



Graham Bradford supplied a couple of photos illustrating the size of some of the Eucalyptus Regnans (Tasmanian Oak) that grow in the Arve Valley south of Hobart in Tasmania.

This particular tree is known as Centurion, reputed to be the tallest known tree in Tasmania at 101m. and 4.1 m diameter. Its mass is 268 tonnes.

Thats a lot of tooth picks eh?



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1. You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.
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3. You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.
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A Member Profile

Brian McTaggart

By John Muller

Brian's venture into wood crafts started with an unfortunate accident in 2000 which cut short his working life. Being trapped in a trench cave-in, the injuries he sustained changed his life forever and being an active person all his life, he sought an activity that he could handle in his new-found circumstances. Having played with a few wood projects in the past, he gained an interest in Intarsia as a woodcraft which could be tackled sitting down.



Like all things in his life, Brian attacked this with so much gusto and enthusiasm that he succeeded in two things; he covered most available space on the walls of his house with Intarsia projects, and wore out a scroll saw. Admittedly it was a cheap version, but such was the volume of work he produced that it spurred on Linda, his wife to look for a means of capturing that enthusiasm and selling his work. Now any Woodies who have had a go at Intarsia will tell you, it is hard to get a good dollar for your work considering the time spent on it, so other products had to be made to occupy his time.

This dilemma was helped by the introduction by a friend to a waste wood species called Budgaroo or Tom Russell Mahogany. This is a western species which is full of defects (oh, sorry, features) and most trees were poisoned by the Forestry Department some 50 years ago to allow the Cypress Pine to grow in State Forests. By salvaging old wood on the sides of the roads, there is an ongoing source of a rare wood which lends itself to making a wide variety of wooden articles for sale and that's what Brian specializes in.

The next step was to find a good outlet and that turned out to be the Petrie Markets on a Sunday. This has proved to be a relaxing day out for Linda and a ready market for a range of Brian's quality wood products. Linda is the entrepreneur with the marketing skills and Brian is the craftsman.....in other words, she tells him what to do and he does it! A winning combination.



Over the years since the accident, he has built another shed and increased his equipment to be a well equipped timber workshop with panel saw, big-boy sander, 15" thicknesser, surfacer, 19" and 14" bandsaws, a Hegna Scroll saw (replacement for the worn-out Carbatec saw) and a large range of hand tools. A side line as a result of their presence at the market is exposure to a public which is sometimes looking for a piece of furniture that is not mass produced. Over the years, some interesting projects have been tackled by Brian; one example was a display cabinet for a Samurai suit of armour which had a secret door (to keep the kids out!) Now you cannot buy one of those from Harvey Norman or Super A-Mart!



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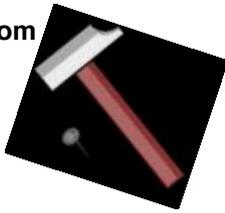
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Maintenance Report from

Brian Harris

Jan 2012



This Month's Safety Report.

Post drill near the big bandsaw.

Someone left the chuck key in the chuck of this drill. This could have led to an accident if the drill had been started before the key's removal.

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If you wish to cut a small piece of wood on one of the drop saws, use the clamp which is provided at both saws to safely hold it. Keep your hands well away from the blade. If you are in doubt, ask the shed captain for advice.

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Do not attempt to adjust a machine if you are not formally authorised to do it. The shed captain will arrange for adjustments to be made and he or she can declare a machine out of order if it cannot be adjusted on the day.

Warne Wilson & Dave Banister -Safety Officers.

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- 4/2 20" Thicknesser - All 4 blades have been replaced with new ones.
- 8/2 Band Saw #3 - Both tires were riding off the wheels due to over tightening of the saw blade. Tires are damaged but have now been glued onto the wheels.
- 15/2 Band Saw #1 - The top guide bearing lost one side of the guide. A replacement was pressed on.
- 18/2 15" Thicknesser - Replaced one broken cutter.
- 18/2 12" Disc Sander - Velcro backing pad attached for easier sanding disc changes.
- 22/2 Hammer Saw - Resharpener blade fitted.
- 22/2 Old Belt Sander - New sanding belt fitted.
- 3/3 Bobbin Sander – Please note that the bobbins are secured with a left hand thread. This had been tightened to excess when a member had tried to change the bobbin expecting it to be a right hand thread. So think about what you are doing when you attempt to change the sanding bobbins.

Or better still ask someone who knows!

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Don't miss this issue of Australian Wood Review.

(Issue 74)

As well as their usual high quality articles, there's a photo feature on our "4x2" competition run last year.



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Orders For.....

Due to Frank Bizley's commitment with Caloundra Woodies, (he is the President), Brian Harris will forward orders to Frank via email to speed the system up so members will not have to wait so long for their orders. The 10% discount still applies.

To order from Carbatec use the order forms in the tea room and Brian will do the rest.

Around The Shed This Month



Following Warne Wilson's demo about staining In February, several members asked for his Grain Filler Recipe.....

"Sometimes we wish to add a special finish to one of our creations, whether it be a jewellery box or a piece of furniture we want to French polish or finish carefully with one of the many fine finishes we can choose from. In the case of a timber with open grain, for example some red cedars, silky oak, banksia and other softer woods, it can be a good idea to fill the grain surface first.

I once read of this home made filler and I have used it sometimes to get a special finish:

Simply tip a quantity of talcum powder (any talc or baby powder will do) into a screw topped jar. Guess the quantity you will need, you can easily add to it if you need to, or store it if you make too much.

Add French Polish and mix. Keep adding French Polish and mixing until it changes from a paste to being a thick liquid. Rub this mixture liberally into the surface of the wood and let dry. Sand off the excess along the grain with 180 grit sandpaper to remove most of the filler (It will sand easily because of the talc) then finish the surface with a fine grit. This will remove any raised grain and fill the pores to provide a surface ready for fine finishing.

French polish can be sourced ready made at U-Beaut Polishes, or you can make your own using shellac flakes and methylated spirits (This takes a fortnight of soaking before ready to use)"



MARQUETRY WORKSHOP by Richard Coles

Richard presented a demonstration of the use of veneer for us in September.

In this comprehensive workshop Richard will explain his techniques with both the powered scroll saw and hand held saw. There will be guided practice as you get your designs under way for production on the second day.

Students can press their picture or design onto Plywood up to 300mm square. An image of 20-25 parts is the goal.

All materials are supplied and are included in the cost of the course.

Location: 150 North Arm Road, North Arm, Qld

Date: Sat 24th March & Sunday 25th March
9.00 am --4.30 pm

Course Fee \$ 300

Reserve your place by calling 0425 773 363

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.

2012	March 03	Mgt
	April 14	Mgt
	May 12	General
	June 9	Mgt
	July 14	Mgt
	August 11	AGM & General

SAWDUST By Kathleen Ryan

Pockets Full of Diplomacy

Each year, the Colorado Springs Scrollers make about 3,000 wooden toys to give out during the Christmas season to children in area hospitals and Ronald McDonald Houses. Recently, this group of fifteen woodworkers decided to supply toys for the deployed troops to hand out to kids in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We thought it might be a nice way to make friends if the soldiers had toys to keep in their pockets and give out to the kids," said Harv Schaefer, a longtime club member.

The first step to get things rolling was getting the project approved by the donations committee at Fort Carson.

"They're pretty strict about what they can accept," Harv said. "We submitted a

bunch of toys and they were approved by the committee."

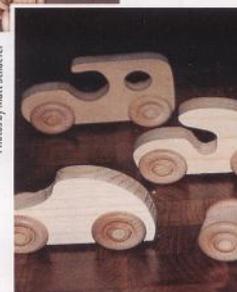
The simple wooden toys are cut with a scroll saw into various vehicle shapes. Once word of the effort got out, donations of money and materials started pouring in to the club. The Pikes Peak Whittlers supplied 12,000 wooden wheels and hundreds of ¼"-diameter axle dowels.

Four hundred of the little wooden cars and trucks have already been shipped overseas. Another 1,000 are scheduled to leave with more troops headed for Iraq.

For information on the project or to find out how to make a contribution, call club treasurer Harv Schaefer at 719-392-3740 or club president Larry West at 719-599-4448.



Photos by Matt Schaefer



The Colorado Springs Scrollers have crafted hundreds of toys for soldiers to hand out in Iraq and Afghanistan.

