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## **Presidents Column**

Hello Fellow Woodies,

Our Open Day last month was overall a successful event, despite a lower than usual attendance. Seems a fine day doesn't always mean big crowds! It also gave members a chance to catch up with each other.

It's April already and much is happening in the next few weeks. Remember that we have a large stall at the 'From Chainsaw to Fine Furniture Expo' at Maleny on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> May. Again we are appealing for members to donate woodwork items for sale by the Club. We will also launch our next raffle at that event, so much preparation is required before then.

On 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May we enter the annual competition between clubs at the Cooroy Wood and Craft Festival. Ron Fishwick is still looking for entries in the Pyrography, Carving, Intarsia/Fretwork and General Woodwork categories. Please contact Ron urgently if you have something you would like to enter.

18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May is the Brisbane Timber and Working with Wood Show at the RNA in Brisbane. This is a great event and many bargains are available in specialty timber and tools. We will arrange concessional tickets as usual, and coordinate transport (either a bus or car-pooling).

July is not far away and it's time to begin that special project for our annual competition. Every year our standard increases and I'm sure this year's offerings will be even better than last year's.

So, there is much to do and time marches on.

Happy woodworking,

Peter Simpson

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The Port-a-Mill formally used by the Club for slabbing is no longer required and is open for offers.

Place your offer in a sealed envelope in the Treasurers Box by Friday April 13th. The winning bid will be announced at the Committee Meeting on the 14th.

**Our thoughts are with our absent Woodies –**

**may you soon be back with us creating sawdust.**

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★ New members for this month ★

★ No. Name ★

★ 482	★ Andrew Eberhard	★ Maleny	★
★ 484	★ Cameron Smith	★ Nambour	★
★ 485,6	★ Harry & Noela Duncanson	★ Woombye	★
★ 487	★ Ray Melifont	★ Maleny	★
★ 488	★ Robert Clark	★ Maleny	★
★ 489	★ Geoff Behncken	★ Maleny	★

★ "A Big Woodies Welcome" ★

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## 2012 Open Day



Patrons Peter Wellington, Andrew Powell and Jenny McKay took time out from a busy electioneering schedule to open the 2012 Open Day

Our demonstrators had a busy time.



### 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.

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Brent & Leanne Harris

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## Woodies Demo

Ken Rays will be giving a 2 hour demonstration at our Shed on Saturday 21/4/12 from 9.00am.

Ken is a master wood turner and finisher (piercing, routing, colouring and pyrography) who has produced some amazing work. He has attended a number of the Turnfest Symposiums and has visited a number of the overseas lecturers in their homes and participated in their work.

Ken will demonstrate deep hollowing using a Boring Bar and he has a number of other techniques and processes he will be happy to demonstrate.

Ken is a member of the Redcliffe Wood Club.

This should be a special event and well worth taking the 2 hours to be present.

There will be a 10 minute coffee break in the middle.

## Talking of Demos.....

Keith Muirhead gave an informative demonstration of the True-Grind Tool Sharpening System at the Shed last Saturday. A DVD and printed instructions are available for anyone who missed the demo.



## Incident Report

An unfortunate incident occurred last week in the Shed. A member took a piece of pine from under one of the benches, marked out a pattern on it and proceeded to cut out the shape on a bandsaw.

The problem was someone had previously used the piece of pine and driven two nails into it which were difficult to see.

The overall result was a frightened operator and a ruined bandsaw blade.

Please be careful when using pieces of wood and then returning them to the 'to be used' racks.

**"If in doubt....throw out"**

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## Maintenance Report from

Brian Harris

March 2012



## This Month's Safety Report.

### Routers:

#### Among the most useful and popular power tools.

Routers are based upon a simple idea:- a powerful motor in an adjustable frame driving a cutting bit that will remove wood at up to 28,000 revs per minute.

Most Woodies have them and there are several at the shed in various sizes. They are safe when used with care, but the following should be observed.

#### When using a router freehand:

1. Make sure that the work piece is well secured and cannot move.
2. Always move the router against the direction of cut. Looking down on the router, the cutting bit is rotating clockwise and the direction of cut must be away from you. The bearing on the cutter bit must be kept in contact with the work by pressure to the left.
3. Never, ever, fit or remove a cutter bit with the power connected. **PULL THE PLUG (Just switching off is not enough.)**
4. Take two or three passes to reach the depth you need if the cutter is to remove more than a small amount of wood. (A fine finishing cut will help avoid burring and burn marks.
5. Always wear protection; Ears, Eyes, and Lungs.

#### When using a router table:

1. Looking down on the table the cutting bit is rotating anti clockwise and the workpiece must be kept in contact with the work by pressure to the right against the bearing on the cutting bit or against the fence.
2. Never, ever, try to move the workpiece between the cutting bit and the fence. Damage to the machine or injury may result. The workpiece may become a projectile. Think about it: A piece of wood held captive between a cutting bit rotating anti clockwise at 28,000 revs and an immovable fence?
3. See 2 above
4. See 2 above
5. See 2 above

The above cannot be read as covering all of the precautions which must be observed. If you are not accredited to use any machine or tool you *must not* use it; seek assistance from an accredited member. If you are accredited and you are unsure, just ask the shed captain of the day, he or she will be pleased that you have shown a careful and responsible attitude and assistance from an experienced member will be arranged.

Warne Wilson & Dave Banister -Safety Officers.

- 5/3 Router Table – Triton router has been removed from table as it was damaged. It has been replaced with the Makita 1/2" router. All three router tables are now up and running.
- 6/3 Floor Standing Drill Press – The gear rack on the side of the pillar was damaged because the table clamp was not loosened before an adjustment was made. Please be aware that the table clamp must be loosened BEFORE adjusting the height of the table otherwise the gear rack down the side of the pillar will suffer damage again.
- 6/3 Slow Speed Grinder – Both bearings replaced as one had failed causing vibration and noise.
- 15/3 Two NEW JET 1442 Lathes installed.
- 19/3 Band Saw #3 – Switch contactor not working because the contacts were burnt out. Now replaced with another switch, also under sized wiring to the plug has been replaced.
- 31/3 Further to the Floor Standing Drill Press..... A counterbalancing pulley and weight system has been installed which will make it much easier to adjust the height of the table.

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**Around The Shed This Month**



Tina Davidson from the Beerburrum State School Playgroup accepts an assortment of toys for the children to use.



Work progresses steadily on the new Slabbing Saw.



Retired Woodies member, Koos Malan had started making a set of stools for his family before moving to a retirement village.



Paula Weddell from the kindergarten at Maleny will find plenty of use for this book storage trolley built by the Woodies.

Woodies member John Drewe did a wonderful job of completing the project which Dave Banister painted before presenting them to Koos' daughter.

**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	April 14	Mgt
	May 12	General
	June 9	Mgt
	July 14	Mgt
	August 11	AGM & General



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Shed Managers	John Holland, Brian Harris	
Amenity Officer	Hamish Borthwick	
House Officer	Hamish Borthwick	
Timber Management	John Holland, Frank McDonald, Ron Donald, Phil Gibson.	
Purchasing Officer	John Holland	
Training Officer	Lionel Tilley	
Librarian	Brian Holdsworth	

Now there is a bandsaw blade!!!!!!



### 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

### Shed Captain Roster

#### April 2012

Mondays		Tuesdays		Wednesdays		Thursdays		Saturdays	
2	Lionel Tilley	3	Tom Black	4	John Close	5	John Holland	7	Keith Muirhead
9	John Clarke	10	Ray Curry	11	Max Barrenger	12	Phil Krisanski	14	Graham Bradford
16	Brian Harris	17	Frank McDonald	18	Cec Wakerley	19	Terry Crowson	21	Warne Wilson
23	Dave Banister	24	George Blowers	25	Leigh Boynton	26	John Drewe	28	Peter Simpson
30	Lionel Tilley								

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

#### May 2012

Mondays		Tuesdays		Wednesdays		Thursdays		Saturdays	
		1	Tom Black	2	John Close	3	John Holland	5	Keith Muirhead
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14	Brian Harris	15	Frank McDonald	16	Cec Wakerley	17	Terry Crowson	19	Warne Wilson
21	Dave Banister	22	George Blowers	23	Leigh Boynton	24	John Drewe	26	Peter Simpson
28	Lionel Tilley	29	Tom Black	30	John Close	31	John Holland		