was released from prison to die at home.
4. The greatest wheat speculator, Arthur Cooger, died abroad, penniless.
5. The president of the Bank of International Settlement, shot himself.
- 6 The Great Bear of Wall Street, Cosabee Livermore, also committed suicide

**However**, in that same year, 1923, the PGA Champion and the winner of the most important golf tournament, the US Open, was Gene Sarazen.

### **What became of him?**

He played golf until he was 92,

He died in 1999 at the age of 95.

He was financially secure at the time of his death.

### **The Moral:**

Forget work.

Play golf.

## AND SOME MORE

- **Our Cleaning Lady just called and told us she will be working from home and will send us instructions on what to do.**
- **It seems a little ridiculous to me that people are so afraid that their children are going to miss a whole month of learning. How about using this month to teach them how to cook; check the oil in the car; do laundry; treat others with respect; sew on a button; deep clean; balance a cheque book; etc. Not all learning is done in the classroom.**

## A Self-Isolation Diary.

Day 1 – I Can Do This!! Got enough food and wine to last a month!

Day 2 – Opening my 8th bottle of Wine. I fear wine supplies might not last!

Day 3 – Strawberries: Some have 210 seeds; some have 235 seeds. Who Knew??

Day 4 – 8:00pm. Removed my Day Pyjamas and put on my Night Pyjamas.

Day 5 – Today, I tried to make Hand Sanitizer. It came out as Jello Shots!!

Day 6 – I get to take the Garbage out. I'm So excited, I can't decide what to wear.

Day 7 – Laughing way too much at my own jokes!!

Day 8 – Went to a new restaurant called "The Kitchen". You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meals. I have No clue how this place is still in business.

Day 9 – I put liquor bottles in every room. Tonight, I'm getting all dressed up and going Bar hopping.

Day 10 – Struck up a conversation with a Spider today. Seems nice. He's a Web Designer.

Day 11 – Isolation is hard. I swear my fridge just said, "What the hell do you want now?"

Day 12 – I realized why dogs get so excited about something moving outside, going for walks or car rides. I think I just barked at a squirrel.

Day 13 – If you keep a glass of wine in each hand, you can't accidentally touch your face.

Day 14 – Watched the birds fight over a worm.

Day 15 – Anybody else feel like they've cooked dinner about 395 times this month? Is this you, yet?

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**My wife sent me a text that said, "Your great".**

**So, naturally, I wrote back, "No, you're great".**

**She's been walking around all day smiling.**

**Should I tell her I was just correcting her grammar or should I leave it?**

**My wife just stopped and said, "You weren't even listening, were you?"**

**I thought to myself..."That's a pretty strange way to start off a conversation."**

## WELFARE REPORT - BOB GRANT

- Peter Lee is still at home after spending months in various hospitals and a short time at Regis. He is completely immobile and needs outside help to shower etc. He acknowledges the great support he is receiving from his wife Sadie. His doctors believe he has had a stroke and this has caused limited arm movements as well. Our thoughts are with you Peter in your hours of need.
- John Jeffress has continuing mobility problems and still needs to visit the John Hunter for treatment on his leg each month.. He uses a walker to get around but otherwise he is okay. He has sold his Ford Ranger and purchased a smaller Toyota sedan but is virtually house-bound because of the coronavirus restrictions. In the meantime, he tells me, he is practising getting in and out of the new car.
- I spoke to Ray Belcher (Former President & Life member of our Club) who is in the Benhome Nursing Home facility in Maitland. Ray still has his faculties but needs “wheels” to get around. He is involved in most social activities within the complex and sends his regards to us all. He is isolated from outsiders with even his family unable to visit. His wife Meg has dementia and is not well.



A special seat designed for Social Distancing



Times have changed.



**Below is a repeat of a message included in “Woodnews” #1509 which some members may find useful.** Having recently visited the [Bungendore Wood Works Gallery](#) it was interesting to note that almost all their exhibits are finished with Kunos Oil which seems to be the latest craze in woodworking finishing. Below is some information provided by them on the product and how it should be applied.

Here at the Gallery we use Kunos Natural Oil Sealer No. 244 with Svalos Thinner No. 222 as the finish on nearly all of the Gallery’s in-house product. Kunos oil is made from **natural safe ingredients that do not pose any danger to personal health or the environment and is suitable for treating timber food preparation utensils such as bench tops, salad bowls etc.** Kunos is a waterproof product to allow for washing of utensils. We use the same finish on furniture, sculptures and other items found in the Gallery that are made of wood. You can read more about [Kunos Natural Oil Sealer No. 244](#) and [Svalos Thinner No. 222](#) on the supplier’s website.

#### **Instructions for Use of Kunos oil**

Kunos Natural Oil Sealer No. 244 waterproof coating for furniture and floors made from natural safe ingredients that pose no danger to your health. Suitable for treating timber food preparation utensils such as bench tops, salad bowls etc.

#### **Wood Services Preparation**

The wood must be dry, solid, absorbent, clean, free of resin and dust, and finely sanded (floors with 150-grain sandpaper, furniture with 240 grain sandpaper). For large-pored woods such as oak, ash, chestnut, elm, mahogany, or teak, brush out pore grooves carefully. A test coat is recommended on woods containing tannic acid or dyes. Glue and other adhesives must be absolutely dry.

#### **Application**

Depending on the requirements and absorbency of the surface, apply 1-3 thin coats with a drying time of 12-24 hours between coats. Always do a test application. Approximately 20 minutes after applying each coat remove any excess unabsorbed Oil with a clean, lint-free rag to prevent unevenness in the gloss finish and wet spots on the surface. Sand between coats with a red pad. A glossy and layered coating is achieved when the third, very thin coat is not wiped away.

#### **Renovation of Old Furniture**

Pore-clogging old coatings (oil-based paint, lacquers, and coating varnishes) as well as wax coatings must be removed by sanding or stripping until there is no old residue, and the surface must be solid, absorbent, clean and free of dust. Open-pored old coatings must be cleaned and if necessary, sanded, and must be tested for absorbency and ability to take a new coating. Apply subsequent treatments according to the type of surface.

#### **Important Tips**

Stir thoroughly before using. Ensure good ventilation during application and drying times. When wood is not completely saturated with Kunos Natural Oil Sealer No.244 water spots and discolouration are possible. On oak and other woods containing incompatibilities such as tannic acid or dyes, or have been sanded, stripped, pre-treated, or stained, discolouration is possible within a week. For glued crosscut wood or veneers, observe a treated test area for two days, as certain adhesives may dissolve after treatment.

#### **What we do**

Here at the Gallery we dilute the Kunos Natural Oil Sealer No. 244 with Svalos Thinner No. 222 at a ratio of equal parts. We find that this is easier to work with for furniture, bowls and other timber pieces. We use the same rag to apply, to remove excess and to polish the finish until there is NO stickiness remaining, so we do not need to sand between coats.

These directions are the result of long years of research and practical testing. They are backed by our most current expert information. New findings may invalidate this information. This data sheet is meant to serve as information and instruction. No legal liability should be interpreted from it. In case of doubt, please contact the retailer, wholesaler, or manufacturer.

#### **Care of your work**

To care for your quality wood craft, avoid direct sunlight and moisture. Oil sparingly with liquid paraffin (Mineral oil). With products previously finished with Kunos 244 surface dirt and oxidation can be removed with grade 0000 steel wool and further coats of Kunos applied as per the above application instructions.

**I was told verbally that they use Shellac as an undercoat. Either hand-made or ready-made Shellac is suitable.**

**The Instructions on the bottle I purchased state the following: -**

**Shake well and apply a thin coat of oil with a rag.**

**20 minutes after each coat, or when sticky, buff the surface dry with a lint free rag. Reapply oil as required – drying time 12 – 24 hours.**

# Mountain Ash



**BOTANICAL NAME:** *Eucalyptus regnans*

**OTHER COMMON NAMES:** Swamp Gum, Stringy Gum. *Euc. regnans* is marketed as both Tasmanian Oak (*Euc. obliqua*) and Victorian Ash (*Euc. delegatensis*).

**TREE DESCRIPTION:** Mountain Ash is a very tall non-rainforest hardwood of Tasmania's mountainous regions and Central to Eastern Victoria. It can reach heights of up to 98m (320ft), making it the tallest of the eucalypts, but more commonly attains about 75m (245ft) in height and 2.5m (8ft) in diameter.

**COLOUR:** The heartwood is pale pink or pale brown in colour, the darker material is used as Tasmanian Oak, while the paler wood is used as Victorian Ash. The sapwood is pale and not clearly defined.

**GRAIN AND TEXTURE:** The grain is usually straight. The texture is rather coarse, open and even. Growth rings are often easily visible.

**DENSITY:** Air dry density varies between 600kg and 800kg/m<sup>3</sup>.

**STABILITY:** Movement is medium making the wood moderately stable in service.

**DURABILITY:** The heartwood is classed as being non-durable. The sapwood is resistant to Lyctus borer attack.

**WORKING PROPERTIES:** Mountain Ash is a moderately hard and strong timber which can vary in density and working properties. However, it is generally easy to work with hand and power tools, giving a moderate resistance to cutting and a slight blunting effect on tool edges. Care is sometimes needed in nailing. Gluing is easy. The wood is suitable for steam bending. It can be worked to quite a high polish and takes most finishes well. It is an important timber for paper pulp and is also used for flooring, panelling, plywood, furniture and joinery.

## TALES OF THE MONTH

1. Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.
2. A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."
3. Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.
4. A dyslexic man walked into a bra.
5. A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm, and says: "A beer please, and one for the road."
6. Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"
7. "Doc, I can't stop singing The Green, Green Grass of Home."  
"That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome."  
"Is it common?"  
"Well, It's Not Unusual."
8. Two cows are standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly, "I was artificially inseminated this morning."  
"I don't believe you," says Dolly.  
"It's true; no bull!" exclaims Daisy.
9. The invisible man marries an invisible woman. The kids were nothing to look at either.
10. Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.
11. I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day, but I couldn't find any.
12. A man woke up in a hospital after a serious accident. He shouted, "Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!" The doctor replied, "I know, I amputated your arms!"
13. I went to a seafood disco last week.... and pulled a mussel.
14. What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.
15. Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says, "Dam!"

### A Vegetable Love Song.

*"Her face some people cauliflower; her beauties never cease;  
"She beets all other girls by far, Oh dear! Lettuce have peace.  
Her radish cheeks and turnip nose make my love sprout anew;  
She's been a memory dear to me and I feel pumpkin blue.  
"She is so very popular I cannot even date her,  
But cheese the girl for me, I know and I'd sure like to-mater.  
"I'd give the world if she could see, but squash! Goes every hope!  
She's eighteen carrot gold to me, Too bad we cantaloupe."*

Playwright Noel Coward: "Edna, you almost look like a man."

Novelist Edna Ferber: "So do you."

Actress: "I enjoyed your book. Who wrote it for you?"

Author, Ilka Chase: "Darling, I'm so glad you liked it. Who read it for you?"

**Groups of Americans were traveling by tour bus through Switzerland. As they stopped at a cheese farm, a young guide led them through the process of cheese making, explaining that goat's milk was used. She showed the group a lovely hillside where many goats were grazing.**

**"These," she explained, "are the older goats put out to pasture when they no longer produce milk." She then asked, "What do you do in America with your old goats?"**

**A spry old gentleman answered, "They send us on bus tours!"**

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## Questions You can't Answer

Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard when he lives in the jungle without a razor?

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are flat?

Why do banks charge a fee on 'insufficient funds' when they know there is not enough?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars, but check when you say the paint is wet?

Whose idea was it to put an 'S' in the word 'lisp'?

What is the speed of darkness?