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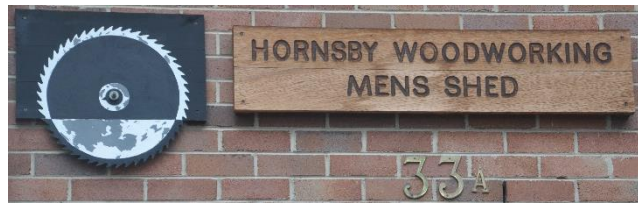
LOCKDOWN EDITION

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HI MEMBERS:

IT'S BEEN OVER A MONTH SINCE THE SHED LOCKDOWN. A NECESSARY MOVE BUT A SAD ONE. OF COURSE, IT IS FOR OUR SAFETY, CONSIDERING WE ARE OF VULNERABLE AGE. LET US HOPE IT IS OF A SHORTER RATHER THAN LONGER DURATION. AS WE ALL SHARE THE GREAT JOY AND LOVE OF WOODWORKING.

SINCE WE ARE IN THIS SITUATION, HERE ARE SOME NOVEL WAYS TO KEEP OURSELVES OCCUPIED. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SEND YOUR STORY OR PICTURE, AND THE WAY YOU OCCUPY YOURSELF.

BELOW ARE SOME ARTICLES FROM MEMBERS

15 April 2020

Dear Members,

Hello from The Hornsby Woodworking Men's Shed!

It's been a tough month for all of us, especially those of us who love to work (and socialise) in the Shed and are now required to stay at home due to social restrictions – which have been a difficult but necessary decision for governments around the world.

Although our Shed, like many other Men's Sheds and Community organisations throughout NSW and Australia, is shut down, we appreciate the importance of connecting with the important people in our lives and to that extent I just wanted to send out a message to keep you in contact with your Shed.

While we are shut down, rest assured the Committee is doing their best to look after the interests of the Shed. We don't know when the Shed will be fully functional again; it maybe two or three months hence. Most of us are (unfortunately) in the "high risk" category so we must take extra care before opening the Shed again. We have been fortunate that the Hornsby Council have waived our rental and we have cancelled our garbage disposal service. These

are our largest expense and will save us about \$4500 over a three months period. However, we still have public liability and fire & theft insurances to pay and it is unlikely that we will be exempt from these. All the Bunnings BBQs have been cancelled into the foreseeable future. These events were a welcomed boost to our finances and will have a significant impact on our bottom line.

Our Membership Officer, Colin Crispo, will be sending out the membership notices as usual. It will keep some sense of normality about our daily lives. If your membership is due, I encourage you to pay it as you would in normal circumstances. As mentioned, we still have some expenses to cover even though the Shed is closed. On the other side of the international calamity, the Committee will assess the Shed finances and extend everyone's membership for the time the Shed has been closed.

As mentioned above, if you feel the need, please do contact us. Please contact myself, Kevin Wallace on hwmspres@gmail.com, Phil Hirshbein, Public Relations Officer on hwmspr@gmail.com or Robert Plant our Welfare Officer on robertplant1212@gmail.com

Perhaps send another member an e-mail or phone call to see how they're going and stay in contact. The Committee members will be contacting every member in the next week or so to see how you are getting along.

By all means, please send us a message through e-mail and we will respond. I would also like to encourage our members to discuss any news they may have so we can keep in touch at this vital time. Let us know if you have been watching any interesting YouTube videos that relate to our love for woodworking.

Please also keep an eye out for upcoming letters from the Committee who have been meeting, on the internet, to help navigate the way through this changing landscape.

Thank you for your continued support. Our thoughts are with you and your family. Stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you back, to the Shed, soon.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Wallace

President.

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PRACTICING WITH ZOOM.....APRIL 2020.

ZOOM - "Interactive Internet Based Virtual (Remote) Meeting or Demonstration."

Plans for turning at this April's Saturday meeting were that Elwyn Muller would demonstrate using his Oval Turning lathe attachment on a Nova 3000 lathe in the Gym to turn a couple of oval bowls. Oval bowls have become a speciality for Elwyn recently with many well turned and admired items produced. As we know COVID-19 has placed Shed meetings and plans on hold for say a couple of months and as a result 'ZOOM' was recommended as a suitable substitute for live demonstrations.

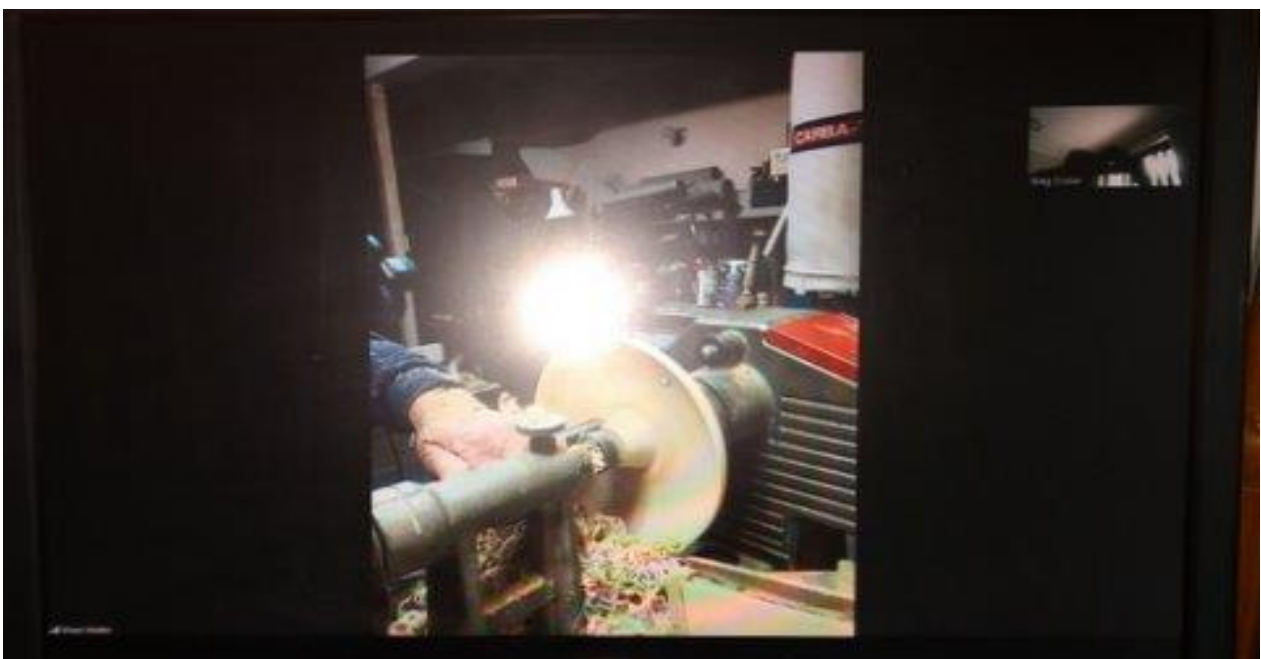
A week or so ago Elwyn set-up the oval attachment and an iPhone in his workshop and read all about connecting to and hosting ZOOM. Together with Greg (watching from his home) a Zoom demonstration trial was run to gauge the general suitability of this system, its picture clarity, any adverse sound effects and its reliability etc. The trial showed that ZOOM was suitable for turning demonstrations particularly using an iPhone camera which gave good video quality and, it seemed, not picking-up the noise from the adjacent dust collector. The included pic shows a view of the actual trial ZOOM photographed from Greg's desk top screen. The screen picture quality is better than the attached actual screen photo attached and approaches 720 HD?

So all things being equal, and as soon as the isolation rules are relaxed somewhat the plan is to run this demo from Elwyn's workshop on ZOOM to all Shed members who would like to participate or just watch.

Details of the demonstration date, time, the ID and password will be advised by prior email on how to connect. As usual all Shed members are invited and urged to participate.

Current understanding is that members with iPhones and laptops can fully participate, (watch, listen and ask questions), as can those with desktops fitted with speakers, a camera and a mike. Members with a desktop and speakers can watch and listen, while those using desktops without speakers can watch only. If you know that this is not a correct understanding of the scope of ZOOM please advise corrections ASAP.

We look forward to a worthwhile demonstration and hope to 'see you there.'



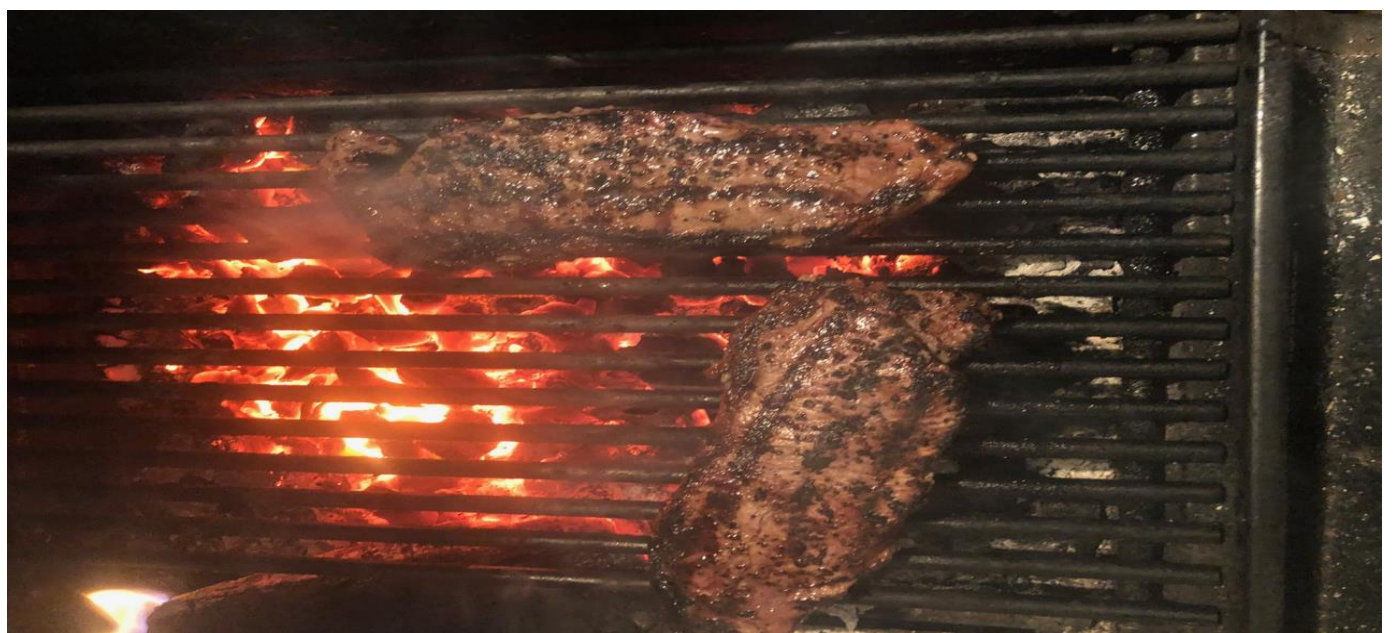
Thought I'd share this



Greg Ghalalas

Have been practising my hobby furiously in these lockdown times and have amassed the following. Don't quite know what to do with them but will find some deserving cause I'm sure.

As a result, I have ended up with a lot of offcuts and didn't know what to do with them. Then thought of repurposing my old barbecue as a fire pit and....



Win, win on all sides. Steak is so much better on open coals.

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Good morning Ivan

Up to you whether you think the following story depicts a useful and worthy way for fellow shedders to endure the current Coronavirus pandemic “stay at home” restrictions.

My wife, Christine, and I have been up at our Nambucca Heads holiday house for a month, virtually since the NSW COVID19 “stay at home” rules were applied mid-March.

We figured a few months up in the Mid-North Coast where the risk of contracting COVID19 is likely to be very low would be a better proposition, and an enjoyable diversion, than staying at home in Sydney’s Hornsby district where the risk is known to be much higher.

Nambucca Heads is a beach/river town that is well known to us as we have been coming to the district since the early 1980’s when my wife’s parents set up a macadamia nut plantation at Valla to retire to when her father, an army colonel at the time, retired after a long career in the Australian Army.

We liked coming to Nambucca Heads / Valla so much we bought our own place in the township in 1998. It’s nothing flash but it’s comfortable, sits on top of a hill and enjoys distant panoramic views of the ocean, river and beaches all the way down to Scott’s Head in the south.

So, what do you do at a holiday location that you have been visiting for more than 30 years, where you’ve done it all and you have got to stay at home to comply with the rule of travel for essential purposes only?

As we men always do, we listen to our wives and we do as we are told!

So, my wife bought some jigsaw puzzles for herself and a colouring in book and artist pencils for me.

From my point of view, I didn’t know what to expect about colouring in but after many days of doing it I’m happy to say the experience has been uplifting and I’m hooked.

What’s it like? It’s like playing computer games or card games only much more enjoyable! The hours while away so quickly and at the completion of a piece you are surprised about how artistic you can be!

I have been colouring now in for the past ten days or so and I have completed three works, photos of which I’ll shortly send separately to your email address.

I have no hesitation in recommending colouring in to all the retired HWMS shedders who are looking for an enjoyable pastime from which to while away the “stay at home” hours.

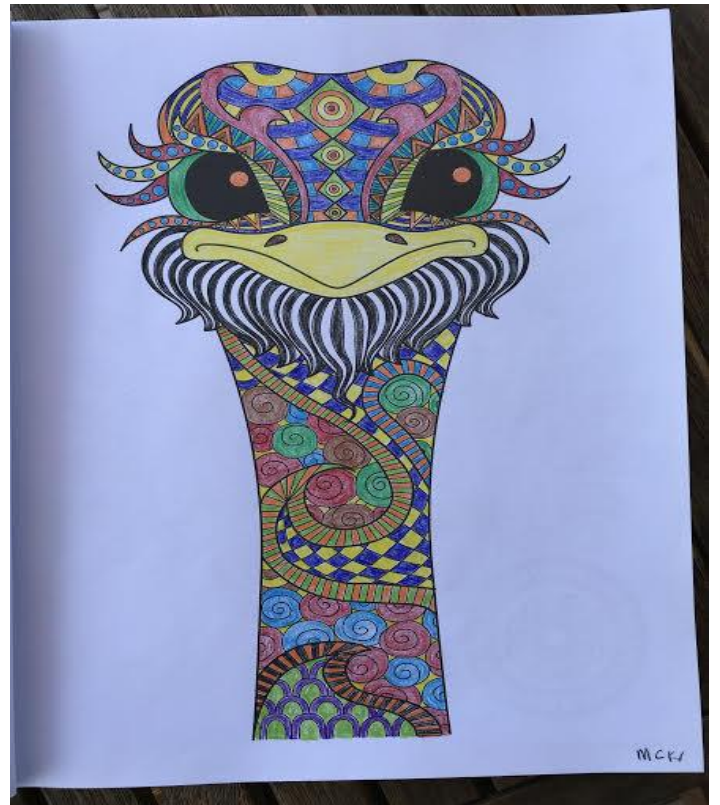
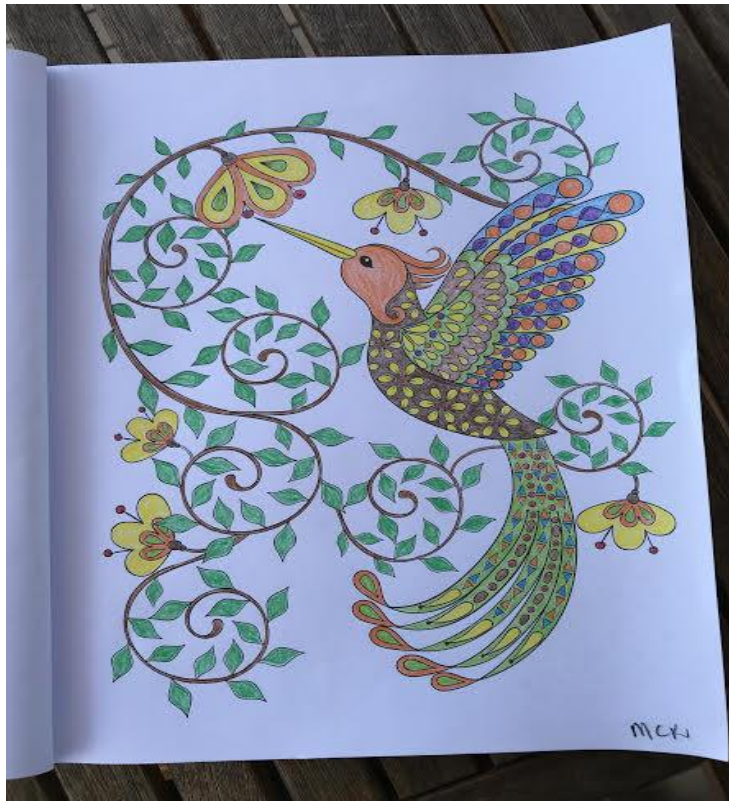
The books and pencils are available from most newsagents or, better still, online with home delivery usually with 24 hours.

Note it’s essential to buy artist quality pencils as children’s colour pencils are just not suitable.

Look after yourself.

Best wishes all HWMS shedders. **Michael Kevin Treasurer**

MICHAELS ARTWORK



HWMS President

Good morning Ivan,

The free London shows and free movies info below was sent to me by Lou Coenen. It might be useful to add to a special edition of the Cutting Edge. Also below are a couple of photos of what I've been doing during the lockdown. A "before", "during" with woodworking and an "after" shot. Perhaps ask the members for book reviews if they've been doing a lot of reading or ask for photos of what they're building. I'm currently repairing a coffee table for a neighbour.

Free London Shows

Hopefully you are aware that there are a number of groups that are making quality shows and "tours" via the internet for free! Here are some but I'm sure that there are many other resources that are similar.

<https://www.youtube.com/theshowsmustgoon> There are a number of different sources – this is just one.

Free Movies

All our Libraries have links to various movies that you can watch at home. OK, so it's not the same as Netflix but they are entertainment but since the systems apparently cover several thousand movies, there should be some that are of interest.

"The popular on-demand film streaming service Kanopy is now available through Hornsby Shire Library. Library card holders can access Kanopy and sign up to start streaming films and gain access to over 30,000 videos. visiting www.hornsby.kanopy.com."

I'm sure that there are many other things to see here

Stay safe.

Regards

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Howard and Bec

Hello Ivan.

Because of my work I've only managed to get to the "shed" on average, once a twice a year.

Therefore, I appreciate the work you and others do with your regular correspondence. Long as the shed keeps going, I will keep my membership going.

Thanks for your efforts.

Warm regards

Howard Dove