



Flitch 'n Chips

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Presidents Report

Hi Fellow Woodies,

Welcome to all our new members. Member numbers continue to climb and it's always good to see the injection of new blood into the club.

Many thanks to Bill Rangott for a great demo on Box Making on Saturday 20th. Such is Bill's reputation as a master box maker that 42 members were in attendance.

It was decided at our last General Meeting to fit a key start to the drum sander to protect it from misuse. To use the drum sander you will need to see the Shed Captain who will unlock it and at the same time check the wood that is to be sanded. We will also be trialling a token operated mechanism on the linisher. The Shed Captain will provide a token at a cost of \$2 for 10 minutes.

I'm sure you'll all agree it's good to see Ted Martin back at the Club taking charge of the Thursday milling team after his serious accident. Welcome back mate.

Thank you to Doug Skinner for his generous donation of timber and machinery to the club. Doug was one of our original members and was instrumental in the building of our

Shed and also the kiln . Well done Doug and all the best.



A big thank-you to Terry O'Connor and the members who are continuing to construct the benches for the new Maleny golf club in Lionel's absence.



At the moment we have several courses running and we must thank our members conducting these courses. We have James Parsons conducting a pyrography course, Rob Otto, basic woodworking and Ivan Yaksich, wood turning. This is what our Club is all about, members passing on their skills to other members. If anyone has an idea for a course or would like to conduct one, please let myself or Lionel know.

We have had some instances lately of roughing gouges being sharpened incorrectly. This makes them difficult to use and decreases their life span. Please resist sharpening these tools unless you are aware of the Club rules for these gouges.

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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Ipswich Woodcrafts Club and Carbatec invitation.

Demonstration and Q&A with Chris Pouncy, Woodturner for Robert Sorby Woodturning Tools

Friday, July 17 -
 8:30am BBQ breakfast,
 10am – 1pm demonstration, sausage sizzle lunch.
 \$5.00 entry which includes a raffle ticket (Robert Sorby Turnmaster tool)
 \$5.00 breakfast, \$2.00 sausage sizzle.

Ipswich Woodcrafts Club House, Scouts Den, Mihi Street, Brassall, 4305

And its **Congratulations** to Anne and Hamish Borthwick who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary recently.



And seen at Caboolture Market recently a craftsman who creates miniature tools!



Invitation to participate.....

"Bushland Vibes" is being organised by the Friends of the Maroochy Regional Botanic Gardens on Sunday 6th September (Fathers Day).

There will be a variety of entertainment throughout the day as well as Guided Walks, Pottery and Weaving demonstrations, a Bush Foods Lunch and a small number of information and merchant stalls that are compatible with the Bushland Theme (including plants of course). Also there is to be an associated art exhibition in the Arts and Ecology building within the Gardens. The organising committee think that timber products would sit naturally with the bushland theme and be of interest to people.

If some members would like the opportunity to be involved in the day, and together could have sufficient product, we would be keen for them to be involved. There is a \$20 site fee and as it is on Council property a certificate of currency of third party insurance would be necessary. I'm happy to discuss details of this with any one interested.

Ian Colledge (colledge@eftel.com.au)

<http://bushlandvibes.wix.com/2015>



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Tips and Tricks

By Warne Wilson

An annoying problem for most members which happens with the thicknessers is Snipe; the shallow groove which occurs at the beginning or end of a board. By tradition – something about a worker blaming his or her tools – the thicknesser gets the blame. But the fault will usually lie with the operator rather than the machine. Snipe happens when the wood is not kept flat on the infeed or outfeed platens. Particularly long or heavy pieces may be being fed in at a slight upward angle and the opposite can happen on outfeed.

Usually this problem can be eliminated or greatly reduced by setting up supports to keep the wood perfectly level at infeed and outfeed. Especially at the end of a long board, the effort of trying to keep it level is lost because the amount of deviation which will cause snipe is so small.



Glue Spots:

Sometimes an otherwise perfect finish can be spoiled by lighter coloured glue spots and smears. The best way to eliminate this is to give your project a wipe with methylated spirits before you apply your finish. The meths will temporarily darken the wood and the glue spots and smears will stand out to guide you in sanding them off. Its too late to remove them after the first coat of finish.

Safety Notes

By Warne Wilson and Dave Banister



Bandsaws: Be careful with bandsaws! A real worry for safety officers and shed captains is the way many of our members risk injury every time they cut a piece of wood on one of our bandsaws. Often it is a small piece with little room for pushing fingers in the last few millimetres. When the blade cuts through, the pressure is released and a lucky finger may be pulled away in time to suffer just a deep cut! Worse can happen! Please use a push stick and keep your fingers away!

I know there are some who think that running the blade very high will prevent kickbacks, or lessen the chance. Wrong! With the blade low as prescribed by the blade manufacturer



the up and down forces are closer together and not nearly as pronounced as with the blade high. Raise the same blade much higher



and those up and down points of leverage are not only enhanced by

the wider distance, they are also much closer to straight up in the back and straight down in the front.

Though it is easy to reason that by setting the blade high, pressure of the forward teeth will keep the piece down – that's fine if you overlook the fact that the teeth at the back are trying to push the piece up! If for any reason the piece being cut, perhaps due to a warp or for any other reason, moves into the almost vertical back teeth, kickback will occur in less than a heartbeat. Warne has a hole in his shed window which proves this point! The ideal setting generally agreed upon is to bring the bottom of the gullets to the top edge of the wood; this will also promote air inclusion and ease heat build-up.

Table Saw Blade Height. Dangerous kickback when using the table saws can happen when wrong settings cause an incident – or an accident! Blade height may have a lot to do with it, but other factors, particularly with saws at home, such as misalignment of the blade or the fence, a blunt blade, poor control of the piece being sawn – or too small a piece.



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MEET HUGH McKENNA – Member No 346

Many of the members at the BRWG are precision furniture makers and each of them has an enormous skill and talent that is envied. Here's one such precision artisan, Hugh McKenna, who is undoubtedly one who excels in the creating of unique model trucks, construction and earth moving vehicles.



Hugh McKenna - January 2015

Hugh operated two successful business ventures in Queanbeyan, in commercial laundry and motor mower repairs and service. Hugh then moved to Nambour in 2007 with his wife Lynette to be near family. Hugh says the Woodies presented to him an open and welcoming door, as it does for others, offering friendship and a solidarity that has been shown, many times over, to be unique to the BRWG. A modest man of extreme patience and a talented fine creator of wooden models, one really must see his work to rightly experience the beauty of the detail as each piece is truly a work of art.



So are you ready, Hugh? Here goes. These questions always get asked (well, most of them):-

You have made many precision working models of cars, boats, trucks, articulated vehicles, construction equipment, and countless other beautiful fine scale wooden models.

What is the driving force for you to excel in this regard ?
It's about continually challenging oneself and having the will to keep improving. We all have this motivation you know. If not, then you're brain dead!

In your estimation, Hugh, what would be the most satisfying project you have built that you personally prize?

The crane in the picture.

And the worst project?

Don't have one. Well none I kept!!!

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 makes it important to you?

I enjoy the company of people who can improve me, and don't judge. From whom I can learn new techniques, and who inspire me to do better and better.

You have been a successful business operator in your earlier life. That goes without saying. What would be the most rewarding event you were involved in, in business?
Being able to go to the Murrumbateman Field Days as an exhibitor. And to be able to meet a lot of country people and to mix with the local farmers who are both genuine and honest, qualities I like in these blokes. That is an absolute reward. (This annual event is set on a 40 acre site on the Barton Hwy at Murrumbateman, New South Wales).

What to you is perfect happiness?

Being content, within myself I think. I have found it I reckon.

What words best describe you?

Competitive. Generally with myself. I am told I am very conservative and quiet.

Which talent would you most like to have?

Being able to sing.

What qualities do you most dislike in people?

People who are self absorbed. That is, in themselves.

What do you read? And what gives you inspiration?

Non-fiction crime. Like "Underbelly". Or "The Most Dangerous Detective".

Why those books/ authors?

Because I enjoy them. I suppose it is reading about the deviousness in others, you know, real people. And knowing that they end up in jail. Fictional characters do too, but they are not real.

Any favourite inspirational leaders you admire?

Nelson Mandela. He identified a problem, and through sheer determination and sacrifice, changed the culture of South Africa. Terrific. I once saw a quote from Edmund Burke, "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing." Burke was right and Mandela did something about it.

Our Member Profile continues.....

And your favourite quote?

Groucho Marx once said, "I started out with nothing and still have most of it left." I like that.

What about music. What is your favourite music?

Elvis Presley. Every song he has ever sung. He is truly "the King."

What to you is perfect happiness?

Ha! When you find it let me know.

And what would be your most personal extravagance?

I am undeniably the world's best procrastinator. I won't buy anything on impulse. Takes me a month before I decide to go back to the shop to buy that "one extravagant thing" and by then it's gone. So I don't yet have my most personal extravagance.

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

The whole world needs to be that. Australia included. We live in a dangerous world, and the impact on Australia is with us today.

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

Spend less offshore. Keep building our Australia into a far better place. Better infrastructure, schools and education, medical research and hospitals, transport, and opportunities for all. Then share that transformation offshore. But do it here first.

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

Set realistic goals for yourself; think of them, dream about them, plan to achieve them and simply go for it.

What would be your philosophy on life Hugh?

Live and let live. Just so long as they don't hurt the innocent, the infirm and those who cannot defend themselves. (Then I might have a different view). To be tolerant and to enjoy the pleasures and opportunities which life offers and to allow others to do the same.



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Each month we will be profiling a member of the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild to introduce all members to each other, and to newer members of the club. Max ed.

Maintenance Report

by Brian Harris



- 3/6 Jet Air Filters - All three of the Jet air cleaners that are suspended from the roof have had their inner filter socks replaced as well as the outer filter screen washed.
- 3/6 Jet Lathe - The speed control lever had seized on its shaft which necessitated complete removal and dismantling of the headstock to free the offending part.
- 17/6 Wood Wizz - All three cutting inserts replaced as they were smashed due probably to screw or nail cutting.
- Belt & Disc Sander - Both belt and disc replaced.
- 12" Disc Sander - Disc replaced.
- Holland Mill - All bearings on the blade guides have been replaced and other adjustments made.
- 20/6 Wood Wizz - Carbon brushes on Makita router replaced.
- 24/6 Makita Biscuit Jointer - Switch not operating properly — because it was full of wood shavings, all clean now.

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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		
President	Frank McDonald	5435 2495
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Purchasing Officer	Rob Otto	
Training Officer	Lionel Tilley	
Librarian	Brian Holdsworth, Max Barrenger	
Timber Management	John Holland, Frank McDonald, Ron Donald, Phil Gibson	

New Members this month.....	
591	Thomas Hamlyn-Harris - Maleny
592	Glenn Newell - Witta
593	David Walters - Rosemount
594	Julie Tennett - Maleny
595	Peter Tennett - Maleny
596	David Purcell - Maleny
597	Richard Wakefield - Nambour
598	Casey Fordyce - Diddillibah
"A Big Woodies Welcome"	

Shed Captain Roster - July 2015

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
				1	Phil English	2	Ray Bryant	3	Dave Edmond	4	Graham Bradford
6	Dave Banister	7	Frank McDonald	8	Hugh McKenna	9	John Drewe	10	John Muller	11	Warne Wilson
13	Lionel Tilley	14	Tom Black	15	Max Barrenger	16	John Holland	17	Frank McDonald	18	John Henderson
20	Brian Harris	21	Bruce Chapman	22	Leigh Boynton	23	Spike Bettega	24	Dave Edmond	25	Keith Muirhead
27	John Muller	28	Phil Gibson	29	Rob Otto	30	Ray Bryant	31	John Muller		

Shed Captain Roster - August 2015

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
										1	Graham Bradford
3	Dave Banister	4	Frank McDonald	5	Phil English	6	John Drewe	7	Frank McDonald	8	Warne Wilson
10	Lionel Tilley	11	Tom Black	12	Hugh McKenna	13	John Holland	14	Dave Edmond	15	John Henderson
17	Brian Harris	18	Bruce Chapman	19	Max Barrenger	20	Spike Bettega	21	John Muller	22	Keith Muirhead
24	John Muller	25	Phil Gibson	26	Leigh Boynton	27	Ray Bryant	28	Frank McDonald	29	Graham Bradford