

Fritch 'n Chips

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President's Column

It was great to have such a good turn up at the Mary Cairncross Park guided forest walk; I'm sure all those attending members gained some knowledge from it. Ashley Sewell and Paul Daly did an excellent job as guides, as did Sarah in the Kiosk with the catering – I thank them all. The entertainment provided by Edsel Ward was a bonus.

Our outing to the Brisbane wood show was also well supported – we purchased a new saw, thicknesser and Gifkins jig for the Club. Before using this new equipment, make sure you take note of the difference in operation between the old and the new. To be on the safe side, contact the Shed Captain before using it.

The organisation of our mid-year *Expo on July 4th and 5th* is well in hand. It is now up to you the members to pick out the items

you wish to enter in the competition (we have both novice & open in each section) as well as those you wish to sell. Cec Wakerley is the man to contact regarding the Expo. Thank you Cec for all of the effort you've put into it so far, I'm sure it will be a great success.

Our second container should be off and running, depending on the speed of the paper chase in the Council.

I'm sorry to hear that due to health issues, **Gerry Zwart** is unable to produce the Fritch 'N Chips after this issue. We're looking for someone to fill the gap, as our newsletter is an important tool in our existence. Thank you Gerry and Valerie for your services this year. I understand that if one of the partners in a team of two has health problems, it cripples the entire set-up.

See you in the Shed – Dave Banister.

What's On When?

Shed Times

Mornings from 8:30 - 11:30

Mondays General Activities

Tuesdays Turning & Carving

Wednesdays General Workshop & Toys

Thursdays Furniture & Joinery

Saturdays General Activities & Demos

General Meeting 2nd Monday of the month 9:30

Expo 4 & 5 July

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DON'T FORGET - WORK SAFELY

Please, please use the eye, ear and breathing protection available and make sure you stay safe!

Talk to Ray about safety particularly when using routers. Hope your finger is out of the sock soon.

MID YEAR EXPO

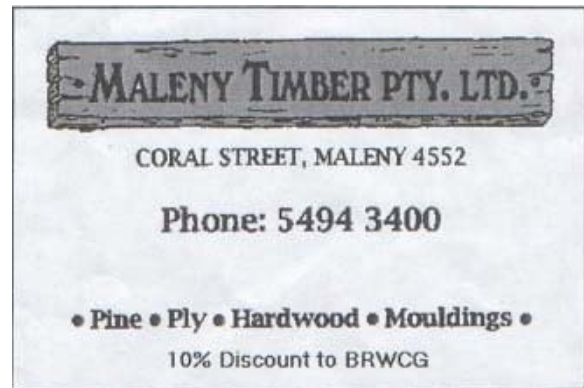
The main subject on the mind of any Blackall Range Woody at present should be our Expo on the weekend of **July 4 and 5**, in the Montville Village Hall. Co-Ordinator Cec Wakerley has laid down the following rules to be followed by entrants in our annual competition as well as those with goods for sale.

- **Competition** entries will be accepted on Friday July 3 at the Montville Village Hall between 1.30 and 3pm.
- All entries must be accompanied by the appropriate entry forms and identification cards.
- **Names must not be entered on these forms** – only membership numbers.
- Cost of entry will be \$1.00 per item.
- Judging will commence at 3pm.
- **Articles for sale** can be placed on any table except the competition table after the completed form has been handed to the cashier.
- **No sale articles will be allowed on the competition tables.**

All paperwork will be available at the Shed from mid-June.

Alan Boag is looking for contributions of biscuits, cakes and other goodies to assist with the catering. If you have a cooking

enthusiast in your home, get her/him to contact Alan to organize. His number is 5445 7613.



NOT ALL WORK

The **Welcome BBQ** on May 23 was a well attended affair, with a good mix of old and new members. By all reports, this could become a quarterly event in our Club.

The **'What Tree is That'** walk through Mary Cairncross Park on June 2 was also classed a great success. Forester Ashley Sewell gave our members a tree identification lesson, as well as advice on to what use the timber can be put. A pleasant and educational day.

One of Ashley's very informative books valued at \$87 was raffled, and the lucky winner was . . . **Alan Boag**.

To add a bit of fun to the day, **Edsel Ward** put on some entertainment by bogging his new 4WD. Luckily for him, there were plenty of experts on hand – check with them sometime! That combined muscle power certainly got him back on track.

A **Wood Turning Competition** will be organized by Gregory Machinery, to celebrate their 25th birthday. Each wood worker's club is invited to choose three

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members to represent them, and each one will be given a set item to turn. Timber and tools will be supplied. At the end of the competition, renowned wood turner Guilio Marcolongo will judge the finished products and the winning club will be presented with a Jet Wood Lathe.

The dates set aside for this are July 3 and 4, partly overlapping our Expo. Any takers?

The Maleny **'Chainsaw to Fine Furniture'** show also went off well. Some of our members went home with some welcome pocket-money. Congratulations and thanks to the organizers of our stand.

The **'Working with Wood Expo'** in Brisbane was well attended by our members. Although we have reports it was not as interesting as previous events, our club still managed to come home with some achinery to adorn our Shed. A big 'Thank You' to President Dave for organizing the entry tickets and bus.

traditional Canadian Canoe of 5.4m length. I would like to build it at the shed but because of its size this is not possible. If any of you would like to watch its progress give me a call on ph 5456 4205. I live at 2 Peaceful Close Buderim and you are welcome to stop by to watch progress. I will put some photos up in the shed in the mean time.

Don Kitson

Fine woodwork using hand tools

A couple of years ago, I had a great opportunity to undertake a training program with another group that promotes traditional woodworking skills based on using hand tools. This program consisted of a series of exercises that members progress through at their own speed, under oversight from more experienced members. At the end, people who have completed these exercises will have achieved a good grounding in traditional woodwork.

I am interested in continuing to develop my interest in making boxes and furniture using mainly hand tools and have been wondering if there are other members of the Range Woodies who would be interested in a self-help program to develop skills with hand tools. My experience of these things is that it takes a regular program of projects with a focus on hand tools rather than the occasional 'guest lecturer', to get over that initial hurdle.

I would be very happy to participate in and to assist with such a program if there is interest. I've documented the projects from my initial course and can offer detailed instructions for sharpening, tuning and using a plane and projects to make a puzzle, marking gauge, simple box with mitre joints and a more complex box with blind dovetail joints and a hand plane.

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NEW CANADIAN CANOE

As some of you are aware I have started preparing Australian cedar to build a

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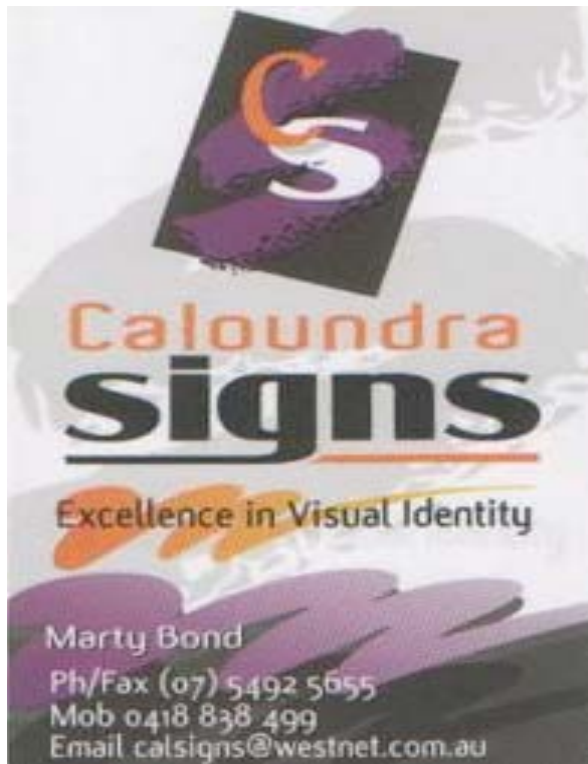
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These articles have been written as projects and should have most of the information necessary for somebody to undertake them with minimal assistance.

My hope is that other members of the Range Woodies will contribute complementary skills and if anybody is interested, give me a ring on 5478 6531.

Iain Green



A baby turtle at the bottom of a large tree uttered along sigh then climbed slowly to the highest branch. He walked along the branch to the end and then spread his flippers, launching himself into space. Down he went to the forest floor with a thud. After a while he sighed again and climbed the nearest tree to the highest branch. After another flying leap and a thud, the mother bird said to her companion "Do you think it's time we told him he's adopted".

TAILING OUT

If you are asked to tail out for someone please help out as it is a safety issue as well as a convenience for the machine operator. But please refrain from taking over from the machine operator as it his job to feed the timber to the Saw or whatever machine you are using. If when tailing out you decide that the timber could go through faster and you apply tension to the timber you take the control away from the man feeding the saw, he needs to keep pressure on the timber to hold it down on the table and in against the fence.

While he is feeding the saw the operator is listening to the motor and feeling the pressure on the blade and it is a job to slow down or take off pressure if the machine is being overloaded.

Your job as a tailer out is to support the timber once it is well clear of the saw blade, sometimes if the timber springs together you may need to part the cut so it doesn't bind on the riving knife or back of blade. If the timber is bent make sure you support it so that the timber is hard on the table where the blade is cutting to stop the timber from vibrating on the bench.

So support the timber while making sure it is parallel to the fence and DON'T pull.

In the past I have noticed several tailers who like to FEED the saw and it is not on.

I would like to thank those who helped me Saturday on the bandsaw cutting up the strips for my Canadian canoe, all did an excellent job.

Don Kitson

PUT IT BACK

The Activities Officers are still reporting a lack of cleaning and tidying up at the end of a shift. Tape measures, screw drivers and

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other hand tools are still lying around and even covered in sawdust sometimes. If you know where to find these items, you must surely know where to return them. Activity Officers, Shed Managers and other members are all volunteers just like you. Don't treat them like servants, be one of the team.



OPENING TIMES

The opening of the gates and the Shed, are all the responsibility of the group rostered for the day. If you are not sure whose turn it is on a particular day, look at the Shed Captains' roster posted on the notice board, or read it in the Flitch 'N Chips.

If you are a member of the group that organizes its own roster, get in touch with the contacts mentioned there-in.

NEW MACHINERY

Our Club has once again purchased some new 'You Beaut' machinery. One of these is a Panel Saw.

This saw does just as the name indicates – it cuts panels. It is not a breaking down saw. We have other machines around the Shed that can do this. With any new machinery, make sure you read and take notice of the instructions post there-on.

In any case, if you have never handled it, don't touch it.

See the Shed captain first.

CLUB ELECTIONS

Even though our new administration year does not commence until August, we urge you to give some serious thought to who you would like to see on our Management Committee.

Maybe you have some skills that you feel can be useful, or you may think one of the other members you know could be suitable for the administration team. Don't forget, all the people on the committee now, started off as ordinary members.

Give it some serious thought.

Annual fees are due in July, and members will be pleased to learn that at our last meeting it was decided to leave them at \$30.

Member Donations on the sale of all merchandise will increase to 15%, effective immediately.

NEW MEMBERS

The approved new members this month are No. 391 **Koos Malan** of Landsborough, No. 392 **Max Barranger** of Buderim, and No. 393 **James Parsons** of Flaxton.

Welcome to you all, and we trust you will enjoy your membership. Just remember, in this Guild it is a two way street – you learn skills and machinery handling from the existing members, and hopefully we will benefit from some of your skills.

TIMBER FLOW JUNE 2009

The long awaited timers for the kiln have at last been installed, and the inlet fans are working on a daily schedule. The exhaust fans remain a problem however, as the electrician was not able to trace the original

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wiring and the exhaust timer is not operative. As a consequence of this, the moist air is not being expelled, and the drying cycle will take its usual several months.

We have good supplies of popular timber varieties and our main problem now is storage.

On Saturday May 30 I called the kiln crew together to empty the kiln. Good quantities of milled camphor with plenty of colour were stacked in the racks ready for the squatters chair makers – it has been marked as such, and should not be used for other purposes. Other slabs of camphor, hardwood and silky have been racked. The kiln is now ready to receive its next load of nice camphor with good colour which Ron Donald cut from some big green logs. We also have a large quantity of milled red bean in the outside racks which needs to be kiln dried.

We took up an offer and paid for two large trailer loads of black wattle last week. This has been stacked in the yard for conversion to small slabs and pieces for turners and carvers. It was recently cut and will also need treatment in the kiln.

Ray Curry is planning to operate the Porta Mill during the next couple of weeks. Wood to be milled includes some large billets of red bean which we plan to mill to various thicknesses including one or two lengths of box making timber.

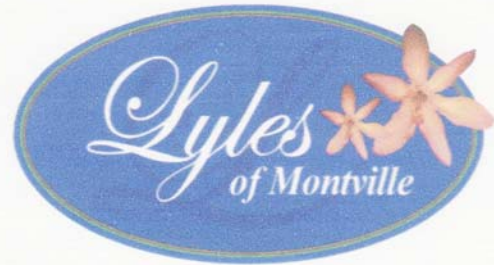
CLUB WEB SITE ESTABLISHED

The Guild now has its own registered web site thanks to the efforts and interest of member Peter Dallimore.

Not only does it contain information about our club but has links to other clubs, suppliers and demonstrations.

Have a look at this web address and let's know what you think.

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IRISH MEDICAL DICTIONARY

Artery – The Study of Paintings
Bacterium – Back door of a cafeteria
Barium – What doctors do when patients die
Caesarean- A neighbourhood in Rome
Cat Scan – Searching for Kitty
Cauterise – Made eye contact with her
Coma – A punctuation mark
Dilate – to live longer
Enema – Not a friend
Fester – Quicker
Fibula – A small lie
Hangnail – Coat hook
Impotent – Distinguished, well known
Labour Pain – Getting hurt at work
Medical Staff – Doctor's cane
Morbid – A high offer
Nitrates – Cheaper than day rates
Outpatient – A person who has fainted
Pelvis – A cousin of Elvis
Recovery Room – Place to do upholstery
Seizure – Roman Emperor
Tablet – A small table
Terminal Illness – Getting sick at the airport
Tumour- More than one
Varicose – near
Vein - conceited

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Librarian Brian Holsworth

Mr Ed's

Article # 4

CUTTING COMMENTS

Some commonsense tips on safe, efficient operation and maintenance of hand power equipment.

THE CHAINSAW

USING YOUR CHAINSAW EFFICIENTLY AND SAFELY.

Always keep a firm grip on the saw, thumbs and fingers encircling the handles. A firm footing is essential too, to avoid slipping or stumbling while sawing.

The most common cause of chainsaw accidents is kick-back – the tendency of the saw blade to suddenly arc upwards and back towards the operator when the nose of the cutting bar is obstructed.

When this happens, the power that is being usefully applied to cutting timber is transferred back to the operator – with sometimes disastrous results.

The best way to avoid kick-back is to avoid situations that cause it:

- ❖ Always be aware of the location of the nose of the bar while cutting
- ❖ Watch for any signs of the timber shifting or anything else that might cause the cut to close
- ❖ Be extra careful when replacing the guide bar into the cut
- ❖ Never let the tip of the guide bar touch any object while the saw is running
- ❖ Cut only one log at a time
- ❖ Always start the cut, and continue to cut, **at full throttle.**
- ❖ Keep your chain properly tensioned and sharpened
- ❖ Take special care when cutting small branches and saplings. A small twig catching the chain could easily cause kick-back
- ❖ Don't cut above shoulders height. Your control of the saw is reduced, inviting kick-back

Remember that even if you are using a chainsaw with an inertia-activated chain brake, the brake doesn't prevent kick-back, it just minimizes its effects. Kick-back can be avoided only by your own care and responsibility.

NEXT – CHAIN: The vital component

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SURVEY OF MVA SPORTSGROUND

The MVA have commissioned a surveyor to define the boundaries of the sports ground in order that both the MVA and their neighbors know where they stand in relation to property boundaries. As the original survey was done in 1925 most of the survey pegs have long since disappeared. The job should be completed in the near future, which will allow our club to better plan for our future.

SHED CAPTAIN ROSTER

July 2009

Monday

6th – Harry Wood
13th – Ray Curry
20th – Dave Banister
27th – George Blowers

Wednesday

1st – Keith Muirhead
8th – John Close
15th – Bob Keyte
22nd – Cec Wakerley
29th – Keith Muirhead

Thursday

2nd – John Drewe
9th – John Clarke
16th – Lionel Tilley
23rd – Terry Crowson
30th – John Drewe

Saturday

4th – Warne Wilson
11th – Peter Simpson
18th – Doug Skinner
25th – Dave Banister

HOW LOUD IS TOO LOUD

It is widely accepted that working in a noisy environment such as a factory or with heavy machinery is damaging to our ears. Currently, Australian legislation requires workplaces, which have noise levels exceeding 85 decibels (dB) to provide their workers with adequate hearing protection.

Some examples

34 dB	A quiet room
60 dB	Normal conversation
75dB	Auto traffic
90dB	Subway
100dB	Woodworking tools
110dB	Power tools
120dB	Gunfire

Taken from a catalogue for "Hip Pocket" safety work wear and equipment

APOLOGIES.

Jokes/gags appearing in this publication are to amuse, and **not** meant to offend. If any person feels offended, please accept my apologies for such offence.

If you feel this edition is

- late
 - not up to our usual standard,
- bad luck. As a newsletter producer, I consider I make a good treasurer.

Get well soon Valerie and Gerry and hurry back Kay. You are all missed.

Keith Muirhead

Temporary (**very**) newsletter production person.