

WOODIES DEMONSTRATION



Saturday 12th March
9 am at the shed

Joining up the corners of larger boxes such as blanket boxes can be tricky.

A range of joints can be used & in many cases a jig can be helpful.

This demonstration will show how to use some of these jigs to make the job easier.

At our previous demonstration, a very large group of Woodies were introduced to the skills of the Instrument Maker. Chris Twidle, National Secretary of the Australian Association of Musical Instrument Makers and Doug Eaton, Lutherie demonstrated the methods of producing wooden musical instruments.



A Reminder from Ron Fishwick

The club has received an invitation from the Cooroy Woodworkers to submit entries to its inter-club competition. Last year we lost out by one point to Bundaberg. Very rum indeed!

A new category for toys has been added. So the six categories are:

1. Woodturning
2. General Woodwork
3. Carving
4. Pyrography
5. Toys
6. Scroll saw & intarsia

If you want to compete, please contact me on 5448 5353 or email me at marieronf@bigpond.com. You will need to have your submission ready by mid-April. We will then hold a viewing in the Shed and choose, if appropriate, the best entry in each category, and make these the Club's entries in the competition.

The competition will be held in the Cooroy Memorial Hall on 6 and 7 May.

Ron Fishwick



On Wed 16 Feb, a fire broke out at the Shed. It started at the table saw and went through the ducting to the sawdust drum at the back of the shed. The fire was caused by the friction of the saw blade on a build up of material near the blade. It then spread to the drum.



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LOCAL WOODIES HELP RESTORE OLD MAN'S LIFE

Members of the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild Inc located at the Montville Sportsground have restored two items of silky oak furniture retrieved from the floodwaters at Goodna recently. The pieces were among only a few possessions saved as the flood waters rose and consumed most of the life possessions of Mr John Knigge, a 74 year old man whose house was located in Enid Street Goodna. His two-storey house along with all others in the street and many others in Goodna was covered by the floodwaters over the roof. The muddy stinking waters consumed everything in their path leaving people homeless with few possessions.

The items were retrieved from the mud by volunteers who seeing their emotional value sought the help of the Woodies to give him back a small part of his life that had been washed away. The volunteers also retrieved and washed and oiled his tools so that he could at his convenience sought through them. A man who earned his living with his hands John was multi-skilled in a number of trades in steel and wood working and his range of tools was extensive across these areas. These included his wood turning lathe and range of chisels. John was rather philosophical about the loss. His grand-son remarked "Pop it's sad now, what are you going to do since your junk has been washed away?" In a rather matter-of-fact way John replied "It's alright son - "I'll just get some more."

"The items of furniture were in very poor condition and some of the sections of the cupboard had to be replaced as they were extensively damaged by the water. However they have scrubbed up pretty well. Silky oak is a very attractive and durable furniture timber" said Dave Banister who carried out much of the restoration work.

The restored furniture items were returned to John and his family this week. His daughter Tina Kennefick said John and his family were overwhelmed by the generosity of the volunteers who responded to their plight, some complete strangers until now. "The Builders Labourer's Federation have been wonderful with their members clearing out the debris, replacing internal linings and providing some whitegoods. Bell Scaffolding pulled men off the freeway job to erect scaffolding for the rebuild. Others gennied down the outside and underside of the building and recovered Pop's beloved tools. Others, total strangers, helped move mud and there were tons of that. Others maintained a steady flow of cold drinks and food to power the volunteers. People were fantastic. The restoration of these pieces shows people can help in all sorts of ways when others are in need.

We are very grateful to the Woodies for their work. It's beautiful and these pieces are now family heirlooms with more emotional than financial value to us" she said.



Pictured: Restored furniture items with Woodies members John Drewe, Dave Banister and John Holland.

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Toy Making

Since the inception of our Guild, one of the important activities has been the manufacture of Toys and Educational material both for fund raising for the Guild and donation to the Salvos for their Christmas Toy Appeal. The number of items produced has grown over the years from 50 to more than 300 and this has provided a great avenue for the learning of new skills by members. Its a great way for new members to learn their way around the shed and to meet other members.

All members are encouraged to spend some time on a Wednesday morning helping out with this important part of Guild activities and give us the opportunity to introduce the joy of Wooden Toys to more young kids.

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Chief Toy Boy

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Maintenance Report from Brian Harris

Jan—Feb 2011



- 18/01/11 No.1 Band Saw new blade fitted.
22/01/11 No.3 Band Saw new blade fitted.
15" Thicknesser 3 new cutters fitted because of breakages.
Drum Sander new abrasive belt fitted.
05/02/11 No.1 Band Saw new tyres fitted.
08/02/11 Wadkin Band Saw blade was destroyed and had to be replaced.
09/02/11 20" Thicknesser blades changed.
12" Saw, roll pin in rise & fall wheel broken so was replaced.
Wood Wiz cutter blades rotated.
GMC router on/off switch made to work.
Triton router refitted to table after repair.
18/02/11 New trunking fitted above waste drum after fire.
19/02/11 Wood Wiz motor removed for repair to cable.
23/02/11 New brushes fitted to Wood Wiz.

In the first week of February someone tried to 'pull timber back' from the moving saw blade of the Wadkin Band Saw. This caused the blade to strike the door that covers the blade and in doing so destroyed the \$80 blade, folding many teeth back on themselves and breaking others off.

Because of the considerable damage done to the blade it would no longer cut wood so must have been noticed at the time. Someone of the restricted number of members, who are allowed to use this band saw caused this, and then left another member to discover the problem. This is a very disappointing situation that someone who has unfortunately caused accidental damage and then has not 'put his hand up', leaving others to carry the suspicion.



Please, Please, if you are in the unfortunate position of having caused damage to any of the club equipment, take the honourable course and tell the Shed Captain. There are no demerit points if you take this course of action. A section of the damaged band saw may be inspected at the Shed. -- Brian Harris, Shed Manager.

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Woodies 2011 Open Day
Saturday March 5, 9—3

Its getting close and the volunteer roster is looking a bit bare. Please fill it in this week where you can help.

We also need:-

Members to make items for sale

Hand and electrical tools for the auction

Home-made food donations for the coffee shop
(cookies, cake, biscuits)

Note there is no raffle this year however there will be a chocolate wheel so any small items for prizes would be appreciated.

Rick Vickers—Events Co-ordinator

BRWG: Meeting Schedule for 2011

Management Committee meetings on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month.
General meetings on the second Saturdays of August, November, February and May.
AGM on the second Saturday of August.

March	12	Mgt
	26	Mgt
April	9	Mgt
	23	Mgt
May	14	General
	28	Mgt
June	11	Mgt
	25	Mgt
July	9	Mgt
	23	Mgt
August	13	AGM & General
	27	Mgt
September	10	Mgt
	24	Mgt
October	8	Mgt
	22	Mgt
November	12	General
	26	Mgt
December	10	Mgt
	24	Mgt

Timber Flow Report.

Hi All

It's been a very quiet Christmas & New year period for kiln and timber flow: the wet weather has dampened everybody's enthusiasm, but on the 17th February, the Kiln was unloaded by myself and three hard working members of the kiln crew – Roman Berlak, Mike Poffley and Dave Edmond. There were some large pieces of Beech that had been lurking in there for six months because the moisture content will not go below 20%.

We also unloaded some Silky Oak, Mango, Camphor Laurel and Pine. The Mango slabs were substantial, being around three metres long and 400 to 500mm wide. It must have been a very old tree. If you want some, and who wouldn't, you will have to dig it out from under some very large slabs of Silky Oak.

The wood carving group is taking the bull by the horns and creating several purpose built carving benches out of some club hardwood, probably rose gum. The club is holding a quantity of hardwood of various species in the racks, so don't be afraid of working with it. Working with hardwood is tough going with hand tools, but power tools make the job a lot easier and the finish on some of these timbers is stunning.

We hope to sell some of our enormous stock of quality timber at the open day on the 5th of March and that is one of the many advantages of being a club member – access to very reasonably priced timber year round ,so grab some and get into it.

Phil Gibson—Kiln and Timber flow officer



Big Butt! (Not you Roger)
A large camphor stump about 1.8mtrs diameter being harvested.

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"Well," he said, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the person to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," I said. "A normal person would use the bucket because it is bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No" he said. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"

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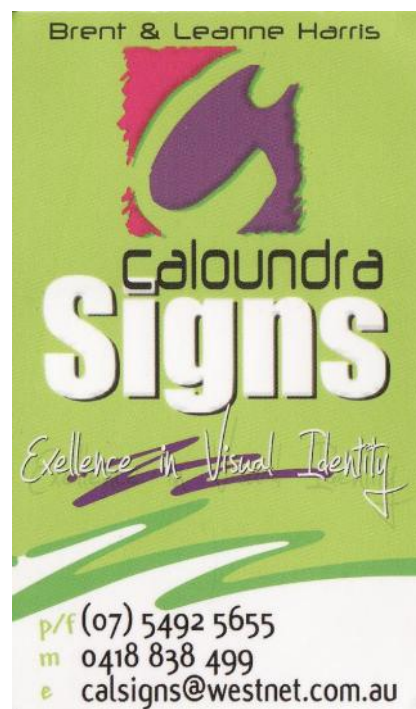
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.....Rob & Toni.*

TWO ESKIMOS SITTING IN A KAYAK WERE CHILLY.. THEY LIT A FIRE IN THE CRAFT, IT SANK, PROVING ONCE AND FOR ALL THAT YOU CAN'T HAVE YOUR KAYAK AND HEAT IT TOO.

Woodies Events 2011		
EVENT	DATE 2011	LOCATION
Open Day	Sat 5 March	The Shed
Maleny Show Chain-saw to Fine Furniture	Sat 30 April Sun 1 May	Maleny Showground (SES Shed)
Cooroy Expo and Competition	Fri 6 and Sat 7 May	Cooroy Memorial Hall
Brisbane Wood Show	Fri 20 to Sun 22 May	RNA Showgrounds
Woodies EXPO	2 and 3 July	Montville Community Hall
Santa Shop	3 and 4 Dec	St Mary's Hall
Christmas Party	17 Dec	The Shed

Who's Who in BRWG Inc. 2010-2011		
Patrons: Peter Wellington MP, Andrew Powell MP and Cr Jenny McKay		
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Shed Managers	John Holland, Brian Harris	
Amenity Officers	Alan Boag, Gill Blowers	
Timber Sourcing	Phil Gibson, Doug Skinner	
Timber Flow, Storage & Kiln Officers	Phil Gibson	
Purchasing Officer	Frank Bizley	
Training	Lionel Tilley	
Librarian	Brian Holdsworth	



Shed Times 8.30—11.30	
Mondays	General Activities
Tuesdays	Turning & Carving
Wednesdays	General Workshop & Toys
Thursdays	Furniture & Joinery
Fridays	General Activities
Saturdays	General Activities & Demos

*A TERMITE WALKED INTO A PUB AND ASKED,
"WHERE'S THE BAR TENDER?"*

Shed Captain Roster

February 2011

Mondays		Tuesdays		Wednesdays		Thursdays		Saturdays	
		1	Frank McDonald	2	Leigh Boynton	3	John Drewe	5	Keith Muirhead
7	Lionel Tilley	8	George Blowers	9	John Close	10	John Holland	12	Dave Banister
14	George Blowers	15	Tom Black	16	Cec Wakerley	17	Phil Krisanski	19	Warne Wilson
21	Dave Banister	22	Ray Curry	23	Max Barrenger	24	Terry Crowson	26	Peter Simpson
28	Brian Harris								

**** All Fridays = Frank McDonald

March 2011

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28	Brian Harris	29	Frank McDonald	30	Leigh Boynton	31	John Drewe		