



WAVERLEY COMMUNITY  
MEN'S SHED INC.

# SCUTTLEBUTT

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**IF YOU ARE NOT WELL, YOU ARE NOT WELCOME AT THE SHED!**



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The search for a new home continues, there are rumours that our time at Waverley will be extended as the construction by Uniting may be delayed, and the uncertainty of our tenure is starting to get on everybody's frayed nerves.

A lot of effort and discussion has been about the possible introduction of women to the Shed, a subject that requires much care and legal consideration so as not to offend current members as well as the general community. It is a very touchy subject. It will require members to express their constructive input and everybody's views are welcome and **necessary!**

From a housekeeping point of view, the dust extractors have been blocking up from overuse, so if you propose to use the machinery, it is now stipulated that you check on the levels of sawdust in the extractor bucket before you start using the machines, and if it is full, then you **must not** add more sawdust by using the machines. Abuse of this directive may result in your exclusion from the Shed for a period of time! If you have any problems, or do not understand this directive, please contact Peter Black.



## GARAGE SALE

**Saturday, 15 NOVEMBER, 2025**

at the Men's Shed in the grounds of

**The War Memorial Hospital, 125 Birrell Street, Waverley.**

A Garage Sale is to be held to dispose of the many and varied items made or contributed by the Shed members. If you have any items at home you wish to contribute to the Shed, please **bring them to the Shed on 10th, 11th or 12th November**, and see Peter Black.

If you are visiting or bringing friends and family, please advise them that credit card facilities will be available for purchases.

11 NOVEMBER  
REMEMBRANCE DAY



*Lest we forget*



# WCMS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025 - REPORT

The Annual General Meeting of the Waverley Community Men's Shed was held at the War Memorial Hospital premises of the Shed at 1:00pm on Wednesday, 15th October 2025, we thank all those 19 members who attended..

Whilst presenting his report, Peter Charlton,, the outgoing President, addressed the meeting of matters set out in his report. The President's Report and the Treasurer's Report were both accepted and carried.

**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 and Peter Charlton** did not have to retire and stayed on, whilst **Charles Gerrard** although he did not have to retire, decided to retire, his position was available for someone else to be elected for a 2 year term. The meeting

thanked Charles for his work over the years.

**Jeff Silberbach, Peter Ulmer and Ian Dawes** had served their 2 year terms and had to retire but were eligible for re-election, so there were 4 vacancies for election to the Board.

Nominations were sought, and **Ian Dawes; Rodney Goldberg; Jeff Silberbach and Albert Verdian** 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 Black**
- Vice President: **Peter Charlton**
- Secretary: **Graham Ely**
- Treasurer: **Albert Verdian**
- Mens Representative **Graham Ely**
- Committee: **Ian Dawes; Rodney Goldberg 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 **Graham Carthew; Steve Weymouth; Peter Ulmer and Mike Barker** 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: **Des Sheehan**
- Webmaster: **Jeff Silberbach**
- Scuttlebutt Editor **Tom Wolf**
- Trustees **Peter Black, Rodney Goldberg and Ian Dawes**
- Hon. Auditor **Laurie Bond**

In General Business, most discussion centred around improving membership and providing opportunities for membership to "Millenials" by opening the shed on Saturdays, as well as allowing females to attend the Shed on Thursdays and Fridays.

It was understood, that apart from legal issues, one major limiting factor (among many others) was the lack of supervisors who were willing to attend on those days. The Committee will look into the issues discussed.



# SHED GOINGS-ON (CURRENT PROJECTS ETC.)



**Peter Charlton** has made a *table*. It did take a long time, but he is pleased with it. The timber came from an unwanted dining table found on a street corner in Paddington it now has a new life as a hall table. The timber is QLD maple with strips of American Rock Maple in the legs. (left)

As previously reported, **Mo Dhanoya** is making *fold-up baskets*. Mo did make some of these baskets some time ago, but he has now made



more of them, and they are getting more and more sophisticated, he's moved from plywood to some very nice timber (right)



Last month we reported that **Harry Jacobs** is making a pair of *wooden candle holders* for tea candles (with metal casing) and he needed to reduce the height of the metal casing so he asked **Richard Cortis** to machine them down on his metal lathe (left)

While we report on **Richard Cortis'** work, he was musing about what to do with a tiny, but quite strong magnet scrounged from an old headphone. He drilled a shallow hole in the wooden handle of his walking stick and then bedded the magnet into the recess using some epoxy. The result was a *magnetic pick-up tool* capable of retrieving nuts, screws, and small tools dropped on the floor without the need for bending. All done in half an hour and he now has a useful magnetic pick-up tool wherever he goes (above right)



Matt, the Assistant Maintenance Officer of the War Memorial Hospital was presented with a *small bowl* on behalf of the Shed. The bowl was turned by **Peter Charlton**, if the photo on the left is an indication, Matt was very pleased.

The Shed continues to make *charcuterie boards*, such as the one shown on the right, for sale at a future time.



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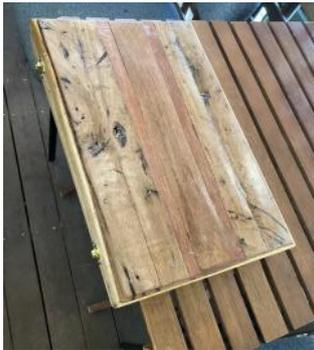


**Peter Robilliard** (shown on the left) is one of the members who help making the very many **possum boxes** for WIRES.

**Craig Rubenstein** is making a **stepping box** for a community member.



**Craig Rubenstein** has finished the backgammon **board and pieces** (including the dice) he is making for his wife, Helena (left)



**Sid Lewinsky** has made a **toothpick holder** shown on the right



**Graham "the chairman" Ely** is working on ... yes you guessed it! ... yet another **chair** brought along for repairs by a community member. (left)



New member **Ron Anderson** is making a **pencil case** for his grandson (right)



It must be spring, the flowers are blooming and attention is being heaped on the garden by our members! **Tony Mandarano** is no exception. He has decided to put a min-fence around his garden beds and was seen making the palings for the fence, as usual he is assisted by **Mo Dhanoya** (above)



# BIRD OF THE MONTH

## Scarlet Honeyeater (*Myzomela sanguinolenta*)

Article and photos by Ian Dawes

Honeyeaters form one of the largest groups of birds in Australia. The scarlet honeyeater is a striking one, well matched to the colour of the bottlebrushes on which it feeds.

These honeyeaters are found along the east coast from Melbourne to around Cairns. They are often found in pairs or small groups

- this was one of about ten birds feeding on the bottlebrushes at the Hunter Wetlands Centre, Shortland, near Newcastle, NSW.



# REPAIRS TO WILLIAM'S PLANE

**William Honeyball** had a plane with a broken cast iron component. Cast iron is both difficult and tricky to weld so **Richard Cortis** initially considered brazing or bronze welding (they are different) but Richard did not have a gas burner with sufficient heat, and, anyway, applying that much heat may have distorted the casting.

Therefore, the only repair option remaining was to weld the fractured joint. The faces of the fracture were prepared by grinding to a "V", after which the two pieces were fitted together as exactly as possible and then clamped very firmly onto a flat piece of steel to act as both a strong-back and a heat sink.

Richard then commenced welding, a tiny bit at a time so as not to melt and destroy the casting. The picture shows the repaired casting after it received a coat of epoxy paint. William re-assembled the plane and reported that the repair was successful. **Let's hope the welding holds!**



# A NOTE FROM RICHARD CORTIS

As many members are aware, my grandson suffered serious brain damage in a fall from height some years ago, and I regularly work with him as part of his recovery therapy..

We use junk to fabricate ornaments which he then donates to his support charities for them to sell at the markets.

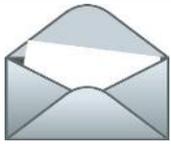


Recent efforts include two cats from old horse shoes, a small dog from a worn part of a farm implement, and a dragonfly from old cutlery.

Also. echidnas made from old or damaged saw blades And we had fun doing it too!

We frequently use old, broken and unusable tools donated by the Waverley Community Men's Shed for this activity, so **many thanks WCMS.**





# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We recently heard fro Phil McLeod, a past member of the Shed who moved away from Sydney a couple of years ago. He writes:

## “JUST TO LET YOU KNOW I AM STILL AROUND

Thanks for continuing to send Scuttlebutt to me. I now live in Charlestown near Newcastle and it is good to hear what is going on in Sydney. I get to Sydney about every 6 weeks. However I am usually there for business, so I do not get to see people much.

I am still Scouting. I have joined Warners Bay as a Joey leader. I just walk in, help out wherever I can and walk out. Nice and relaxed.

Anyway mate thanks again and keep up the good work.”



# GREAT TO SEE YOU, CLIF!

On 8th October we welcomed **Clif Munro**, one of our founding members and now an Honourary Member.

As you would expect, Clif turned up on his trike, and while he was at the Shed gave us some of his personal insight into some of the current issues being discussed by members



## **Uniting** Uniting War Memorial Hospital invites you to a face-to-face seminar on **SLEEP**

**Monday 3rd November, 12:30pm to 2:30pm**

**War Memorial Hospital Day Centre, 125 Birrell St Waverley**

- **Common sleep problems and their treatments**
- **Sleep patterns and ageing**
- **Tips for a good night's sleep**

Entry from 12.00pm, light lunch will be provided.

Bookings essential: **Catriona 93690215**

or [catriona.beaumont@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:catriona.beaumont@health.nsw.gov.au)



I've been watching  
my weight

It's still there!





# A VISIT TO KINGSTON MEN'S SHED

By Peter Charlton

In August, 2025, I had the pleasure of visiting the Kingston Men's Shed, on the Derwent River south west of Hobart. The Shed currently has around 45 members. I was shown around and introduced to the members by Darren.

Kingston is a beach suburb just 12 kms from Hobart. It has lovely facilities the only thing it misses is waves at its beach, but it has lovely sand and fantastic opportunities for sailing and kayaking.

The Shed has a great setup: the main building is about 8.35m by 21m, with an adjoining metal shed (6m x 3m + 10m x 2.5m), a comfortable meeting room with toilets and seating for 20 that is shared with the community and rarely used by the Shed. Plus there are two shipping containers converted into wood stores.

Importantly, the Kingston members own their own building on local land, and an upcoming extension will double the size of the main workshop while also providing extra storage space underneath. 'Upcoming' was an interesting word, they have the plans and are ready to start the new build but they have been ready for several years and don't seem to be getting close, nor do they have the funds.

The effective size is just over 200 sq m not counting the 60 sq m meeting room.

On an average day, about 10 members attend, though on busy days they can have more than 18 around the benches. The Shed runs four days a week. Morning tea is a highlight — they all down

tools between 11:00 and 11:30 am to gather around the "kitchen" table, which seats 14.

The Shed has seven workbenches and an impressive range of equipment: two lathes, three band saws (one large, two smaller), two drop saws, a planer/thicknesser, table router, jointer, belt and disc sanders, oscillating sander, plus a good supply of Festool gear. There's even solar power, heaters for winter, and lockers for every member.

A new belt/drum sander will be wired in within the week and they also proudly keep an old table-belt sander built by a past member. Photos of many of their machines are on file. During my visit there was bench room and machine time available.

One point of difference at Kingston is their strict rule about not making items for sale. Because they receive government support and equipment, they avoid competing with local businesses. For example, projects for the local council would not be allowed under their rules.

The majority of their work is for members with not many products for sale except the bird houses.

But they do make beautiful things. Bill, one of their skilled makers, builds both banjos and rocking horses. For the rocking horses Bill works from plans by Andrew Dew (known as "The Rocking Horse Man"), whose book contains detailed designs and patterns for different styles of rocking horse. <https://anthonydew.co.uk/rocking%20horses>.

While Dew sells the specialist metal fittings in the UK, Bill fabricates his own here. He has even made jigs to make bandsaw work easier and his most recent rocking horse looks fantastic.

The Shed began life as part of the local Garden Club but has since struck out on its own. Today it's a thriving, independent hub for men in Kingston.

Membership costs \$90 a year, plus a contribution of \$3 per day for tea, coffee, and biscuits — well worth it for the camaraderie, facilities, and skills on offer.





# AN AFTERNOON ON A TALL SHIP

By Graham Ely

After the party at the Shed for my OBE (Over Bloody Eighty) birthday, my immediate family spent a very relaxing, if somewhat windy, afternoon on Sydney's beautiful harbour in one (1 of 3) tall ships on the harbour.

These ships are the ones which race across the harbour on Australia Day. Our ship was the **Southern Swan** a Dutch built ship that is 103 years old and still with 80% of its original keel???



The cruise lasted 2 hours and included a lunch (the menu looked like a buffet, but we received a plate with a bit of everything on it!). It was tasty enough, and drinks were available at \$10 each.

The ship sailed under power from Circular Quay, under the bridge and into the wind. No, it was not rough.

We motored over to McMahon's Point before turning around, and we watched while 2 of the crew scrambled up the ratlines to prepare the sail for lowering (no safety or belaying ropes!!!!).

As soon as we turned around we were the crew that assisted in lowering the sails (we let go of the ropes)



The new silence was surprising. Back under the bridge and one happy camper (fellow passenger) tested climbing up one of the masts,

tied securely with safety ropes. He did say the view was fantastic. My knees would not have made it.

We were introduced to the crew and the ship's history was explained to us.

One crew member sat at the front and explained she was not resting - she was the look out! She communicated with various hand signals which we were able to see when we approached the dock later.

We were allowed below decks to see how cramped the crew's quarters were, and we were allowed to steer the ship was easier than you think.



All in all, it was a relaxing and enjoyable **family outing**.





# BUSHWALKING IN QUEENSLAND

By Gary Sheppard

Recently, I spent a few weeks away in the national parks of far south west Queensland. Unlike the famous Carnarvon NP, (which is kinda near) these were places I'd never heard of before.

**Mt Moffat, Salvator Rosa and Idalia.**



Really isolated but with basic amenities provided by the NP service (although I must say I'm not sad to bid goodbye to drop toilets...). The scenery in these areas is just beautiful. They've had a lot of rain out there so the country is looking really good at the moment, and it's a wonderland to an amateur geologist like me. The variety of rocks and landforms is just stunning. I took lots of photos of rocks (yeah, I'm like that) that we found when trekking thru creek beds and I hope that when A.I. has advanced enough in a few years, I'll upload them and it will be able to identify them and explain how they came to be and what geological formations they came from. That's my hope anyway.



A few shots of the scenery out there along with some rock samples is above. It was interesting to see the type of rocks that the aborigines derived red, yellow and white ochre from.



I imagine the stones from here would have been traded far and wide back in the day. The trip was organised by the Toowoomba bushwalking club (of which my sister is a member) so I got to tag along. What a great bunch of people, it turned out one of the guys in our group used to be in my class in university back in the day. He went on to become a statistician and I got into photography. It's funny how life and careers turn out to be not what we expected when we studied environmental science.

Anyway, a great time was had by all, lots of fresh air and hiking, and I found it beneficial to my mental health to be incommunicado for a few weeks not hearing every day about what the Donald or Albo etc have said or done, or what latest disaster/ scandal/ whingefest is occupying the front pages. It's all very refreshing.



# STABILISING FINS ON CARS

The little “fin” on the roof of many modern cars is an aerodynamic pod to house the radio antenna and other optional communications equipment antennas.

Having the fin also improves a car's stability mid-corner. If the car were to start to oversteer, the air's pressure on the fin allows the car to counteract the yaw effect.

The main purpose of the shark fin is to separate both air streams coming around the driver, before they come to the spoiler. This makes for cleaner air around the spoiler, because otherwise the air streams would bounce into each other and create turbulence.

Stabilisers provide precise and immediate stabilisation, while their low-profile design enhances aesthetics and reduces the risk of damage from debris.

Besides improved aesthetics, the aerodynamic, streamlined shape of the “shark fin” decreases wind resistance and lowers wind noise.



Prior to the small fins, a European car manufacturer experimented with full length fins on sedan cars. Czech manufacturer Tatra began building advanced, streamlined cars in 1934 with the large Tatra 77, the world's first production aerodynamic car with a

central stabilising fin.

The first VW Beetles were designed by Ferdinand Porsche who admitted that he may have looked over the shoulder of Tatra designers, and there is no doubt that the VW Beetle bore a striking resemblance to the Tatra with its central crease along the spine..

Patent infringement litigation followed, settled out of court. The central stabilising fin design continued to be used by Tatra, while American carmakers opted for twin tailfin designs to act as stabilisers.

Tatra T600 (also known as the Tatrapian) was made between 1948 and 1953.





# YOUR RIGHTS AS A CONSUMER

Extracted from the Legal Aid Calendar

## Goods and services

As a consumer it is important to know your rights. When you buy goods, they come with a guarantee that they will be of acceptable quality.

This means they must be safe, free of faults and do all the things you would normally expect them to do.

Services you buy must be provided with acceptable care and skill, give the results that you and the business agreed to and be delivered in a reasonable time.

If they don't, you may have a right to have the thing you bought repaired or replaced, get a refund, cancel the contract or get compensation.

You can contact NSW Fair Trading for help. Visit [www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au) or call 133220 or Returning goods and refunds You may not be able to return an item if you've changed your mind-but if there's something wrong with it, you can return it to where you bought it, even when it's out of warranty. Keep receipts to make it easier to prove your purchase.

A helpful tool to understand your rights is the Repair, replace, refund problem solver from the ACCC. Visit [www.accc.gov.au/consumers](http://www.accc.gov.au/consumers)

## Telemarketers

There are rules about how and when telemarketers can contact you. Find these rules at [www.acma.gov.au/spam-and-telemarketing](http://www.acma.gov.au/spam-and-telemarketing). If you don't want telemarketers to call you, you can add your number to the Do Not Call Register. Visit [www.donotcall.gov.au](http://www.donotcall.gov.au) or call 1300792958

You can find out more about telemarketers' obligations and how to make a complaint at [www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au)-look under **Buying products and services> Guarantees, contracts and warranties> Unsolicited consumer agreements**

## Gas, electricity and water providers

Retailers must provide you with fair contracts with clear terms and conditions. All power companies must offer help if you're struggling to pay.

For example, give you time to pay or offer you a payment plan. Talk to your energy or water provider as soon as you can to avoid disconnection.

Asking for a hardship arrangement is a better option than ignoring things or taking out a high cost or 'payday' loan.

If the provider doesn't help, contact the Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW (EWON). Call 1800 246 545 or visit [www.ewon.com.au](http://www.ewon.com.au)

## Financial hardship

If you can't pay your bills or other debts, you may be in financial hardship. It is a good idea to get free help from a financial counsellor. Call 1800 007 007 or visit the National Debt Helpline at [www.ndh.org.au](http://www.ndh.org.au)

## Guaranteeing a loan for someone else

Be careful if a loved one or someone else you know asks you to be a 'guarantor' for a loan that they are taking out. If the person doesn't pay back the loan, the lender might try and get the money from you, including by selling your house.

## Insurance

If your insurance company rejects your claim, there are things you can do. You can ask for an internal review of the decision. If you are still unhappy with their decision, you can make a complaint to the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA). Call 1800 931 678 or visit [www.afca.org.au](http://www.afca.org.au)

Insurers shouldn't make you pay your excess upfront if you can't afford it. If this happens to you, ask to speak to your insurer's financial hardship section.

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### **Health care**

If you have concerns about your doctor or other health care professional's practice, you should talk to them first. If that doesn't work, you can contact the Health Care Complaints Commission (HCCC). The HCCC is an independent body that deals with complaints about health services in NSW. Visit [www.hccc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hccc.nsw.gov.au) or call 1800 043 159

### **National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)**

If you are in the NDIS you should have access to supports you need-like transport, equipment and linking you with support services. If you are not happy with the quality or safety of the services you are receiving, or the quality of the goods you purchased, you can complain directly to your service provider. If that doesn't fix your complaint, you can contact the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (NQSC). Call 1800 035 544 or visit [www.ndiscommission.gov.au](http://www.ndiscommission.gov.au)

NSW Fair Trading may also be able to help you if you have a complaint about goods or services you bought through the NDIS. Call 13 32 20 or visit [www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au)

### **Where to find legal help**

- **Legal Aid NSW** Call 1300 888 529. Everyone can get legal help from Legal Aid NSW. If you want to find out about a legal topic or take steps to resolve your problem yourself, the 'My problem is about' section of our website covers most areas of the law. If you have a legal question, start with the team at LawAccess NSW., their information officers can give you legal information, help you plan your next step and connect you with services that can help you. Start a chat using our website's web chat function or call 1300 888 529 from 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays), visit [www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au)
- **Community Legal Centres (CLCs)** Call 1300 888 529, an independent, not-for-profit community organisation that provides legal information, advice, referrals and casework. CLCs work for the public interest and focus on disadvantaged people in their communities. There are over 40 specialist and generalist CLCs in NSW, including Seniors Rights Service. To find a CLC near you visit [www.clcnsw.org.au](http://www.clcnsw.org.au)
- **Seniors Rights Service** Call 1800424 079 or (02) 9281 3600. This Service provides free and confidential legal advice, advocacy and rights-based education for older people. Visit [www.seniorsrightsservice.org.au](http://www.seniorsrightsservice.org.au)
- **Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT)** Call 1800 765 767 or 1800733233. This is an Aboriginal community organisation that provides information, referrals, legal advice and court representation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in criminal and family law and children's care and protection matters as well as some civil matters including fines. Visit [www.alsnswact.org.au](http://www.alsnswact.org.au)
- **The Law Society of NSW** has services to help the public find a lawyer: The Solicitor Referral Service can give you a list of three law firms that may be able to help with your legal problem. Call (02) 9926 0333 or email [ereferral@lawsociety.com.au](mailto:ereferral@lawsociety.com.au). The Pro Bono Scheme puts eligible applicants in touch with law firms willing to provide their services for free or reduced fee. Call (02) 9926 0364 or visit [www.lawsociety.com.au/pbs](http://www.lawsociety.com.au/pbs)
- **The Financial Rights Legal Centre** is a specialist legal centre providing advice for anyone in financial distress. Their website can help you understand your financial rights and take steps to sort out debts or disputes about credit, banking and insurance. Visit [www.financialrights.org.au](http://www.financialrights.org.au) or call 1800 007 007

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Door-to-door salespeople are not allowed to visit you on Sundays or public holidays or before 9am. They must leave immediately if you ask them to. If you do not wish to be visited by door-to-door salespeople, you can place a Do Not Knock sign at your front door. Find out now to get a sticker or make a complaint at [www.accc.gov.au/consumers](http://www.accc.gov.au/consumers)

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# THAT'S WHEN THE FIGHT STARTED!

My wife was standing nude, looking in the bedroom mirror. She was not happy with what she saw and said to me, "I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment."

I replied, "Your eyesight's damn near perfect."

And then the fight started.....

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I rear-ended a car this morning...the start of a REALLY bad day! The driver got out of the other car, and I saw that he was a DWARF!!

He looked up at me and said 'I am NOT Happy!'

So I said, 'Well, which one ARE you then?'

That's how the fight started.

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One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift...

The next year, I didn't buy her a gift. When she asked me why, I replied,

"Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"

And that's how the fight started.

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I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first.

"I'll have the rump steak, rare, please."

He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?"

"Nah, she can order for herself."

And that's when the fight started...

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My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary.

She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds."

I bought her a bathroom scale.

And then the fight started.....

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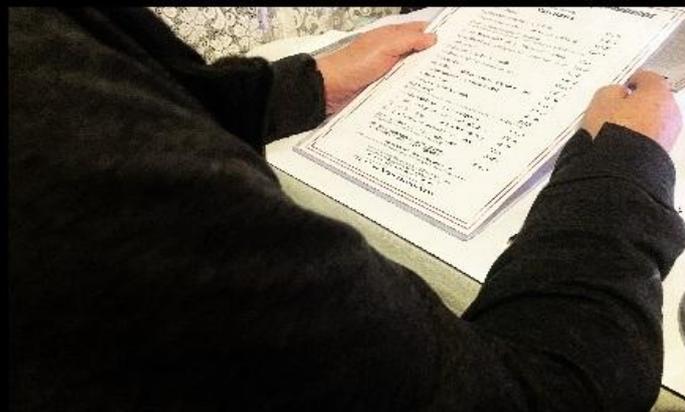
After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for Social Security. The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver's License to verify my age. I looked in my pockets and realized I had left my wallet at home. I told the woman that I was very sorry, but I would have to go home and come back later.

The woman said, 'Unbutton your shirt'. So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair. She said, 'That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me' and she processed my Social Security application.

When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office.

She said, 'You should have dropped your pants. You might have gotten disability too.'

And then the fight started...



**A new restaurant called "Karma" opened recently in my neighbourhood. There is no menu, you get what you deserve!**