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Presidents Column

Hello Fellow Woodies,

Its only a short time now before the Chain Saw to Fine Furniture show at Maleny Showgrounds. If you plan to display some of your finest work for sale, now's the time to put that extra gleam of polish on it and get it ready. Max Barrenger is coordinating the event this year (many thanks Max) so he will be looking for willing helpers – the notice is on the board, so step up and enter your name.

We've just had an excellent demonstration of Deep-Turning using a Boring Bar, by Ken Rays from Redcliffe Woodies. It was a most entertaining and informative morning, one of the best demos we've had in recent years. Thanks again Ken!

Unfortunately some club policies of long standing seem to drift apart over time, and there is a need for a reminder. One is that Tuesdays are reserved for quieter activities such as carving, turning and Pyrography. Members should not attend on Tuesday mornings expecting to use routers, thicknessers etc that make noise – leave it until any other day of the week. Another is that we expect members to pay for timber acquired, machine usage and consumables *every time*. It is easy to leave it too late, after the Shed Captain has reconciled the cash for the day. Members who then with the best of intentions say 'I'll pay tomorrow' sometimes forget. It is much easier to anticipate your machine usage etc on arrival, pay up front, and make any adjustments at the end of the morning.

One of the Committee's more important initiatives this year has been to try to rationalize our timber management so we have a reliable system of sourcing, milling, processing and using timber into the future. The most important feature has been the appointment of a Timber Management Sub Committee with sole authority for timber management decisions. This includes sourcing timber. It is no longer OK to commit the Woodies to taking timber supplies without the direct permission of the Sub-Committee. For the time being, we are taking only timber of the types and quantities that we need and can manage, rather than on the basis of taking whatever becomes available.

Remember to reserve Saturday 19th May for a trip to the Brisbane Timber and Working with Wood show. It may be that a bus is not feasible this year, so we are planning for car-pooling as a backup. Secretary Dave has asked for indications of who would be prepared to do the run with a couple of members on board, in return for reimbursement of costs, plus a few bucks. As he is away for a month, please let Rick Vickers know if you can help.

In the meantime, happy woodworking,

Peter Simpson



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

Its So Easy.....

By Ken Rays



Take a piece of green wood and shape the outside.

Bore a big hole down the middle to the required depth.

Then attack with this monster!



The Secret Weapon.....the cutting tool and a light combined.

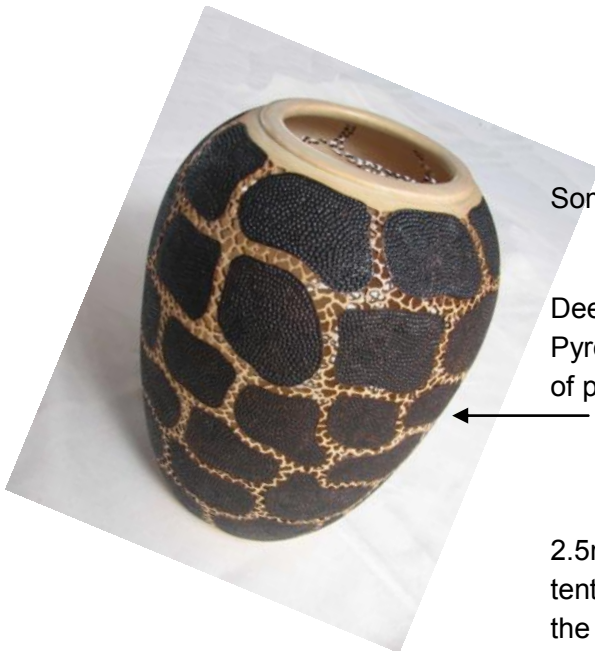




The light shows up any variations of thickness in the wall of the bowl.

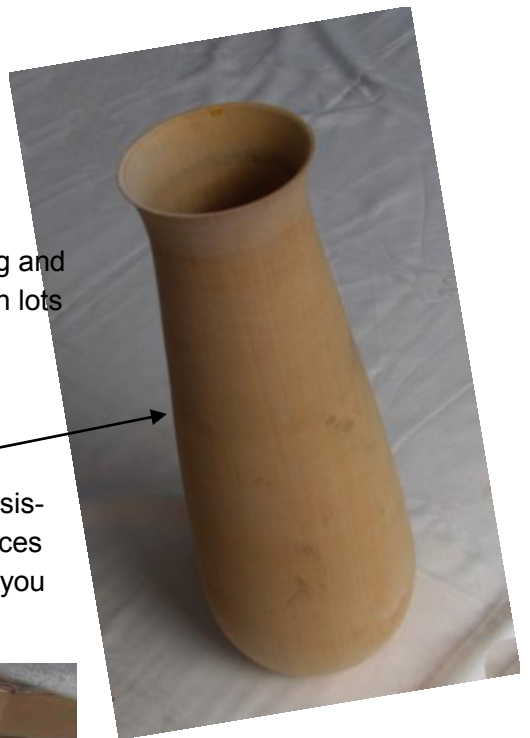


The finished work.



Some of Ken's work.....

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Maintenance Report from

Brian Harris

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All seems to have gone well over the last two weeks, perhaps I should go away more often !!

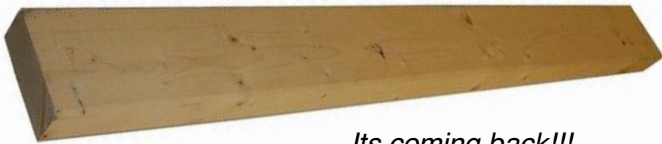
I have removed the Makita router from the Wood Wiz as one of the bearings has run dry, I'm trying to source bearings and brushes as I write.

The 'live centre' for the lathe that they tried to use for the demonstration on Saturday, was seized solid with wood dust, so replacing the bearing in that.

Will be moving the small thicknesser, grinders and drill press to new positions in shed shortly to allow room for the other new lathe to take their place against the wall.

Other than that, little to report. See you next time.

Regards, Brian



Its coming back!!!

"What Can You Do with a 4 x 2" returns after the July Expo.....start planning!



This Month's Safety Report.

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We continue to see members ignoring the risk of hearing damage by not wearing ear muffs or other hearing protection when using machines and power tools. One member, reminded of his lack of protection said, "I just turn my hearing aid off, my hearing is shot anyway!" Surely he should carefully protect what is left of his hearing? Please be aware that machines with lower noise emissions, such as the thicknessers and the jointer now that we have fitted spiral cutters, can still cause hearing damage. Routers, trimmers, power saws and table saws are often used without regard to noise emission. Hearing loss is cumulative. Ear muffs and free ear plugs are provided for your protection, please use them.

Warne Wilson & Dave Banister, Safety Officers.

Identification needed.....

We have a wall full of patterns and jigs at the end of the Shed. Unfortunately we don't know what some of them are for.

If you can help with identifying them, please use a black marker pen and indicate their use in bold letters.




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Around The Shed This Month



A few weeks ago, member John Muller approached new member Leif Nordbo about turning a bowl for presentation to the Governor of Queensland using a slab of Camphor Laurel. The result was spectacular.

*The Governor of Queensland Penelope Wensley (second from right) receives a wood dish turned from camphor laurel and a signature book *Trees That Call Australia Home* from Alan Jones, president, Brisbane Hoo-Hoo Club 218, Ron Gattone, world president of Hoo-Hoo International, Heather Gatton, Australian J1V president, and John Halkett, author of the book.*

What is Hoo-Hoo you ask.....

The International Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo is one of the world's oldest service organizations, having been organized in 1892. That it has survived all these years is due to the fact that its members are interested in the welfare and promotion of the lumber industry.



Woodies Events in 2012:

- ◇ Maleny Chainsaw to Fine Furniture 5 + 6 May
- ◇ Cooroora Wood & Craft Show 11 + 12 May
- ◇ Brisbane Working With Wood Show 19 May
- ◇ Our Expo at Montville Community Hall 7 + 8 July
- ◇ Santa Shop at St Mary Hall Montville 1+ 2 Dec
- ◇ Christmas Party at the Shed Sat 15 Dec

BRWG Meeting Schedule 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	May 12	General
	June 9	Mgt
	July 14	Mgt
	August 11	AGM & General



Hugh McKenna has been busy again.



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Shed Times 8.30—11.30

Mondays	General Activities
Tuesdays (Quiet Day)	Turning & Carving
Wednesdays	General Workshop & Toys
Thursdays	Furniture & Joinery
Fridays	General Activities
Saturdays	General Activities & Demos

Shed Captain Roster**May 2012**

Mondays		Tuesdays		Wednesdays		Thursdays		Saturdays	
		1	Tom Black	2	John Close	3	John Holland	5	Keith Muirhead
7	John Clarke	8	Ray Curry	9	Max Barrenger	10	Phil Krisanski	12	Graham Bradford
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		

**** All Fridays = Frank McDonald

June 2012

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