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## Dates to Remember

Executive Meeting	Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2020	1.00 p.m. Workshop
Members' Monthly Meeting	Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020	1.00 p.m. Workshop
Bunnings BBQ	Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020	8.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
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 29/02/2020 (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
*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
*117	Grant	Bob	Nell	0407 402 253	Latitude One, 5 Reeve Parade, Anna Bay. 2316
*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
<b>*116</b>	<b>Jeffress</b>	<b>John</b>		<b>4984 6540</b>	<b>7 Waratah Ave, Salamander Bay. 2317</b>
<b>*120</b>	<b>Kuhn</b>	<b>Charlie</b>	<b>Robin</b>	<b>4982 2689</b>	<b>2/32 Ocean Ave, Anna Bay. 2316</b>
*166	Kuhn	Joel		0412 075 567	2/32 Ocean Ave, Anna Bay. 2316
*209	Lawson	Jim	Tanya	0413 696 594	88 Tallean 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
*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
*087	Sturt	Chris	Chris	4024 2096	3 Mary St, Soldiers Point. 2317
*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 76. Names highlighted in Yellow  have a key to the workshop.

## ROCKING HORSE RAFFLE

The Rocking Horse Raffle was drawn on Australia Day on stage as part of the Official Ceremony at Fly Point.

- **First Prize** (the Rocking Horse made by Charlie Kuhn) was won by Kim from Dungog. Ticket # 1242.
- **Second Prize** (a Jewellery Box made by Graeme Sosso) was won by Anne Simmonds from Nelson Bay. Ticket # 2447.
- **Third Prize** (a Cheese Board made by Helen Gilmour) was won by Steve, soundman for the Band. Ticket # 2945.
- **Fourth Prize** (a perpetual calendar made by the late Les Grumsen) was won by T Trienen, a local. Ticket # 102.



A big thank you to Ines Thomas, for her work in arranging venues for sales, Steve Cuffe for transporting the horse, Roger Delaney for arranging the rosters, and to Col Bridgeman for recording the issuing of tickets and folding the Butts for the big draw. Thanks also to all those members who took part in the rosters and to all who sold tickets for the Club. Final details show that Ticket sales amounted to \$4,700.60 with expenses of \$1,533.47. Profit on the Raffle was, therefore, \$3,167.13..Well worth the effort guys. We'll probably have a rest for the remainder of this year.

## TID BITS FROM THE SHED

- A Dinner Cruise has been scheduled for early March on the "Imagine" with Frank Future. We need 40 starters to make it viable. Separate advices to issue with all the details.
- Once again it is timely to again remind members to clean up after using a machine (this includes the floor and walls if necessary), as well as replacing any workshop tools that have used back in their proper place.
- Fred Harvey has taken over the position of First Aid Officer from Charlie Kuhn, who no longer wished to continue in that role. Well done Fred. Let's hope we don't need your services.
- The Arts Centre has received a Government Grant to cover most of the cost of installing the shutters on the windows of the extension to the shed. Our contribution will now only be \$367.25.
- The opening of the workshop on Sundays will be discontinued until further notice.
- Dates for our Bunnings BBQ's for this year have been finalised and they recorded below. Please record them in you diary now. This is a big opportunity for newer members to take part and help the Club.

**Dates:** -

28<sup>th</sup> March;

9<sup>th</sup> May;

26<sup>th</sup> September; and

9<sup>th</sup> December.

All these dates are on a Saturday.

In addition, we have been invited by Bunnings to show our wares and sell items on Thursday Night, 3<sup>rd</sup> September. This will be a great opportunity for members to sell items and for the Club to promote itself to the public. More details closer to the time.

- Our Christams Party this year is to be held on Thursday Evening, 10<sup>th</sup> December, at the same venue as last year, i.e The Soldiers point Bowling Club. The format will be similar to previous

years but each Poetry/Joke segments will be limited to 3 minutes. That means the “Man from Snowy River” is out. At the end of 3 minutes, any candidate still going will be gonged to stop. Whilst this is always an entertaining part of our evening, last year some of the items went far too long.

- Members are reminded that it would be a big help to the Duty Officer if he/she received some assistance at the end of each session to help lock up the workshop. Windows need to be closed; Shutters need to be lowered; all fans and dust extraction machines turned off; dust pans and brushes returned to a nail on the benches; and making sure that all Benches are clean and ready for the next day. At present there is a max exodus near closing time so that members don't get involved..
- Stewart Upton has been in touch with a couple of Schools in Northern NSW which have been devastated by fire. These are at Bobin, near Wingham, and Wyaliba, near Glen Innes. Both Schools will be sent wooden Pens made by members of the Club and engraved with the Club's name thanks to Ines Thomas. Some other woodwork items will be sent for the teachers. Well done Stewart.
- The Club has agreed to purchase new cutters for the Thicknesser and the Jointer.
- On Australia Day, Greg Cumberland was a Classic Car Winner with his 1964 Mustang. Well done Greg.

### WELFARE REPORT - BOB GRANT

- Peter Thompson has now recovered from his radiotherapy. His results are positive and his oncologist says that he is fine at the moment. He will maintain 3 monthly check-ups. Peter remains in good spirits and attended our February Meeting. We welcome you back Peter and rest assured you are always in our thoughts and prayers. Peter, who has always been very active member of our Club, spent time at the meeting thanking those who have assisted him during his time of need. He was particularly impressed with the free transport to and from the Mater Hospital which was brought to his attention by Ines Thomas.
- Bob Grant (yours truly) was out of his plaster cast, temporarily, while he was breaking in new orthotics. This has not worked as expected with some inflammation of the old scar, which has meant a temporary return to the plaster cast which now exceeds seven months. Hopefully, a visit to the High-Risk Foot Clinic at the John Hunter next week will resolve the issue promptly. Otherwise all is well.
- Peter Lee is still not well and has been in hospital for several weeks. He is unable to walk unaided and is currently in Lake Macquarie Private Hospital. I visited him on Tuesday Morning and he is confined to a wheel chair having lost the use of his legs and one arm. His Doctors now believe he has had a stroke. He also had an infected second toe on his left foot which had to be amputated. He hopes he can come home eventually but the prognosis is not good as it is unlikely that he will ever be able to walk unaided in the future. He still yearns to visit the workshop for a cuppa.
- Our new member Mat Went and his wife Karen became parents on the 1<sup>st</sup> December. They have a daughter Elsie Lee and all are doing well. Congratulations from us all.
- Frank & Metta Henderson recently celebrated their 35<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Well done Frank and Metta.
- Graham and Elizabeth Miller celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Well done Elizabeth and Graham. I didn't hear any mention of Gold.
- Warren and Lyn Cannon will celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary next week. Well done Lyn and Warren. We hope you have a great day.
- Rich Hart has recovered from his accident in the workshop. His hand has healed very well (no visible signs) but there is still some discomfort in his thumb which has some difficulty in manipulation. Otherwise, a great result, but there will always be some restriction. Rich will be returning to the UK permanently in the near future, the lure of family beckons, and although he hasn't left yet we wish him all the best.
- Tom Bonar has an operation on Thursday this week to remove a lymph gland and some surrounding tissue. Hopefully, all will be well following this operation. We're thinking of you Tom.

## NEW MEMBER

It's a pleasure to welcome **Anne Ryan** as a new member who has joined the Club this month. Would all members please make Anne welcome when she visits the workshop. It's pleasing to have another female member join our ranks. We welcome you Anne, and trust that you will make many new friends and enjoy your time with us.

## GOODBYE GORDON TREBLE

- Gordon Treble, and his wife Lynne, have decided to move to the Central Highlands. He will be closer to family and to his great friend Ron Young (former member) with whom he joined in many social activities in his junior years. Gordon was farewelled at a special morning tea at the workshop on the 7<sup>th</sup> February. A great many of our members attended. Gordon, we wish you and Lynne all the best in your new home and hope all is well with you both in the future.



Pictured above left is Sheikh Gordon with his wet weather gear on as it was pouring with rain when he arrived for his farewell morning tea at the workshop. The second photo shows a much better-looking Gordon after drying off and shedding his "hat".



**Gordon's Profile picture taken in June, 2017.**

For those of you who didn't know Gordon that well, below is a repeat of his Member Profile which was published in "Woodnews" # 1706 issued in June, 2017.

Gordon was born in Edinburgh, Scotland on the 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1935.

He emigrated with his parents to Australia in November of that same year.

During his early years he lived in several places and attended Primary Schools at Bellevue Hill (Sydney), Pretty Beach (Central Coast), Ormond East (Melbourne), and Randwick (Sydney).

His Secondary education from 1948-52 was at Sydney Boys High after which he attended Sydney Teachers' College from 1953-55. Gordon's specialty was P.E. and Geography.

Gordon spent his working life Teaching, Lecturing and Studying - all in the field of Education.

His career took him to the following places: -

- 1956 – 1958 South Sydney's Randwick Boys High.
- 1958 – 1960 Quirindi High School.
- 1961 – 1966 University of Oregon (USA) where he obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree (B.Sc.) followed by a Master's Degree in Science (M.Sc.).
- 1966 – 1972 Sydney Teachers College and Sydney University as a Lecturer.
- 1973 – 1974 Foreign Student Scholarship - University of Oregon (Dip.Ed.).
- 1975 – 1994 University of Western Sydney – Departmental Head.
- 1995 – 1998 University of Newcastle – Part-time Lecturer in Sport Sciences.

In Sport, Gordon's career was no less significant.

He was involved in cricket, Rugby, Swimming, Tennis (just kidding), Golf and Basketball either as a player or administrator.

In **Cricket**, Gordon played in a Sydney representative side against Wollongong in 1947. In the 1951-1952 seasons he represented Sydney High School's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade side.

In **Rugby**, Gordon represented Combined High Schools 1<sup>st</sup> XV in 1952. He played with the Wallaroos NSW Rep side in 1953 and with the Randwick 1<sup>st</sup> XV between 1954 and 1958. Between 1959 and 1960 he played with the Quirindi 1<sup>st</sup> XV and represented NSW Country in 1959. Lastly, he played for the University of Oregon side between 1961 and 1964.

In **Swimming**, Gordon swam for the Sydney Teachers College's Relay Team between 1953 to 1955.

Later in life Gordon took to **Golf** on two fronts, both as a player and administrator. He was a runner up winner in the Foursome Championships at Muirfield and subsequently became the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Women's Pro. Education Director, a position which he held for 10 years.

In **Basketball**, Gordon was a Fitness Advisor to Sydney Kings during the mid-1970's.

Apart from sport, Gordon has been involved in Community Service. He joined the Apex Club of Randwick in 1956 and subsequently transferred to Quirindi and Parramatta Clubs. He later joined Rotary at Carlingford where he became President and is currently a member of Nelson Bay Rotary.

Gordon was also an active Churchgoer both in Randwick and South Coogee where he met Ron Young and Sally Leibert (now Sally Dover).

He has also been involved with Tomaree College where he was President for 10 years and on the Committee for 20 years. He has also been the Journal Editor (ACHPER) on the NSW P.E. Association for 8 years.

Gordon is married to Lynne whom he met in the USA and they were married in Eugene, Oregon in 1963. They have two children, a daughter Julie, born in 1965 and a son Andrew, born in 1967. They built their first home in Australia at Carlingford in 1964. They have 4 grandchildren, 2 boys and 2 girls living in Sydney and Canberra.

Gordon has been retired for 21 years and now lives in Corlette where he enjoys all that Port Stephens has to offer. He admits he has limited woodworking skills but enjoys restoring old furniture and working with driftwood to make something creative.

**Gordon received a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) award in the Australia Day Honours List of 2019 in recognition of his service to Sports Education. Well-deserved I say.**

**Gordon was a great member who always contributed to the tone of meetings and Morning Teas. He has had a magnificent career both academically and in sport and we were fortunate to have him as a member. Although lacking in some woodworking skills he was always aided by other members when he wanted assistance. He loved dealing with driftwood and weathered timber. On a personal note, I will always miss your great smile and friendly greeting. Keep well my friend.**

Below some members are getting Morning Tea ready. They are from left to right Rod Ryder, Chris Sturt, Steve Cuffe (back to camera), Keith Bryars and Roger Delaney



Earlier, President Roger Delaney, checked out the facilities to ensure that the farewell for Gordon Treble went according to plan. Obviously not our usual menu.

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Did you know that there are no Canaries in the Canary Islands?  
The same can be said for the Virgin Islands.  
There are no canaries there either.



Pictured above is our new banner which will be hung on the Arts Centre Building, next to the other banners. Please note as you drive up to the Arts Centre Building. Our thanks go to President Roger for making it happen. Thanks also to Warren Cannon and Graham Miller for holding it up for this picture.



➤ At left is a close-up of the Fractal Burning on one of the vases displayed by Roger Delaney. Once connected to the machine, the electric current burns a track between the 2 electrodes. It doesn't go in a straight line but meanders anywhere along the grain and every other nook and cranny creating images like tree branches, tree roots, etc... No two images are alike.

The Club has already decided not to purchase a machine due to the dangerous current that it produces (several thousand volts). Several people have been electrocuted throughout the world using these machines – even an electrician.

**If you intend to purchase, borrow, or manufacture one of these gadgets, please be careful.**

➤ Stocks of School items for this year's School Projects will be made over the next few weeks. Teams will be established to make each particular item in one go so that there is uniformity and accuracy in production. If you can help, see Ines Thomas for details.



## SHOW & TELL



The picture frame at left was made by Alwyn Percy. The design of the frame is inspired by a Roman family called Cosmati. They designed many of the floors and friezes for Roman villas. Alwyn used cedar, meranti and pine to make the frame. Although most of us didn't see it in the flesh it looks great and will be a pleasure to view in any circumstance. Well done Alwyn.

At right is a tray made by Geoff McClelland. Geoff wasn't able to be present at our meeting on Tuesday but advised me that the timber is Australian Blackwood. The result looks beautiful and I believe another one is in the offing. Well done Geoff.



At left is a Clock made by Graeme Sosso. The timber is Kauri Pine with the wooden pointers made from Paddle Pop sticks. Wife Vera provided the chain from her jewellery collection. The end result is a great looking clock and again shows the skills and expertise of Graeme's work.

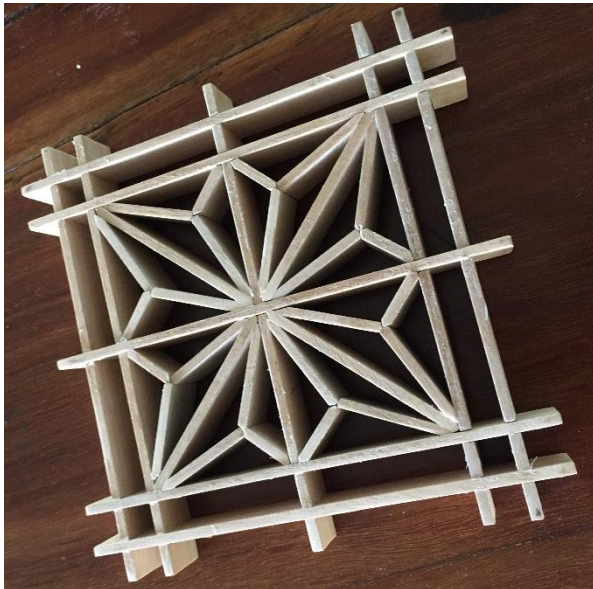


At right are two vases made by President, Roger Delaney. The timber is White Cedar and the vase on the right has been treated to Fractal Burning. Roger purchased his own transformer and built his own machine, see picture below. The end result looks great and we congratulate Roger on his effort. **Be careful Roger, it's a dangerous activity.**





At left is a large platter made by Bob Parrish. It didn't make Show & Tell but nevertheless is worthy of inclusion in this segment. It is made from several pieces of Tasmanian Oak glued together. You will note that some of these have been finger jointed to add length which adds to the aesthetics of the piece. Well done Bob



Colin Howard showed an example of a Japanese woodwork style called Kumiko, shown here.

He has offered to show members, who may be interested in this art form, the process involved.

This will consist of putting together a small coaster from a kit.

Colin will supply the kits for anyone interested.

The one-hour session will be held after morning tea on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> March. The class is limited to four members max.

Anyone interest in participating should email Colin on [Colin4096@gmail.com](mailto:Colin4096@gmail.com) to advise they will attend.

Members will learn the basics of lap joints, construction techniques and the use of specialised angle-jigs to complete the work. Please Email Colin if you are interested.

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Pictured below is the Rocking Horse being delivered to the winner's Mother, Dulcie, who lives in Corlette. The Horse will be given to a family member who has a couple of young children. It's good to know it will have a good home. Pictured are Stewart Upton; **Dulcie**; Steve Cuffe and President Roger Delaney. All the winners were local which was a good result. Kim, the winner of the Rocking Horse, lives in Dungog and has no one else to give it to.



## TALES OF THE MONTH

A woman, cranky because her husband was late coming home again, decided to leave a note, saying, "I've had enough and have left you...don't bother coming after me" Then she hid under the bed to see his reaction.

After a short while the husband comes home and she could hear him in the kitchen before he comes into the bedroom. She could see him walk towards the dresser and pick up the note.

After a few minutes he wrote something on it before picking up the phone and calling someone... "She's finally gone...yeah I know, about bloody time, I'm coming to see you, put on that sexy French nightie. I love you...can't wait to see you...we'll do all the naughty things you like."

He hung up, grabbed his keys and left.

She heard the car drive off as she came out from under the bed. Seething with rage and with tears in her eyes she grabbed the note to see what he wrote..."I can see your feet. We're outta bread: be back in five minutes."

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After being married for thirty years, a wife asked her husband to describe her.

He looked at her for a while, then said,

"You're an alphabet wife --- **A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K.**"

She asks ... "What the hell does that mean?"

He said, "**Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous, and Hot**".

She smiled happily and said ...

"Oh, that's so lovely, but what about I, J, K?"

He said, "**I'm Just Kidding!**"

The swelling in his eye is starting to go down.

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Four old retired guys are walking down a street in Yuma, Arizona, they turn a corner and see a sign that says, "Old Timers Bar - ALL drinks 10 cents." They look at each other, and then go in, thinking, this is too good to be true.

The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, "Come on in and let me pour one for you! What'll it be, gentlemen?"

There's a fully stocked bar, so each of the men orders a Martini. In no time the bartender serves up four iced Martinis - shaken, not stirred - and says, "That'll be 10 Cents each, please."

The four guys stare at the bartender for a moment, then at each other. They can't believe their good luck. They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis, and order another round.

Again, four excellent martinis are produced, with the bartender again saying, "That's 40 cents, please."

They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity gets the better of them.

They've each had two martinis and haven't even spent a dollar yet.

Finally one of them says, "How can you afford to serve Martinis as good as these for a dime apiece?"

"I'm a retired tailor from Phoenix," the bartender says, "and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the Lottery jackpot for \$125 million and decided to open this place. Every drink costs a dime. Wine, liquor, beer - it's all the same".

"Wow! That's some story!" one of the men says.

As the four of them sip at their martinis, they can't help noticing seven other people at the end of the bar who don't have any drinks in front of them and haven't ordered anything the whole time they've been there.

Nodding at the seven at the end of the bar, one of the men asks the bartender, "What's with them?"

The bartender says, "They're retirees from Australia.

They're waiting for Happy Hour when drinks are half-price."

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## What do you call?

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| A Man who likes to work out.        | <i>Jim</i>     |
| A woman with one leg.               | <i>Eileen</i>  |
| A man who owes money.               | <i>Bill</i>    |
| A man with a spade.                 | <i>Doug</i>    |
| A man without a spade.              | <i>Douglas</i> |
| A man in a pile of leaves.          | <i>Russell</i> |
| A woman in the distance.            | <i>Dot</i>     |
| A man with a car on his head.       | <i>Jack</i>    |
| A man with rabbits in his trousers. | <i>Warren</i>  |