



# Flitch 'n Chips

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## Presidents Report



Hi Fellow Woodies,

Welcome to all our new members. We now have 197 financial members so we must be doing something right. With Club membership growing all the time, 5 new Shed Captains have been appointed:-

- Tuesday - Phil Gibson
- Wednesday - Phil English
- Thursday - Spike Betaga
- Friday - Dave Edmond
- Saturday - John Henderson

Thanks to these members for accepting the responsibility. Please members, treat Shed Captains with respect, they are there to help you and maintain a safe environment in the Shed. There is a lot going on at the moment at the Club so please help all our Shed Captains as much as you can.

Lots of Club projects are under way at the moment, make sure you get involved, join the camaraderie, hone your skills or learn new ones. We have plenty of demonstrations coming up, the list is on the board. People give up their time to provide these demonstrations so it's always appreciated when we get a good roll up.

The Management Committee has

decided that only 5 members, selected by the Committee, will be permitted to use the spray painting equipment, they are :- Dave Bannister, Max Barranger, Graham Shackell, Rob Otto and Lionel Tilley. All these members are experienced in spraying and the cleaning of the equipment. If you have an item requiring spraying, please remember that there is a charge and payment will be noted on the daily sheet.

Our next major event is the Chainsaw to Fine Furniture Expo in May at the Maleny Show Grounds. Make sure you have plenty of items for sale as this event is always well attended and good quality items sell fast. John Muller is the coordinator for the event and the volunteer list is on the board. Remember, many hands make light work. Newer members are especially welcome and we would like to see you get involved even if you can only spare a few hours. Club T-shirts are available at the Shed at a cost of \$39 each.

It has been decided not to compete in the Cooroora Inter-Club Competition this year, nor to have a Club open day but to concentrate all our efforts into next years 20th anniversary.

As most members are aware, one of our members, Ted Martin, was recently involved in a very serious accident whilst cutting up a tree on a member's property. Ted is still in hospital in Brisbane but is now out of his induced coma and is on his long road to recovery. Great news. Get well soon Ted, from everyone at the Club. We'll keep you all informed and let you know when he can have visitors. Ted is an experienced woodcutter so accidents are just that, they can strike anybody at any time so everyone please take great care at all times when you are around machinery.

To any members not feeling the best at the moment, remember, we're thinking of you and wish you all a speedy recovery. If there's anything the Club can do for you, please let us know.

Keep the wood pile low and the shavings high.

Happy woodworking,

Frank McDonald,  
President

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### Around the Shed this month



John Hollands Group are well advanced with two outdoor benches for the Maleny Hospital Auxiliary Memorial Walk



Graham Bradford is putting together a Rustic Style Coffee Table for the Club.



Sarah Hogan, assisted and encouraged by Gill Blowers has produced a beautiful Babies Crib just in time for the birth of a friends baby.

And here's the ultimate....bathroom fittings made from wood.

So, you think you can stack firewood?



## Tips and Tricks

By Warne Wilson

This month I thought I would explain a few of the more frequently used Woodworking terms for new members who may find Shed jargon bewildering and like learning a new language:

*Roundover* – A convex rounded edge made by a router or trimmer.

*Router*; A flat based machine holding a router bit which spins at high speed.

*Router bit*; a cutter usually having two cutting faces ground to a profile and often fitted with a bearing which will follow the edge of the wood being rounded over.

*Trimmer*; a small hand held router.

*Bevel* - A slanting flat edge between the horizontal top and the vertical side of a piece of timber.

*Endgrain* – The result of a cross grain cut on a piece of timber.  
Cross grain cut; a sawcut made at right angles to the long grain.

*Long grain*; is the variation in appearance of cut timber caused by the annular rings in the tree.) When timber is milled along the length of a log, this produces the long grain.

*“Sand with the grain”* When sanding a piece of timber by hand with sandpaper it is important to sand with the grain to avoid cross grain scratches. These scratches, once made, are difficult to remove and will show up when finish is applied.

*Finish*; or *finishing*, is the final treatment of a woodwork project and may be one of a variety of types: sprayed lacquer, varnish, polished

wax, oil, French polish, and there are many others.

*Arris* - When the top and sides of a piece of timber are planed, sharp edges often remain which may cut an unwary finger. It is wise to give these edges a little rub with sandpaper to “Take the arris off”

*Burl* - A knotty growth from the side or root of a tree, usually very complex and often quite beautiful when cut and finished.

*Green wood* - Unseasoned wood, freshly harvested and with a high moisture content, will shrink and may crack in the drying process.

## Safety Notes

By Warne Wilson and Dave Banister



Thankfully no safety issues or incidents have been reported to us this month but another area of safety is of concern to us – the safety of our beautifully tuned and maintained machines.

In particular, the Drum Sander. This heavily used machine gives our Shed Managers, Brian Harris and John Holland, more headaches than any other machine in the Shed. Last week misuse caused the infeed platen to stall which overloaded and damaged the platen motor.

The machine will be out of order until Brian Harris can source parts and effect repairs.

When the sander is workable again we would appreciate it if all users would observe these points:

- A. Please respect this machine and treat it gently.
- B. Make sure your first sanding cut is not more than a quarter of a turn. (If you are at all unsure about how to do this – please ask your Shed Captain of the day – he or she will be pleased to show you.)
- C. Advance the drum at no more than a quarter of a turn between passes.
- D. If you want to sand anything approaching veneer thinness please ask your Shed Captain for assistance.
- E. Avoid sanding gummy or resinous timber – it will gum up the sandpaper on the drum causing a disappointing result

- F. Finally make sure any squeeze out on a glue line is removed before sanding and even then, try to put your piece through at an angle for the first couple of passes to avoid a thin line of glue gumming the paper. Further passes should then be made, if possible, at different positions across the drum.

Other than that, please be careful with all machines, and remember Mr Murphy – he sits up in the roof somewhere and he has a chuckle whenever something goes wrong!



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**MEET JOHN DREWE – Member No 257**

We are a varied bunch at the BRWG and each of us has an interesting story to tell. So here is an interview with John Drewe that gives an insight into this remarkable man, one of our Club's many terrific members.



John Drewe –  
January 21st 2015

John came to Maleny around 2000 and joined the Woodies when Ken Urquhart was the President.

“Well it was a toss up between the local Croquet Club and the Woodies. My cousin wanted me to join the Croquet Club, but I wasn't ready for the tension there, so I joined the Woodies.

Maleny also had family - Thynne/ Cairncross connections and it seemed a comfortable place to be and it has proven to be so.”

John says the Woodies opened a welcome door, as it does for others, to friendship and a camaraderie that is unique to the organisation.

These question always get asked:-

*In your estimation, John, what would be the best woodworking project you personally prize?*

I made eight mantle clocks from cedar for my family last year. I used old red cedar from our family home of 20 years at Toowong. Gave the clocks a special sentimental touch. They turned out well. Beautiful pieces that are now considered prized heirlooms. Well the family reckon they are, and isn't that what counts? And I only have to give each of them a battery at Christmas.

*And the worst?*

It would have to be the first kitchen stool I made that is prone to random and spontaneous self-collapse. It's the one you're sitting on at present. (Big grin).

*The Woodies has a diverse and bonded membership, with many members stating their different reasons for staying involved. What is it about the Woodies that is important to you?*

In the Woodies, there is a relaxed acceptance of other people for what they are, not so much who they are, or how much they have. Nobody is judgmental, and there is no reason to be so.

It feels good. And what an extraordinary bunch. I cannot think of another organisation that has such a wide diversity in their members. I feel privileged to be accepted.

*You have been a successful GP and an assistant to surgeons in operating theatres for a long time. What would be the most exciting event that you were involved in, in the operating theatre?*

The day I dropped dead. (Deathly silence from the fool on the stool).

*'Please explain?'*

No it's true. Seventeen years ago, I dropped dead, yes dead, in the operating theatre at the Wesley from a heart attack. My surgeon mate, whom I was assisting, considered it most inconsiderate of me as I "bloody well could have waited until the operation was finished!" Woke up with a sore chest, and a new stent in my heart. The sore chest was from the defibrillator, and the stent was a gift from a quick thinking cardio vascular surgeon who happened to be in the next theatre.

*What words best describe you?*

Depends where I am and who's about.

I am told I am a recalcitrant bugger at times, a supreme optimist, extremely independent (well, boarding school would do that for you wouldn't it), and dependable. Someone told me I was a loyal friend. Take your pick. It's all true.

*What do you read? And what gives you the inspiration?*

Non fiction – “Weary” (Dunlop), Lindberg, Sandakan, etc and now forensic detection –fascinating! I have just finished “The Boys in the Boat” (rowing I have been involved with since school, you can do it sitting down),

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## Our Member Profile continues.....

and this is a wonderful story of the American crew that went to the 1936 Berlin Olympics and paralleled the fame of Jessie Owens. Also the "Story of Billy Young", a 15yo who enlisted in WW2 and survived being a POW after the fall of Singapore. One tough kid!

*Why those books/ authors?*

The books I have mentioned illustrate the will of human beings to overcome adversity and to survive no matter what the challenge. Whatever is thrown up in life, there is nothing that can suppress the will to survive, and win. Well that's what I think.

*What to you is perfect happiness?*

Red wine with good friends. And lots of laughs. At my home in Maleny. And views of the Glasshouse mountains.

*And what would be your most personal extravagance?*

Red wine – preferably Elderton Shiraz from the Barossa. Otherwise a Brown Bros T- Trellis.

*Turning to another point, do you think Australia today needs to be made a better place?*

Yes. In a large number of ways. Got all day to listen?

*What would you do, if you had the means, to make Australia a better place?*

Bring back the incentive to work.

*If you had a handful of kids about you today and you were giving advice, what would you say to them?*

I had this opportunity in my rowing coaching days and when I, for some years, took the Australian Junior Rowing Team to their World Championships in Europe as manager and medico (saved a fare). I said to them then "Respect who you are, who you represent, and more importantly, be respectful of others." I think it worked. Nobody got arrested and all returned home safely with a few medals and life-long memories, some of which I don't need to enlarge upon. I think that advice applies today as well. Did then.

See you Thursday

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John Drewe November 2014

## WOODIES DEMO SCHEDULE 2015

**MARCH** This Saturday 28th. John Muller will be giving a talk and demonstration on a subject many of you want to know all about. The demo will be on types of & how to use glue, as well as a discussion (& examples) of the movement of wood following gluing. An example of this is the construction and use of bread-board ends on wide tops – you know those cutting boards you all make.

**APRIL** Saturday 11th. Demonstration on hollow turning by Ken Reays. Should be a 'must attend' by our newer members who will see how amazing turning is done to produce a tall, hollow vase with walls only 3mm thick.



Saturday 18th Demonstration on sharpening wood chisels (John Holland)



### Maintenance Report

by Brian Harris

- 23/2 Hammer Saw - Resharpended blade fitted.
- 12" Disc Sander - On/Off switch cleaned of saw dust and replaced.

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Monday	General Activities
Tuesday	Turning & Carving
Wednesday	General Workshop & Toys
Thursday	Furniture & Joinery
Friday	General Activities
Saturday	General Act. & Demo's

Who's Who in BRWG Inc. 2013-14		
Patrons - Andrew Powell MP, Mark Jamieson - Mayor SCRC and Cr Jenny McKay		
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Timber Management	John Holland, Frank McDonald, Ron Donald, Phil Gibson	

New Members this month.....	
581	John Dalziel
582	Susan Dalziel
583	Klaus Schiemann
585	Lesley Anne Mott
"A Big Woodies Welcome"	



Shed Captain Roster - April 2015											
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
				1	John Close	2	Spike Bettega	3	George Blowers	4	Keith Muirhead
6	John Muller	7	George Blowers	8	Max Barrenger	9	Ray Bryant	10	John Muller	11	Graham Bradford
13	Dave Banister	14	Tom Black	15	Phil English	16	John Drewe	17	Dave Edmond	18	Warne Wilson
20	Lionel Tilley	21	Bruce Chapman	22	Hugh McKenna	23	John Holland	24	George Blowers	25	John Henderson
27	Brian Harris	28	Phil Gibson	29	Rob Otto	30	Spike Bettega				

Shed Captain Roster - May 2015											
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
								1	John Muller	2	Keith Muirhead
4	John Muller	5	George Blowers	6	Leigh Boynton	7	Ray Bryant	8	Dave Edmond	9	Graham Bradford
11	Dave Banister	12	Tom Black	13	John Close	14	John Drewe	15	George Blowers	16	Warne Wilson
18	Lionel Tilley	19	Bruce Chapman	20	Phil English	21	John Holland	22	John Muller	23	John Henderson
25	Brian Harris	26	Phil Gibson	27	Hugh McKenna	28	Spike Bettega	29	Frank McDonald	30	Keith Muirhead