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Dates to Remember

April Monthly Meeting	Tuesday	12 th March 2022	1.00 p.m. Workshop
School Projects		All cancelled	
Bunnings BBQs	Saturday	26 th March	9.00am till 12.30pm 12.30pm till 4.00pm
Broughton Island	TBA		
Christmas Party (Confirmed)	Thursday	15 th December 2022?	6.00pm – 10.00pm

Welfare Report

By Bob Grant

- **Chris Sturt.** I have tried unsuccessfully to contact Chris. My understanding is that he has not yet fully recovered from his nasty fall and is undergoing special scans in Newcastle. We wish you a full recovery Chris.
- **Tom Bonar.** Tom visited the workshop recently and is going okay following Covid. He was in Sydney when I spoke to him, celebrating the birth of his 9th Grandchild - a girl named Sophie. Tom is on top of the moon and all are doing well.
- **Bob Parrish.** Bob has recently had some tests which disclosed a tumour on his bladder. Results are incomplete so, at this stage, he doesn't know what future treatment, if any, is required. We all wish you the best possible outcome Bob.
- **Dave Bear.** Dave finally has a date for his double hip operation which will take place next week. We wish you a very successful result and look forward to you being mobile again in the workshop.
- **Gail Haynes** Peter's wife, Gail, is still struggling to recover from her second knee operation.

TID BITS FROM THE SHED



Graham Miller won First Prize at the Newcastle Show with his carved cockatoo in the Open Woodcraft Carving section that we sponsor! Great work Graham.

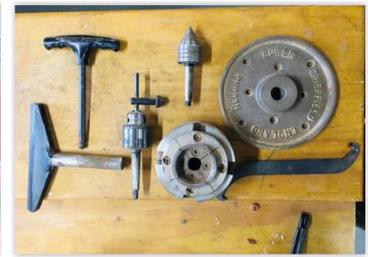


Vince Rush won Second Prize at the Newcastle Show. His turned and carved vase in red cedar was also in the Open Woodcraft Carving section.



Vince also did a red cedar stand in a collaboration with Caryl Bryars from Pottery and entered their work in the Show's Arts competition, Sculpture category.

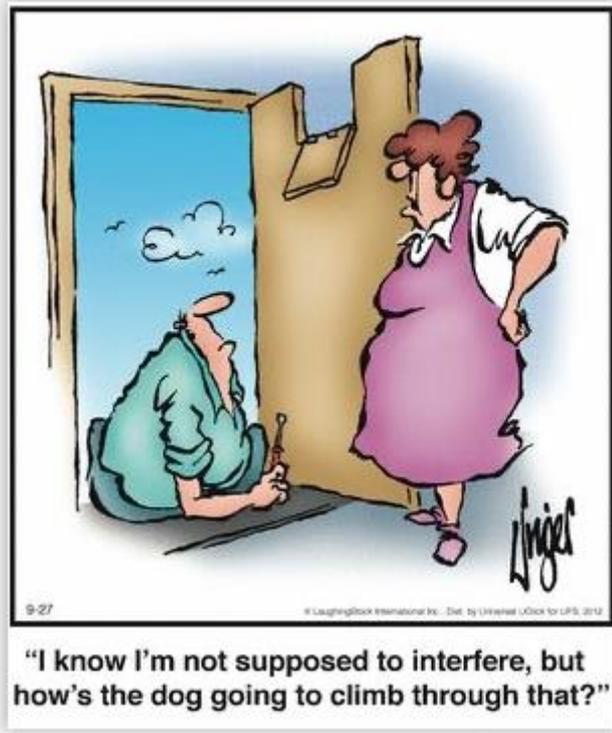
- **Yellow Lathe Purchase** It was a great and overwhelmingly positive response for the purchase of a second yellow WoodFast lathe. 33 members responded within a few days and the club has now committed to buying it. We will formalise that at the April meeting.
- **Green Lathe** The green Record Power lathe can now be sold. Members have been given the opportunity to make offers which will be held open for two weeks, after which it can be sold in the market place. The lathe has a head stock that swivels 90°. It's 150mm above the bed and 1000mm between centres and with accessories as shown below. It's in very good condition and on a solid frame.



- **First Aid Course** The Arts Centre have offered us a place on a CPR training course on Thursday 24th March. It would be good if one of the Duty officers could attend, though anyone who is regularly at the workshop is welcome to go. Contact Roger if you're interested. It starts at 9.00am for two hours.
- **Double Vax Requirement** At their general meeting, the AC voted to drop the requirement for their members to be double vaccinated. It's something that we should consider for the next meeting.
- **DA** Someone from Port Stephens Council came along this week and took photos of the morning tea area! Should we get excited?
- **Pallets** DaveL and Ollie made a great start to dismantling the pallets. Dave had his own specially designed lever bar. Great work guys.
- **CWA** John Antcliffe was dismantling pallets as well. He and Geoff are making a book exchange enclosure, from the wood, for the CWA. Nice gesture guys.
- **BBQ** Our next Bunning BBQ is on Saturday 26th March. It was agreed to donate the proceeds to the flood victims, a very worthy cause. Good decision, members. Looks like we'll be located outside the main entrance.

Jokes of the Month





Hard of Hearing

A husband notices that his wife's hearing is deteriorating, and decides to visit the doctor for some advice. "I can't speak to my wife directly, as she might find it offensive, given our old age" he says to the doc. "There's a simple trick you can try to determine her hearing" explains the doctor. "Simply ask her a question at a distance and if she doesn't hear you, move slightly closer and ask again until she does". That night, the husband arrives home and sees his wife in the kitchen cooking. He thinks to himself, "what a perfect opportunity to test her hearing". He stands in the doorway of the kitchen and promptly asks; "What's for dinner honey?" No answer. He moves closer. "What's for dinner honey?" Still no answer. He moves even closer. "What's for dinner honey?" Still his wife doesn't answer. He now sees how serious her hearing problem is. At this point, he is stood right next to his wife. "What's for dinner honey?" **"For the fourth @\$%ing time we're having chicken"**

Church Bells

Upon hearing that her elderly grandfather had just passed away, Katie went straight to visit her 95 year-old grandmother and comfort her. When she asked how her grandfather had died, her grandmother replied, "He had a heart attack while we were making love on Sunday morning." Horrified, Kate told her grandmother that two people nearly 100 years old having sex would surely be asking for trouble. "Oh, no my dear," replied granny. "Many years ago, realizing our advanced age, we figured out the best time to do it was when the church bells would start to ring. It was just the right rhythm. Nice and slow and even. Nothing too strenuous, simply in on the Ding and out on the Dong." She paused to wipe away a tear, and continued. **"He'd still be alive if the Ice Cream van hadn't come along."**

Death Sentence

An Englishman, a Welshman, an Irishman and a Scotsman are taken prisoner and sentenced to death: The captors say "you each get one final request and then you get a bullet in your head" They turn and ask the Welshman what his final wish is and he says "I want 1000 men to sing "Land of my Fathers"" They turn and ask the Scotsman what his final wish is and he says "I want 1000 bagpipers to play "Flower of Scotland"" They turn and ask the Irishman what his final wish is and he says "I want 1000 dancers to perform the Riverdance" They turn and ask the Englishman what his final wish is and he says **"Shoot me first"**