



Fitch 'n Chips

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Presidents Report

Hi Fellow Woodies,

First up, what a great July Expo we had at the Montville Hall with plenty of sales for members. The raffle was a great success with Brian Harris winning first prize, Hamish Borthwick's sister in law winning 2nd prize and Trevor Jorgensen taking 3rd prize. Well done, I think this is a first time that Club members have been so lucky.

Congratulations to Hugh McKenna who was crowned Club Champion and also took out the peoples choice award. Thanks to John Henderson and the merry band of volunteers who gave up their time to make the Expo a great success.

At the last management meeting it was decided unanimously that the Club will no longer be supplying disposable cups. We felt that the cost of \$450 a year is neither cost effective nor environmentally friendly when the Club provides mugs that can be washed and reused. For members who prefer not to use the Club mugs it would be a good idea to bring along and maintain your own mug. It was also decided at the management meeting that the club will no longer sell lacquer, sanding sealer, thinners or any other paint related product but

we will continue spraying items at the Club at a cost. All these products are readily available at local hardware stores and by selling the products at the Club, it means our supply is quickly depleted and someone has to travel to our supplier on the coast to restock. The drum sander is now fitted with a key lock. To operate it you must see the Shed Captain who will inspect the timber and if suitable, will unlock it.

The Club AGM will be held on Saturday, August 15th at 9am at the Shed. All positions in the Club will be declared vacant and an election will take place. Nomination forms will be on the notice board on the 1st August. All positions are available to all members so please think hard about this....the Club needs good people to run it and keep it moving forward. If you feel you have something to contribute, please nominate.

Subs are now due and membership remains a very reasonable \$40 for singles and \$45 for a couple per year. Subs must be paid by August 15th if you wish to vote at the AGM, or else by October 1st at the very latest.

It has been decided to raffle one of

our excellent Squatters Chairs at the Christmas Expo and all proceeds will be donated to the drought relief fund. Some members had suggested sending toys but after talking to the Chairman of the Drought Relief Fund, he suggested that money would be appreciated and more appropriate so we will follow his suggestion.

This is my last Fitch and Chips before the election so I would like to thank all the members who have supported and helped me throughout the last 3 years. Your help has been greatly appreciated and the position would have been much harder without your support.

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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Tips and Tricks

By Warne Wilson

Fitting a bit in a router -

I would like to explain and clarify a little mystery which intrigues many woodworkers. Many of us have been taught to insert the bit in the collet then withdraw it a little before tightening. The way the collet works is; two matching tapers, one on the cone beneath the collet nut increasing toward the nut, and the other, the taper machined into the router spindle, reducing toward the bottom. Explanations of why a small gap must be left have varied between "Lessening vibration" and "Reducing heat transfer from the bit" but the reason is very simple and completely understandable when you 'get it!'

When the collet nut is tightened the two tapers combine to compress the cone against the shank of the bit to create a friction fit that locks the bit in place. But I want you to imagine two scenarios: (1) The cone grabs the shank to lock onto it BUT IT NEEDS TO BE TIGHTENED JUST THAT LITTLE BIT FURTHER! Because it is locked on and it cannot be tightened further because it cannot slide further along the shank if it is locked on and the bit is bottomed. (2) If the bit has been withdrawn a couple of mm after insertion, the cone may be tightened further on the shank even though it is locked on because the two can move together.

If a woodie tries to tighten a bottomed bit, he or she is courting the irresistible force and the immovable object syndrome – he or she might get away with it repeatedly, but one day the bit will creep out under load and this will lead to an interesting experience! If the bit is inserted to the bottom and withdrawn a little it enables the cone to grab the shank tighter because they are able to move together. Remember though; you don't have to gorilla it – just firm, with respect to the machine – that's all – apart from this; keep your router bits clean to promote the friction fit and, of course, avoid using oil on the shank.

Safety Notes

By Warne Wilson and Dave Banister



How many times have we seen members avoiding use of the acrylic face guards? Particularly on the lathes, but during any process where a bit of flying wood could make a Woodie's face look as though it had been hit with a brick. Sorry to be dramatic but WAKE UP AUSTRALIA! The face guards were purchased for your use and by avoiding them you may lead yourself to lingering regret.

The same goes for ear protection when using high decibel emitting machines; the most heard excuse is "My hearing is shot anyway so it doesn't matter" or "I just turn my hearing aid off" Surely your remaining percentage of hearing is valuable and must be protected.

Protect your eyes at all times, damage to eyes or the loss of an eye can be a life changing event. Accidents can happen faster than the blink of an eye.

Please heed our recent warning about wearing loose clothing around machines. A loose sleeve can catch and distract concentration or perhaps get caught.

A Guild rule is to wear substantial shoes or boots - thongs and bare feet are a no no. Please do not step over an offcut or other trip hazard on the floor – either pick it up or make it safe.

Do not lift an item that is too heavy for you – do not be afraid to ask someone to help, that's what we all do in the shed – we help each other.

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FOR SAFETY
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DO WITHOUT IT



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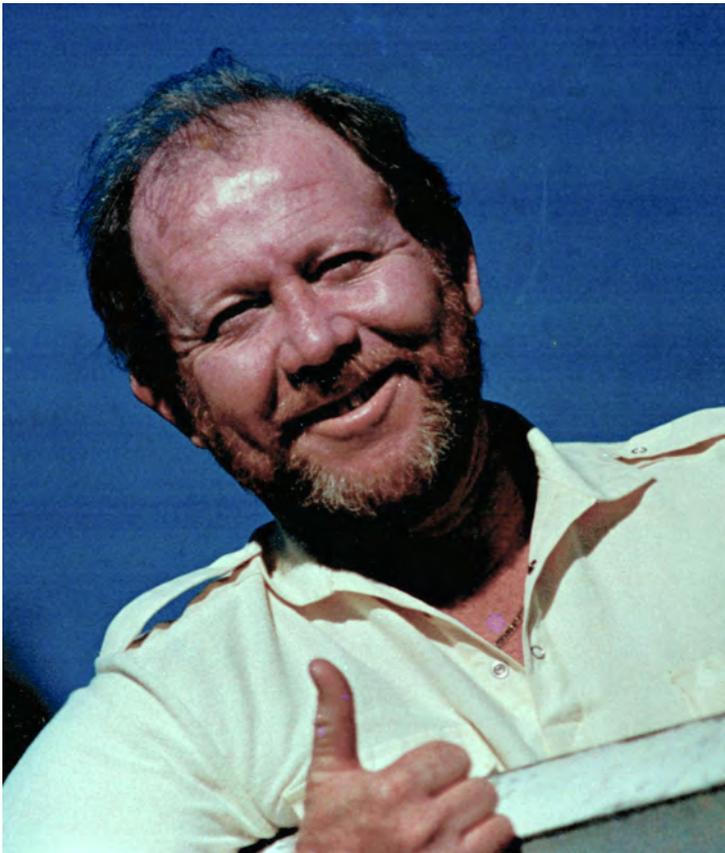

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**MEET PHIL ENGLISH – Member No 310**

You always know when Phil English is at the Woodies. Go inside past the welcome sign, walk down the row of bandsaws, look over to the lathes and you will see a group of members all laughing and talking in a group. And there in the middle is Phil, with a grin from ear to ear telling a story that would suit any TV comedy hour, making model wheels to fit toys for the Salvo's Christmas Charity.

In the Blackhall Range Woodcrafters Guild, there are many members who can be classified as genuine and likable characters. None more so than Phil English who is one of the most affable personalities you would ever hope to meet. His quick wit, humour and beaming smile will light up the darkest space. But there are some surprising aspects to Phil's life that many might not know, but may like to know.



Phil English (A recent picture????)

After a hectic and successful career in the textile business in Sydney, Phil finally came to the Blackhall Range in 2003 (mainly to get out of the rat race suffered in cities), pleased to get away from the enforced deadlines imposed by overseas travel, shipping schedules and limitations, and business demands, joining the Woodies not long after in 2006.

You ran a very, very successful business for many years, Phil. To what do you attribute your success?

Having good staff. Always employed smarter people better than me. There are too many entrepreneurial ego trippers out there who never employ people who are smarter than them, they reckon. Big mistake. You see the results of their success in the business on the auctioneer's floor every month.

Some say they get a lot out of being a member of the Woodies? What is it that you get out of being a member at the Woodies?

The camaraderie that comes from mixing with good people with a sense of humour. The Woodies provide that for me.

And the best piece of woodworking you personally prize?

A hall stand that incorporates a much treasured mirror I was given years ago. A special piece of memorabilia framed in something I made and am proud of.

What about the mistakes in woodworking? We all make them. What is your worst one?

I forget. Don't keep a book on these. Burnt the lot of them. Too bad Trev. Ha!

You are sometimes described as one of the waggish blokes in the club. Your laughter is infectious, and you light up the room with your humour. What is it that makes you laugh Phil?

Being around people with a quick and clever wit. Friends taking the mickey out of each other. Friendly banter. Not much of this today with everyone being so serious.

What is a word do you think, that best describes you?

Fun ! I really enjoy being with people who laugh.

What to you is perfect happiness?

Waking up in the morning.

How do you relax?

Reading a good book on an ocean cruise where there are no distractions, and deadlines. Playing cards with mates—500 in particular. Brings out the laughs. Bridge? No! Too serious.

I like photography. It gives me great pleasure to enlarge and produce a pleasing photograph that can be displayed in our home, admired by friends. And again, I like reading about the adventures others have in their lives. Reading takes me on a journey sometimes in another dimension.

What do you read? And who are your favourite authors?

Espionage, and WW2 military intelligence (now there is the greatest oxymoron). Like The Spy Who Never Was by Lt. Cmdr. Ewen Montagu. Leon Uris Exodus, Len Deighton The Ipress File, and James Patterson who is known for his novels about fictional psychologist Alex Cross. I enjoy reading the intelligence behind the plot, the intense scheming and logic of the strategy. The thought of how code breakers broke the WW2 enigma machine for example.

What would be your personal greatest extravagance?

Our Member Profile continues.....

My car. It's not going to be explained here but those that know me, know "it".

If you had the opportunity again, which talent would you most like to have?

Architecture and graphic design.

What music do you like? e.g. country, classical, hard rock (ACDC), popular, etc,

All of the above except heavy metal and opera sopranos who, upon reaching a high note, sound like they are wearing a barbed wire bra.

Do you draw inspiration from anyone in particular, that you have either read about or met?

Not anyone in particular, but Nelson Mandela, the Dali Lama and Mahatma Gandhi I admire. They achieved much through a quiet determination and positive direction.

What is it that you most dislike?

A big dose of bullshit. Don't ever try it on me. My radar antenna rises like the proverbial Phoenix. And tailgaters – they can't read my mind. If they could they'd shrink.

What is your greatest regret?

Not to have flown a WW2 fighter plane.

In your opinion, does Australia need to be made a better place?

Yes

If you had the finances and the political position, how could you, or would you, change Australia from what it is today?

Among other things, build a water pipeline from far North Australia - to Adelaide. The long way 'round! A realistic national service/work for the dole system might be appropriate, and give everyone self discipline and a strong work ethic.

Should you have a handful of young adults about you and you were giving advice, what would you say to them?

Always maintain a PMA (a Positive Mental Attitude), and always have another mountain to climb. And take a calm approach to all that inhibits your journey along the way. A frantic, angry, screaming approach to a problem will see it arrive on your doorstep next day.

And finally Phil, you had a big birthday last year. What is your philosophy on life or the greatest lesson life has taught you?

Ed Howe, owner of one of the largest distributors of racing parts in North America and racing car designer, once said "If you don't learn to laugh at troubles, you won't have anything to laugh at when you grow old." My philosophy as well. Lessons life has taught me? My Dad's friend taught me the value of money earned, mostly the hard way, while my Dad taught me to respect it.

Maintenance Report

by Brian Harris



- 3/7 A Keyed switch has been fitted to Drum Sander, this will require a key, available from the Shed Captain of the day, to be used to allow the switch to be turned on.
- 5/7 Already (just 2 days later) some heavy handed person who cannot recognise a keyed switch has forced it to use the equipment. This destroyed the workings which necessitated complete dismantling and reconstruction of the working parts of the switch. The next person to do this will be charged the \$160 that it cost.
- 8/7 Laguna Band Saw - Both bearings on the lower wheel were replaced with new ones as one had seized and the other was nearly there.
- 11/7 One of the grinders has been rotated on its stand to give better access when sharpening long chisels.
- 15/7 Four 8mm Allen Keys have been made for use with the lathes as the others have gone missing.

A new chuck has arrived and will be fitted to the drill press in place of the keyless one that has been causing problems.

When the white missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land.

~ Desmond Tutu

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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		
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New Members this month.....	
599	Tim McCauley from Mapleton
600	Anthony Brown from Maleny
"A Big Woodies Welcome"	



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 Barringer	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

Shed Captain Roster - September 2015											
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
31	Dave Banister	1	Tom Black	2	Rob Otto	3	John Drewe	4	Dave Edmond	5	Warne Wilson
7	Lionel Tilley	8	Bruce Chapman	9	Phil English	10	John Holland	11	John Muller	12	John Henderson
14	Brian Harris	15	Phil Gibson	16	Hugh McKenna	17	Spike Bettega	18	George Blowers	19	Keith Muirhead
21	John Muller	22	Tom Black	23	Max Barringer	24	Ray Bryant	25	Dave Edmond	26	Graham Bradford
28	Dave Banister	29	Bruce Chapman	30	Leigh Boynton						