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Guess which member sent in these holiday photos.

Dates to Remember

December Monthly Meeting	Tuesday	14 th December 2021	1.00 p.m. Workshop
School Projects		All cancelled	
Bunnings BBQs	Saturday	18 th December 2021	
Broughton Island	TBA		
Christmas Party	Thursday	16 th December 2021	6.00pm – 10.00pm

Tip of the Month
from Bob Grant

Supa Glue Accelerator.

Many members will be aware that using Supa Glue with an Accelerator speeds up the gluing time. The problem is that it is not easy to purchase, as not all hardware stores stock the 2-pack product and postal regulations make it difficult to purchase on line. Did you know that you can make the Accelerator yourself?

All you need is ½ Teaspoon of Baking Soda and ¼ Cup of Distilled Water. Mix until all the baking soda is dissolved and pour into a spray bottle.

When gluing, put Supa Glue on one surface and spray the accelerator on the other. Hold together for 10 seconds and you're done. It and it works beautifully.

SHOW & TELL

We didn't have any Show and Tell items this month but.....



Stewart made this dog step box for a lady who approached him at the workshop. It was for her 40kg Groodle, so that it could step up on to her couch. A Groodle is a cross between a full size Poodle and a Golden Retriever. She provided Stewart with morning tea for his reward, which he kindly shared. Good work Stewart – did you get her phone number?



Not to be outdone, Roger made five of these planter boxes for a lady who approached him at the workshop. They are for Hope Cottage, at All Saints Anglican Church, in Church Street, Nelson Bay. Hope Cottage is a charity, so we just charged for the materials. Their hall will not be used this year as a polling booth for the Council elections, as on previous occasions, so we won't be able to run a BBQ after all. And yes, Roger did get her phone number!

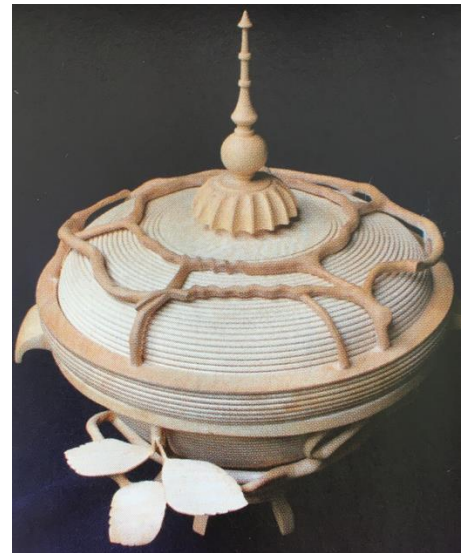
Vince Rush
Remembering Neil

Vince entered this piece in the Australian Wood Review, Maker of the Year Competition, in the Art and Objects section and was runner up. It's in jacaranda and dedicated to his brother Neil, a friend and mentor, who died from cancer a few years ago. Great work, Vince.

The judges' comments are shown on the right.

A high level of skill is required to make an object of such great beauty. Great thought was given to the selection of timbers, the jacaranda lending an ethereal quality to the container. The delicacy and sensitivity of this design reveals the respect for the person this is dedicated to, and the heart that went into the realisation of this project. – **Melissa Ward**

This piece for me has a very ethereal feel to it, beautifully designed and planned and then exquisitely executed. The timber choice of jacaranda is pivotal to the success of this piece as there is a ghostly feel about it. – **Phoebe Everill**



Welfare Report

- **Vince Rush** – Covid-19 – Vince is recovering slowly. He's now out of isolation, as is the rest of the family. His oxygen levels dropped and an ambulance turned up to take him to hospital but agreed to give him another day. He improved but is still experiencing tiredness. He caught it from grandkids. He won't be back for a few weeks.
- **John Jeffress** – went to Sydney for a doctor's appointment. Seems okay.
- **Graham Miller** – taking him a bit longer to recover from his operation but all going well and hopes to be back at the workshop soon.
- **Riko Eguchi** is recovering well from her double hip replacement.
- **Dave Bear** is moving a bit slowly round the workshop and will be booking in for two hip replacements.
- **Booster Covid-19 Shots** are now available 6 months after the 2nd shot.

TID BITS FROM THE SHED

- **Meeting Quorum** We barely had a quorum at the November meeting and only made it after two members arrived late. Please make every effort to get to the meetings. We can't pass motions without a quorum, which is 20% of membership or 15 people at current membership.
- **Vaccinations** An important motion was passed at the November meeting that all members attending the workshop must be double vaccinated for Covid 19. This will remain in force until rescinded at another meeting.
- **Club Member of the Year** All members should consider voting for this, as it's our annual award. Nomination forms are on the notice board. You can put yours in an envelope in the fees box or email Helen or Roger directly. Cut-off date will be Friday 10th December, so we have time to get the new plate engraved and attached to the trophy, ready for presentation at the Christmas party.
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- **Life and Honorary Memberships** If a member thinks that another member is deserving of a Life or Honorary membership award, nomination forms are on the notice board. Criteria for the award are on the form. These nominations, if any, will be voted on at the December general meeting and presented at the Christmas party.
- **Downstairs Area.** There have been major changes downstairs and it is now taking shape as a great work area. All the electrical work is finished. BobP has made a table for the GMC sliding compound saw, similar to the setup upstairs. It includes a dust extractor and waste bin. Great work Bob.
- **Woodnews Editor** We still have no volunteer for Woodnews Editor. There's a laptop and printer that goes with the role and you'll get lots of support!
- **Secretary** Unfortunately we'll be losing Helen and Toby Gilmour in the New Year as they have bought a block of land at Running Waters between Mudgee and Lithgow. They will be a big loss to the club, Toby for his building and electronic skills and Helen for her secretarial skills and contribution to the Exec Committee. We wish them all the best in their new venture. Anyone for Secretary?
- **Morning Tea Area** This is taking a long time to progress, unfortunately but Toby's contact Dave from Port Stephens Design and Engineers has now offered to draw up the DA plans for Council. He drew up the original plans for the extension a few years ago, so that experience and knowledge of regulations will be very useful.
- **On-Line Chess Set Raffle** Don't forget to keep propagating our on-line raffle link



<https://rafflelink.com.au/pscwchesssetraffle>

We'll do some more ticket sales at the Salamander shopping centre in the school holidays

- **Christmas Trees** Ines has been selling Christmas Trees on Facebook and Dave has been making them, assisted by Geoff, Bob and Keith.

Australian Red Cedar



BOTANICAL NAME: *Toona australis* or *Cedrela toona*

OTHER COMMON NAMES:

TREE DESCRIPTION: Australian Red Cedar is a large rainforest hardwood occurring on the East coast of Australia. It also grows in Papua New Guinea, spreading through South East Asia as far as India. It can grow up to 40m (132ft) in height and 3m (10ft) in diameter. The butt of the tree is sometimes buttressed.

COLOUR: Heartwood is pale pink to deep red or red-brown which varies widely according to the age of the tree from which it is cut. Sapwood is easily distinguishable from the heartwood and is very pale pink to yellowish-brown.

GRAIN AND TEXTURE: The grain is usually straight, sometimes slightly interlocked giving some boards a very attractive figure. The texture is moderately coarse and uneven.

DENSITY: Air dry density is approx. 420kg/m³ to 550kg/m³.

STABILITY: Movement is usually small, making this timber very stable in service.

DURABILITY: The heartwood is moderately durable. Sapwood is susceptible to Lyctus borer attack.

WORKING PROPERTIES: Australian Red Cedar is a very soft and light timber which is easily worked. It saws and machines easily, though it is sometimes inclined to give a 'woolly' cut so cutters and tools must be kept sharp. Blunting is only very slight. Nails and screws easily with good holding ability. It is satisfactory for steam bending. Gluing usually presents no problems. It has a rather pleasant and distinctive odour. Australian Red Cedar works to a high polish and takes finishes well. Its attractive appearance and high degree of workability have earned it a reputation as a world class furniture and cabinet timber although, due to the extensive cutting of this timber, good quality wood is scarce.

Jokes of the Month



Today is my wife's birthday.

I asked her, "Can I get you a diamond necklace, for your birthday?"

She said: "Nothing would please me more"

So I got her Nothing.

I will always be grateful to my English teacher..



Children's playground in 1900's – the good old days!

British Humour

In the UK, some supermarkets have admitted that there is horse meat in their home cooked burgers. Even places like Burger King have had to admit that there are "small amounts" of horse meat in their burgers.

Tesco is a big supermarket chain in the UK. Within hours of the news that Tesco's 'all beef hamburgers' contained 30% horse meat, the following quips hit the Internet:

- Anyone want a burger from Tesco? Yay or neigh?
- Not entirely sure how Tesco is going to get over this hurdle.
- Had some burgers from Tesco for supper last night. I still have a bit between my teeth.
- A woman has been taken into hospital after eating horse meat burgers from Tesco. Her condition is listed as stable.
- I've just checked the Tesco burgers in my fridge ... "AND THEY'RE OFF!"
- I said to my spouse, "These Tesco burgers give me the trots.
- "To beef or not to beef, that is equestrian".
- I hear the smaller version of those Tesco burgers make great horse d'oeuvres.
- These Tesco burger jokes are going on a bit. Talk about flogging a dead horse.
- Instead of choosing "rare, medium or well done, it's now Win, Place or Show"

At first, I thought, "This is no good for the Woodnews", but something spurred me to put it in.

Unused

One day, a wife came home early and found her husband in their bedroom making love to a very attractive young woman. Naturally, she was very upset.

"You are a disrespectful pig!" she cried. "How dare you do this to me? I'm a faithful wife, the mother of your children! I'm leaving you. I want a divorce right away!"

The husband replied, "Hang on just a minute love, so at least I can tell you what happened."

"Go ahead," she sobbed, "but they'll be the last words you'll say to me!"

So the husband began, "Well, I was getting into the car to drive home, and this young lady here asked me for a lift. She looked so down and out and defenceless that I took pity on her and let her into the car.

I noticed that she was very thin, not well dressed and very dirty. She told me that she hadn't eaten for three days. So, in my compassion, I brought her home and warmed up the enchiladas I made for you last night. The ones you wouldn't eat because you're afraid you'll put on weight. The poor thing devoured them in moments!

Since she needed a good clean-up, I suggested a shower, and while she was doing that, I noticed her clothes were dirty and full of holes so I threw them away. Then, as she needed clothes, I gave her the designer jeans that you have had for a few years, but don't wear because you say they are too tight.

I also gave her the underwear that was your anniversary present, which you don't wear because I don't have good taste. I found the sexy blouse my sister gave you for Christmas that you don't wear just to annoy her and I also donated those boots you bought at the expensive boutique and don't wear because someone at work has a pair the same."

The husband took a quick breath and continued, "She was so grateful for my understanding and help that as I walked her to the door, she turned to me with tears in her eyes and said..."

"Do you have anything else that your wife doesn't use?"