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Dates to Remember

Executive Meeting	Tuesday	1st December, 2020	1.00 p.m. Workshop
Members' Monthly Meeting	Tuesday	8th December, 2020	1.00 p.m. Workshop
Bunnings BBQ	Saturday	19th December, 2020	To be confirmed
Christmas Party	Thursday	10th December, 2020	Still on. Diarise now

WELFARE REPORT – Bob Grant

- Peter Thompson has decided not to go ahead with his eye operation, which was planned for the 26th October.
- Col Howard has some numbness in his fingers and toes but is otherwise keeping positive and went for a bike ride recently.
- Col Bridgeman tests have come back favourably but will need some more radiation treatment.
- Bob Grant foot has broken skin again and has his foot back in a boot.

TID BITS FROM THE SHED

- **New Treasurer** Keith Bryers was appointed interim treasurer by the Executive, as per the constitution, and will remain in office until the next AGM. Thank you Keith for volunteering.
- **Furniture.** The bush fire furniture that was being kept in John Jeffress shed has been removed. Donations of \$155.00 have been received. The money will be given to help the homeless and those in need via The Yacaaba Centre.
- **Downstairs Enclosure Development Application.** Has been approved by council.
- **Club Member of the Year.** This will be presented at the Christmas party. Nominations can be sent to Roger, Helen via email or via the nomination forms located on the notice board.
- **25th Anniversary.** An article was organised by Marion Samson from News of the Area. See photo below.
- **Christmas Party.** The Christmas Party has now been booked in for the 10th December at Soldiers Point Bowling Club. Please put your name down on the list, on the notice board, if you are coming. No money needed yet.
- **Raffle** Bob Parish is making the wheelbarrow for the raffle. Members have agreed to set four weekends aside in January to sell tickets.
- **Sale of Christmas Trees** Dave and Geoff have been making Christmas trees. Ines is advertising them and a few have been sold already.
- **Duty Officers.** Stewart asked for help with his duty officer load. Warren Cannon will do Wednesday afternoons and Geoff McClelland will do Fridays. Stewart will still do Saturday mornings. Thanks for volunteering to help out.

25th Anniversary For Port Woodworking Club

By Marian SAMPSON

IT's been 25 years since John Goodwin placed an advertisement in the local paper calling for those interested in wood crafts to attend a meeting with the idea of forming a club which would enhance their skills and be a social and educational outlet for their free time.

On Tuesday, 1 August 1995, 28 people met at Nelson Bay High School.

Those present gave their support for the formation of the Port Stephens Woodworkers Club and John was duly elected as President.

Following successful negotiations the club was able to use the woodwork room at the school, including the school machinery and equipment and also use the school as a venue for club meetings.

The new club was officially incorporated and registered in 1996 as Port Stephens Woodworkers Club Inc.

A move was made to The Tomaree Education Centre for meetings and use of the

machinery room but with a growing membership, the club needed a larger and more secure venue.

Temporary moves were made to members' garages and then in mid-2004, approaches were made to the Arts Centre Board which resulted in serious discussions about the possibility of building a shed at the rear of the potter's barn.

Many members contributed to the design, organised the funding, the majority coming from the NSW Regional Partnerships programme.

The club was renamed Port Stephens Community Woodworkers Inc. on 18 August 2006, to reflect its place in the community and the work done in the community, particularly with schools, disability centres and aged care.

Ines Thomas of the Port Stephens Woodworkers Club told News Of The Area, "The workshop was officially opened on 26 August 2007 by Bob Baldwin MP."

In 2018 the Port Stephens Council approved a

development application to extend the floor area by 50 percent.

"Funding came mainly from a state grant with the balance from the Arts Centre.

"Two federal grants assisted with the fit out.

"The new extension was opened on February 2019 by State MP, Kate Washington, Federal MP, Meryl Swanson and President of the Arts Centre, Carolyn Virgona.

"It was named the John Jeffress Extension in honour of the club President at the time," she said.

The club currently has around 80 members and welcomes both men and women.

Members are involved with community activities and fundraising, primarily through school projects, Bunnings BBQs and an annual raffle.

The club's Patron is Frank Future of Imagine Cruises.

You can find out more about this active group of woodworkers at pswoodworkers.com.au or on the club Facebook page.



Port Stephens Woodworkers Club members Alwyn Percy and Rob Parrish. Photo: Marian Sampson.

SHOW AND TELL



Charlie Kuhn's turtle named Tyrone made from Cedar and Charlie with his cheetah made from silky oak



Col Bridgeman flexible snake on a canvas backing, Christmas trees and decorative reindeer.



Peter Thompson's 8 sided box with lined and routed corner inserts. Made from Murray River gum, brush box and silver ash. Also Peter's lamp made from a block of Murray River gum.



Donations for possible raffle prizes from Peter Thompson.

JOKES OF THE MONTH

Soup Group

An old man goes to a café, sits at his usual table and orders his usual meal-minestrone soup. waiter brings the soup and stands back, but the man just sits there.

Is there something wrong? The waiter asks after a while.

I can't eat this the man says.

Is it too hot/ the waiter asks.

No

Is it too cold?

No

Too salty?

No

The waiter calls for the manager and the chef, and each of them goes through the same routine: Too hot? Cold?

No. No. No. the man replies. Finally the chef at his wits end says, Sir I will taste the soup myself. Where is the spoon?

The old man says Now you're talking.

Q. If you had 13 apples in one hand and 10 oranges in the other what do you have?

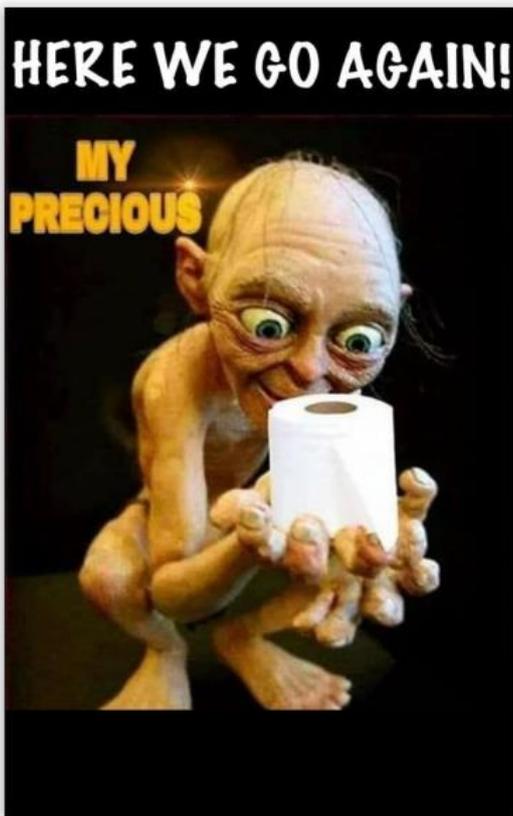
A. Big Hands

Q. What is the colour of the wind?

A. Blew

When I was young, I decided I wanted to be a doctor so I took the entrance exam to go to Medical School. One of the questions asked us to rearrange the letters PNEIS into the name of an important human body part which is most useful when erect.

Those who answered "spine" are doctors today. The rest of us are sitting at home reading jokes.



Only six allowed at Christmas but 30 for a funeral. I will be holding a funeral for my pet turkey that sadly passed on 25th December.

Children Are Quick

TEACHER: Why are you late?

STUDENT: Class started before I got here.

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables..

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O..

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: Glen, why do you always get so dirty?

GLEN: Well, I'm a lot closer to the ground than you are.

TEACHER: Millie, give me a sentence starting with ' I. '

MILLIE: I is..

INTERRUPTING TEACHER: No, Millie..... Always say, 'I am.'

MILLIE: All right... 'I am the ninth letter of the alphabet.'

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it.

Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand.....

TEACHER: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to. My Mom is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir. It's the same dog.

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher

A man in London walked into the produce section of his local Tesco's supermarket and asked to buy half a head of lettuce.

The boy working in that department told him that they only sold whole heads of lettuce. The man was insistent that the boy ask the manager about the matter.

Walking into the back room, the boy said to the manager, "Some old bastard wants to buy a half a head of lettuce." As he finished his sentence, he turned around to find that the man was standing right behind him, so he quickly added, "and this gentleman kindly offered to buy the other half."

The manager approved the deal and the man went on his way.

Later, the manager said to the boy, "I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of that situation earlier, we like people who can think on their feet here, where are you from son?"

"New Zealand, sir," the boy replied.

"Why did you leave New Zealand?" the manager asked.

The boy said, "Sir, there's nothing but prostitutes and rugby players there."

"Is that right?" replied the manager, "My wife is from New Zealand!"

"Really?" replied the boy, "Who did she play for...?"

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