

# Flitch 'n Chips

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## Presidents Column



Hello Fellow Woodies,

Your club is in good shape thanks to the efforts of you all, but particularly to those with an official duty, who continue to im-

press with their dedication and diligence.

Just over a month now until the Santa Shop pre-Christmas sale. If you haven't started preparing items for sale, either for the club or for yourself, time is getting short. Also, watch for Rick Vickers' notices in this newsletter (page 5) and on the notice board asking for volunteers for all the necessary little tasks.

The first meeting of the Timber Management Committee has been held and the report is on page 2. The new timber storage system is working well and improvements to that are ongoing. Most recently, John Holland has designed and installed a winch system to allow safer loading of the kiln. There will be a continuing need for workers to help John as improvements are put in place.

We have just bought a new bi-metal blade for the Wadkin Band Saw, and it is now cutting very efficiently. If you have some large pieces that require ripping, just approach one of the members authorized to use the Wadkin.

The Christmas raffle tickets are soon to be printed and circulated, so again we ask that you all do your best to sell your share as this is one of our major fundraisers for the year. If you think you can sell more than you are sent, please contact a Committee member and you will get more!

Happy woodworking,

Peter Simpson

***Our thoughts are with our absent Woodies- may you soon be back with us creating sawdust***

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### BRWG Meeting Schedule 2011-2012

- ◆ Meetings start at 9:30am.
- ◆ Quarterly General meetings are held on the second Saturday of November, February, May and August.
- ◆ Management Committee meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month.

2011	November 12	General
	December 10	Mgt
2012	January 14	Mgt
	February 11	General
	March 10	Mgt
	April 14	Mgt
	May 12	General
	June 9	Mgt
	July 14	Mgt
	August 11	AGM & General

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★ New members for this month ★

★ No. Name ★

★ 471 Barry Rosenburg Nambour ★

★ 472 Tony & Annie Burlingham Flaxton ★

★ "A Big Woodies Welcome" ★

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## Timber Management Committee Report

At the first meeting of the Timber Management Committee the following items were discussed and agreed to.....



- ◆ Endcheck or similar product is to be applied to the ends of logs as soon as possible after felling to prevent cracking. If this is not possible, the log ends are to be re-cut and sealed later. This treatment should also be applied to the end grain of green turning blanks prior to stacking.
- ◆ All slabs in the racks on the eastern side of the milling area are to be ripped down the centre to relieve pressure, and prevent cracking and wastage of a large area of the slab. This should be carried out as a matter of policy, with the exception of slabs clearly identified as suitable to remain in one piece. The two halves of a ripped slab could be numbered so that they may be re-joined in the future if required.
- ◆ The above mentioned racks are to be strengthened by the use of hardwood bearers and cross pieces under the existing planking, to counteract sagging.
- ◆ The timber trolleys are to be adapted, so that they may be loaded into the kiln with a winch system through the end wall to avert the possibility of injury to members.
- ◆ It was felt that at the present, timber with a maximum thickness of 50mm be placed in the kiln, due to cracking of thicker slabs and blanks—caused by uneven drying. Investigations have revealed that a system of dry and humid air is required to evenly move the moisture from the centre of thicker timber to the surface. If hot, dry air is used for drying, then the surface layers of the drying timber may dry rapidly and develop case hardening and cracks. It was also felt that a weekly check be made of the drying process by the Timber Flow Officer or his deputy. It would be an advantage if a diary was kept of loading date etc. To ascertain when timber is ready for removal.
- ◆ The Club is to continue to identify faulty timber in the racks (including the Turners section) and remove for disposal. George Blowers has offered to remove the condemned timber, but I feel this should be on a Club basis.

- ◆ The timber cut by George, which is located adjacent to the paint container, to be relocated into the racks at the rear of the shed. As this timber was cut over a year ago, it should now be suitable for use. Most of this timber was milled in sizes suitable for Squatters Chairs.
- ◆ George Blowers will supply a list of all milled timber and logs at his site to allow us to choose the most suitable timber to cut for our purposes. It is understood that most of the milled timber on site is either camphor laurel or silky oak.
- ◆ The existing Outside Slabbing Bandsaw should be refurbished with new bearings and a bi-metal blade at this time to allow the milling of suitable timber at the shed by a dedicated team of members.

The long term questions raised in the paper “Timber Management –The way Ahead” were not raised at this meeting of the sub-committee. It was felt that we should address the immediate concerns outlined above to consolidate our position at this time.

John Holland  
Shed Manager.



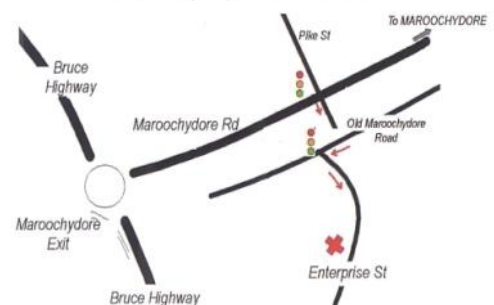
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## A Member Profile

**Hugh McKenna-Toy Maker Extraordinaire**

My first effort at toy making was 46 years ago. We lived on the 3rd floor of a government housing flat and my workshop was our kitchen table where I made a dolls house for my first born daughter.

Over time I made other toys for my siblings kids.

Woodworking was put on the backburner for many years as I tried to earn a crust, until I resumed my interest in toymaking in my late forties, making an assortment of trucks, graders and cars for my grandchildren (of which I currently have 19).



We moved from Canberra to the Sunshine Coast in November 2007 and I joined the Woodies in March 2008. When first shown around the shed, I was in awe of the standard of work being produced. I knew I would have to lift the standard of my work.

I have picked up many tips from different club members that gave me the confidence to try more detailed work.

I don't know where my interest in woodworking comes from....my father worked in brickyards in Scotland and Australia and his brothers were coal miners!



I renovated that first Doll's House some 17 years ago for my Granddaughter and its still in existence today.

I thank the Club and members for inspiring me to do better.

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**Maintenance Report from****Brian Harris****Sept-Oct 2011**

01/10 JET Lathe 1236 - Thread in tailstock and quill damaged, new parts ordered and are coming from Thailand, delays expected.

12" Disc Sander - New disc fitted.

03/10 20" Thicknesser - Sharpened blades fitted.

13/10 Small Triton Router – Switch cover removed to allow easier use of height adjustment and bit changing.

15/10 Jet Lathe – Not working, on/off switch removed, cleaned of accumulated wood dust, refitted and now working ..... till next time.

18/10 1/4inch Band Saw - Renewed lower guide bearings as they had seized.

Wood Wiz - Three new cutters fitted as others were damaged.

And now more from our

**“ Intrepid World Traveller “**



Hi all,

After disembarking at Barcelona, Spain, went on 2 tours of the area taking in the port and city environs and saw most of the improvements that were mainly due to having the Olympic games staged there a few years back.

Enjoyed a tapas bar experience and was surprised to hear that the Spaniards here spoke a different language [Catalan] anyway this was novel to me. Hopped back on train to Madrid where tried to get an audience with the Pope again as he was entertaining about 2 million young followers...was unsuccessful again! This place was a mad house with people partying all night, so moved on to San Sebastian, where I had many good times visiting tapas bars and museums etc. This place is full of history as its in the centre of the Basque country, where they speak a different language again. These people seem to be very happy, whilst walking along the break wall, I glanced down at the beach Wow there was a lot of half nudity going on [eye candy] for some. Back on choo-choo to Bordeaux, then to Paris. After finding my accommodation in a little back street, but not far from the Tower, I arranged a guided tour of the area, taking in most of the sites, then a couple of museums. Stayed 3 nights then on to Belgium where upon arrival at Brussels train station, I copped one of the worst things that travellers can experience ....a pick

pocket in action. Any way after sorting out my missing documents with the police at the next station in Brugge, I managed to have an enjoyable stay there, taking in this ancient city and some lovely people that were sympathetic to my plight. Back on the train a little wiser and some what poorer, ventured on to sin city in Holland. Well they say what happens in Amsterdam should stay there, very little happened apart from my day time visit to the Red-Light District, where a sheila tried to coerce me into a doorway after hearing my accent, she said she only wanted to talk but I didn't so got out of there .The smell of something strange was very evident wafting around the streets, but this is a very interesting place with all the water ways and canals providing the hop on and off transport to museums and other shopping areas, via boats designed for tourists. There is a very good tram system here also. A place to be visited by all people with a broad mind. Decided to have my last week in Switzerland, so back on train to Frankfurt then to Interlaken where every turn is a postcard scene, took in museum village of Ballenburg, a tour of Lake Brienz by boat, taking in many small villages that dot the foreshore. Had the chance to go up 10000ft via 4 cable cars to the top of Schilthorn Mtn, this is where a 007 movie was made back in the sixty's. This mountain provides a panoramic view of the Eiger, Mounke and the Jungfrau Mtns and others. After a delightful stay, back to Frankfurt Germany and then onto Scotland.

Bye for now Dave Banister, XXX for the sheilas.



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Fellow Woodies

Its nearly that time of the year again- Yes the



## *WOODIES SANTA SHOP.*

In the true spirit of Christmas,- giving is much better than receiving, so as you are making your favourite items for sale why don't you make one extra for the Guild?



Here is the rundown to the big day:

Time	Activity	Remark
NOW	Start making items for sale	One extra to give to the Guild to sell
NOW	Volunteer to assist with Santa Shop	
By 15 November	Place name on volunteer roster	See Whiteboard in the Shed
Fri 2 Dec	Help ready stores for Santa Shop	Need a couple of trailers to transport stores
8 am Sat 3 Dec	Transport Stores	St May's Hall Montville
8.15 am	Set up and Decorate Santa Shop	
8.30 am	Register items for sale	
9 am	Set out registered items for display	Under control of Sales Team Leader
10 am	Santa Shop opens	
3 pm	Santa Shop Closes	
9am Sun 4 Dec	Santa Shop opens	
3 pm	Santa Shop Closes	
4pm	Return Stores to the Shed	
By mid Dec	Treasurer to distribute funds for sold items	

Rick Vickers

Events Organiser

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**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

**Woodies Events 2011**

EVENT	DATE 2011	LOCATION
Santa Shop	3 and 4 Dec	St Mary's Hall
Christmas Party	17 Dec	The Shed

**Shed Captain Roster****October 2011**

Mondays		Tuesdays		Wednesdays		Thursdays		Saturdays	
31	Brian Harris							1	Peter Simpson
3	Brian Harris	4	Ray Curry	5	Cec Wakerley	6	Terry Crowson	8	Warne Wilson
10	Brian Harris	11	Frank McDonald	12	Leigh Boynton	13	John Drewe	15	Peter Simpson
17	Lionel Tilley	18	George Blowers	19	John Close	20	John Holland	22	Keith Muirhead
24	John Clarke	25	Tom Black	26	Max Barrenger	27	Phil Krisanski	29	Peter Simpson

\*\*\*\* All Fridays = Frank McDonald

**November 2011**

Mondays		Tuesdays		Wednesdays		Thursdays		Saturdays	
		1	Ray Curry	2	Cec Wakerley	3	Terry Crowson	5	Warne Wilson
7	Dave Bannister	8	Frank McDonald	9	Leigh Boynton	10	John Drewe	12	Peter Simpson
14	Lionel Tilley	15	George Blowers	16	John Close	17	John Holland	19	Keith Muirhead
21	John Clarke	22	Tom Black	23	Max Barrenger	24	Phil Krisanski	26	Peter Simpson
28	Brian Harris	29	Ray Curry	30	Cec Wakerley				