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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Your Scuttlebutt Editor and the Committee of WCMS wish all our Members, readers, and their families a Merry Christmas, a Happy Channukah, and a very happy New Year.

We wish that your Holiday Season be filled with the love and joy of your family and friends, lots of health, happiness, prosperity and well being, and that your stockings be filled with heaps of great stuff.



SUMMER BREAK DETAILS

The Waverley Men'sShed will close for the Summer Break on

Wednesday, 13 December 2023

We will have our end of year break-up party on that day at 12:00noon, for a sausage sizzle.

Please arrange with Mike Barker 0418978552 what foods you wish to bring, otherwise your contribution of \$25.00 to buy meat, drinks etc will be expected. **Attendance by RSVP to Mike only!**

The Shed will re-open on **Monday, 15 January 2024.**





FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

I'm back from my extended trip to the USA and Canada, I trust that the quality of Scuttlebutt delivered to you was up to the usual standard, it was a major challenge getting it together and sending it to you! It did remind me however, that for the past whatever number of years,

Scuttlebutt has been a one-man editing affair, and it can't continue that way or else one day (and at my age it could be at any time), it will just suddenly cease as nobody else knows (or cares) how it is compiled etc. Please, I am looking for an assistant Editor who can help me from here on.

Assistant Editor WANTED!



It's time for someone else to help ...

I'm saving up all my energy to live the rest of my life as a grumpy old man!



Tom



DONATIONS TO THE WAVERLEY COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED

From the outset, the kind of funds received at the Shed have to be explained.

At times, we receive money for work or material we have provided a member or the public, this being for work done and/or materials supplied.

THIS IS NOT A DONATION AND IS NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!

It is a **CONTRIBUTION** to the ongoing functioning of the Shed.

At some other times, we receive funds with no strings attached, and not for either services or materials. **THIS IS A DONATION.**

The relevance of this distinction is vital in writing out receipts whenever funds are received and have to be understood whenever a receipt is issued as the issue of an incorrect receipt may have significant repercussions to the Shed's financial operations.

When the Shed was established, we were granted Charity status, and after many years of trying, the Shed received DGR (Deductible Gift Recipient) status just before Covid.

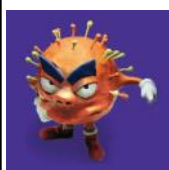
DGR status allows the Shed to issue a special receipt for all donations of \$2.00 or more, this receipt is eligible to be used by the donor in seeking a deduction in his/her annual tax return.

BUT IT IS ONLY IN RESPECT OF DONATIONS!! Issue of the wrong receipt may affect our DGR status and result in us losing that status! **Compliance is vital.**

It is for this reason that there are 2 receipt books!! The word "Donation" **MUST NOT** be used when a benefit is bestowed upon the person making payment. That is why in the general receipt book we must use the word "Contribution" when a payment is received for work done or materials supplied.

If you have any problems in understanding this explanation, please talk to Rodger Jamieson.

Depending on your individual tax position, you can claim a deduction for your eligible donation to receive a tax benefit, so **if you wish to make a donation**, please talk to the Treasurer or indicate at the time you hand over the funds to the Supervisor that you require a Tax Deductible receipt.



RAPID ANTIGEN TESTING IN NSW

As of 1 October 2023, you can no longer register a positive rapid antigen test (RAT) result with Service NSW or collect free RATs at Service NSW locations.

You should stay at home and not visit high risk settings such as aged care facilities and hospitals if you have symptoms.

If you are at higher risk of severe illness speak to your doctor and make a plan about testing and antivirals before you get sick.



WCMS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023 - REPORT

We thank all those who attended the **AGM of WCMS for 2023**, a great turnout.

The President's Report and the Treasurer's Report were presented to the meeting and they were both accepted and carried.

Peter Charlton then presented to the meeting his insight into dividing management and administrative functions between more individuals to reduce the extremely heavy administrative workloads on some members, and a discussion as to the future location and requirements (etc) of the Shed ensued.

There was also extensive discussion as to how training and certification for the use of machines in the future may be introduced.

The financial affairs of the Shed also were discussed and a membership fee commencing in March 2024 of \$100 per year was determined.

The meeting thanked all members of the outgoing Board (elected or co-opted) for their work over the past 12 months.

Under the terms set out in our Constitution, seven (7) Board members are elected for 2 year terms with approximately half of the Board standing down at each AGM. This year **Peter Black, Graham Ely, Charles Gerrard and Peter Charlton** did not have to retire and stayed on.

David Brem, Peter Ulmer and Ian Dawes had served their 2 year terms and had to retire but were eligible for re-election, so there were 3 vacancies for election to the Board. **David Brem** indicated that he didn't wish to stand for re-election.

Nominations were sought, **Peter Ulmer, Ian Dawes and Jeff Silberbach** were elected to be on the Board for 2 year terms.

After the elections, the office bearers were decided by the Board to be as follows:

President:	Peter Charlton
Vice President:	Peter Black
Secretary:	Graham Ely
Treasurer:	Charles Gerard
Committee:	Peter Ulmer, Ian Dawes and Jeff Silberbach

The meeting resolved that the Board be enabled to co-opt such member it sees fit onto the Committee during the year for specific purposes, and **Brian Sutton, Rodger Jamieson and William Honeyball** were co-opted.

There are a number of other roles that need to be carried out, and the Committee appointed the following members to serve in these roles:

Public Officer:	Rodger Jamieson
Webmaster:	Jeff Silberbach
Scuttlebutt Editor:	Tom Wolf
Welfare Officer:	Peter Ulmer

A LIBRARY OF HIS OWN



David Berman makes *timber sculptures and carvings*.

Most recently David has been hard at work creating his "library" of books.





SHED GOINGS-ON (CURRENT PROJECTS ETC.)

Master craftsman **William Honeyball** has just finished restoration project of the ***Honour Boards for the Clovelly Surf Club***. The Boards had been stored for many years in a disused room where they suffered being scratched, wet and kicked. In the photo on the right they are being gratefully collected by Mark, the Clovelly Club's historian.



Peter Black is making a number of ***planter boxes for Ronald McDonald Homes***, his time is almost completely taken up by this project.



Ray Tajer has made a ***timber light base*** using a very imaginative design and a high degree of skill (left).



Mo Dhanoya is rightfully proud of this creation. He has made a ***fruitbowl*** using an intricate design on a scroll-saw (above)

Pierre Carrion is busy making a large number of ***wooden dumbbells*** requested by the Eastern Suburbs Dog Trainers Association (right)

Mo Dhanoya and Tony Madarano are making a "wheel-o-fortune" ***spinning wheel*** (left)



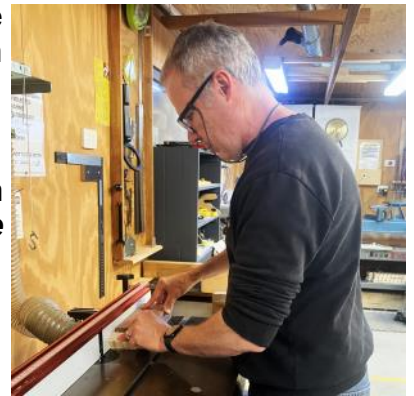
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Tony Mandarano and **Mo Dhanoya** are shown in the photo (left) drilling holes in hundreds of **wheels for toy trucks ...**

while **Nick Tyrrell** (right) is kept busy on the router table making **cabins for the toy trucks.**



The **toy trucks** are destined for the pre-Christmas activity at **Bunnings Eastgardens on December 7**, volunteers are required. To help at this Thursday evening activity, please notify **Peter Black** of your availability.



William Honeyball has completed his work on **a table** for a community member. Prior to the work, the legs had come apart from the body of the table.



No sooner did he finish the table repairs, **William Honeyball** started restoration of another **Honour Board** for the Clovelly Life Saving Club.



In addition to all his other duties around the Shed, **Rodney Goldberg** is making an **exhaust system** for the drop saw (left).

One of our chair restoration specialists, **Graham Ely** is restoring a **"period appearance" chair** (right)





A VISIT BY THE MEMBER FOR VAUCLUSE

On 8th November 2023, **Kellie Sloane MP**, the Member for Vaucluse and the Shadow Minister for Environment and her aid Nick McNamara were welcomed to the Waverley Shed by Peter Charlton, Peter Black and many members.

The current location of our Shed is actually fractionally outside Ms. Sloane's electoral boundary, so it was pleasing that she took great interest in the Waverley Shed particularly as so many of our members actually live within her electorate.



The purpose of the visit was for the Shadow Minister to become more acquainted with the workings of the Shed, our relations with the community, our environmental projects with recycled timber, and our ongoing and imminent need for alternate premises.

The visit was extremely successful with the visitors leaving with a better understanding of the Waverley Shed, our workings and the problems we face.



BATTERY DISPOSAL

Did you know that even when a battery is “dead”, the hazardous chemicals stored within it can cause a spark and lead to fires?

Everyone was reminded of this recently when a Waverley Council garbage truck being driven through Bondi caught fire due to a disposed battery being crushed in the truck's compactor.

Batteries do not belong in a garbage bin and should be disposed of safely, so please drop them off at a designated collection site.

Visit bcycle.com.au to find out your nearest drop-off location.





WHAT THE HECK IS A MOXON VICE?

By Peter Ulmer

The story title is something many of you in the Shed asked me when I was making it.

"Moxon vice ... I've never heard of it".

To be honest nor had I until Frank Tucker (ex-WCMS Shedder and now residing at a Lake Macquarie Boat Building Shed) mentioned it to me. He knew I was about to buy a new vice and said why not build one.



He sent me pictures and dimensions of his effort and also explained the benefits of this vice over the more conventional units with a central screw spindle and handle.

And so I built one.

I discovered that Joseph Moxon's (1627-1691) twin-screw handle vice was first described and illustrated in his 17th-century book "The Art of Joinery". At that time, it was considered a genius device as the portable Moxon vice holds work above the standard height of a workbench and allows work to slip between the clamping jaws.

And unlike conventional vices, it allows the use of asymmetrical pieces of wood without supporting blocks.



LOST OPPORTUNITY

Richard Cortis found this great piece of well seasoned timber on the beach at Ulverstone, Tasmania.

Regrettably, he was not allowed to bring it home for the Shed's wood turners because **it had too much sand on it.**



LETTER FROM SPAIN



Knowing of your Editor's interest in model soldiers, **David Rowley** sent us this letter from Valencia.

"I'm currently on an extended trip in Valencia, Spain and have just visited a phenomenal tin/model soldier museum **L'Museum L'Iber**, reputedly the world's largest.



I thought I'd forward a few random photos of the many I took, even though they simply don't do the exhibition justice.

The Battle Of Almansa set-up with 10mm figures was particularly huge.

There were half a dozen large rooms filled with every imaginable era, nationality and scale represented. Quite astounding.

The link to the Museum's site is www.museoliber.org/en/"



HELP PLEASE?

Tod Thompson asks if anyone has any idea of where or when this table was made?

If you can help, please contact your Chatterbox Editor.



BRAINFREEZE

"OOPS!"



THE HMAS SYDNEY II MEMORIAL, GERALDTON, W.A.

By Tom Wolf

The light cruiser **HMAS Sydney II** sank after a battle with the German auxiliary cruiser **HSK Kormoran** on **19th November 1941**, with no survivors of the **645** crew aboard, the largest naval tragedy in Australian history.



On my recent visit to Geraldton, I visited the memorial erected to honour the 645 sailors who never came home.



The memorial is on a hill overlooking Geraldton and is made up of four major elements:

1. a stele, based on the ship's prow;
2. a granite wall listing the ship's company;



3. a bronze statue of a woman with an anguished look on her face looking out to sea and waiting in vain for a loved one; and ...



4. a dome made up of 645 stainless steel seagulls representing the souls of the lost sailors. An eternal flame is lit in the sea lanterns overhead.



The Pool of Remembrance includes a map of the coast, the co-ordinates of the location of the wreck and a sole seagull angled in the wreck's direction.

I strongly recommend a visit to this most moving memorial if you should visit that part of Western Australia

FALLS PREVENTION – Dizziness

Dizziness can increase the risk of falling by causing balance problems, unsteadiness and muscle weakness. Dizziness can also cause a lack of awareness of hazards and increases the chances of an injury from a fall.

There are many causes and there are things that can be done to help manage dizziness.

What are some of the causes?

- Medical conditions affecting blood pressure, nerves, or heart
- Medications
- Inner ear problems
- Low blood sugar
- Lack of air or breathing problems
- Anxiety
- Vision problems
- Motion sickness

Tell your doctor about your symptoms:

- Describe your dizziness and what it feels like.
- Did it first start suddenly or gradually?
- How often does it happen?
- How long does it last?
- What makes it worse?
- What makes it better?

Seek immediate medical attention if you experience dizziness with any of the following:

- Headache
- Blurred vision
- Chest pain
- Hearing loss
- Speech problems
- Leg or arm weakness
- Numbness or tingling
- Heart rate problems
- Shortness of breath
- Loss of consciousness

For further information:

Email: falls@cec.health.nsw.gov.au

Web: www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au

Disclaimer: *This article is not intended, nor should it be read, as medical advice. It is merely information to be used in recognising and responding to some symptoms and if in any doubt, medical advice and attention should be sought.*

EXERCISE IS THE BEST MEDICINE?



**My favourite exercise is a
cross between a LUNGE
and a CRUNCH ...**

I call it LUNCH!



SHEDDER'S COOKBOOK

How often does your other (better) half complain that you don't support her by doing some of the cooking? Let's hope not too often.

This is a recipe that was printed in the **Mark Moran Vaucluse** newsletter, December 2022 issue. We acknowledge the source and the article is reprinted with the kind permission of the management of MMV

We are reminded that you don't have to be a great cook (you heard about the army joke when the sergeant asked "Who called the cook a bastard? ...") but it is good to tempt fate at times and to prove victorious.

WHITE CHRIST-MESS:

This dessert couldn't be simpler to make. Whip up some cream and then layer together with store-bought meringue, fresh raspberries, glace cherries and Raffaello truffles. It's so easy to put together but creates a stunning effect when presented in a trifle bowl. It's the perfect Christmas dessert!

Ingredients

- 900ml thickened cream
- 250g fresh raspberries
- 200g packet glace cherries, coarsely chopped
- 100g packet meringue nests
- 230g packet Ferrero Confetteria
- Raffaello truffles, unwrapped

Method

Step 1

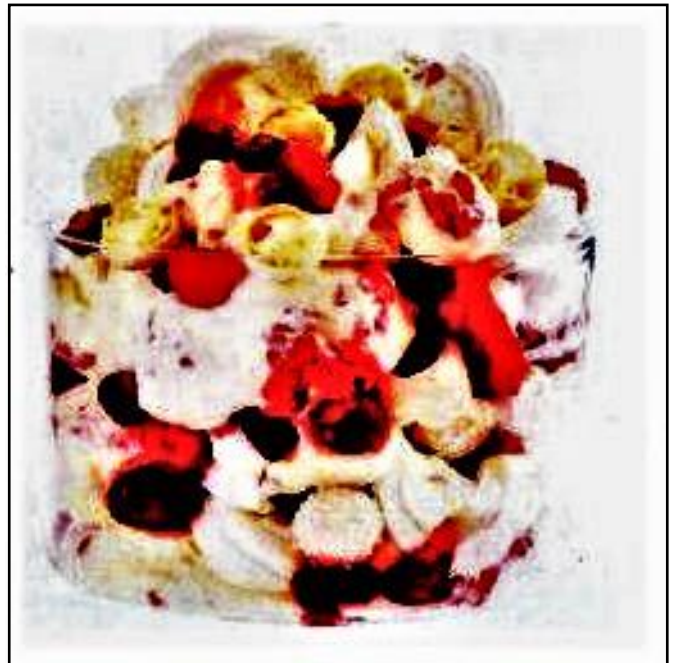
Use electric beaters to beat the cream in a bowl until soft peaks form. Place half the raspberries in a small bowl and crush with a fork. Use a spatula to fold the raspberries and one-quarter of the glace cherries into the cream until just combined. Crumble 4 meringues and 6 Raffaellos over the cream mixture. Use a spatula to fold the meringue and Raffaellos into the cream mixture until just combined.

Step 2

Spoon one-third of the cream mixture into a 2L (8 cup) serving bowl. Scatter over one-third of the remaining raspberries and glace cherries. Crumble over 2 meringues. Scatter over 6 Raffaellos. Add half of the remaining cream mixture then top with half the remaining raspberries and glace cherries. Crumble over 2 meringues and scatter over 6 Raffaellos.

Step 3

Cut remaining meringues and Raffaellos in half. Top Christ-mess with the remaining cream mixture, raspberries, glace cherries, meringues and Raffaellos.



Merry Christmas to you all, Bon Appétit!

If you have a favourite recipe that you have actually made and would want to share with your mates, why don't you send it to us.



PONDER THESE IMPONDERABLES FOR A MOMENT ...

- If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- When cheese gets its picture taken, what does it say?
- Why is a person who plays the piano called a pianist but a person who drives a racing car not called a racist?
- Why are a wise man and a wise guy opposite?
- Why do overlook and oversee mean opposite things?
- Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety one?
- 'I am' is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that 'I do' is the longest sentence?
- If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?
- What hair colour do they put on the driver's licences of bald men?
- Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the postmen can look for them while they deliver the mail?
- You never really learn to swear until you learn to drive.
- No one ever says, 'It's only a game' when their team is winning.
- Ever wonder about those people who spend \$2.00 apiece on those little bottles of Evian water? Try spelling Evian backwards.
- Why if you send something by road it is called a shipment, but when you send it by sea it is called cargo?
- If a convenience store is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, why are there locks on the door?



FROM ECHUCA "WITH LOVE"

Richard Cortis apologises to the woodturners for not bringing home some timber he found on his travels around Echuca, on the south bank of the Murray River (the Victorian side)..

Although it appeared to be useful, he could not hook it up to the camper van.

