



# Flitch 'n Chips

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## Presidents Report



G'Day to all Fellow Woodies,

Our planning meeting which took place on 21st at the MVA hall was well attended; approximately 40 members turned up to what was a forum for Members to let the Guild's executive know what they wanted from the Club. Thanks to all who attended and a special thanks for your valued input. Also, I would like to thank David Southern for the great job he did as MC. We have included in this issue of F&C, the condensed output of ideas from the meeting.

Apart from planning for the future, activities at the workshop continue on. We need some willing members to undertake some exciting Club Projects which we have agreed to do and also we are looking for replacements for some activity positions.

Gerry Zwart and his wife, Valeri (able assistant) are stepping away from the role they have played in the Club's successes as Publicity Officers. Time marches on for us all and Gerry and Valeri would like to hand over this activity to someone else. If you feel you would like to do this very important role, please see me; Gerry is happy to hand over all his media contacts and help in a smooth transition. We would like to see two members involved in this role. I wish to express our sincere appreciation to Valeri and Gerry for their untiring efforts to make the Guild a part of our community.

We are looking for members to undertake the following Club projects:

- (1) Freestanding sign for our cafe at the expos and Christmas sales. Brian McTaggart has cut out the letters (WOODCHIP CAFE) and all that is needed now is the backing and a freestanding post to hang it on.
- (2) Another sign, this time for the MVA. They have asked us for a small portable sign to reserve the parking at their new Pizza oven. Again, Brian McTaggart has cut out the letters, so we need a member to make the sign.
- (3) We are making an honour board and a trophy display case for the Montville School P & C. Dave Bannister, our expert on honour boards has put up his hand to do one project, so we need a project leader and some members keen to learn about cabinet making to do the trophy case.

Please see any of the management committee if you want to be involved in these projects.

On very serious note, Spike Bettega has severely cut his leg doing woodwork and this serves as a significant reminder to us all that as woodworkers, just about every piece of equipment/machinery we use has the potential to cause serious injury. One cannot stress enough the need for safety in all we do as woodworkers. Spike, we all wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you soon, back at the Shed.

Keep burning, carving, milling and whatever else you love doing in wood.  
But most of all, have fun!

Cheers,  
John.

ps.. At our special meeting I was also privileged to present to Frank McDonald a complete set of Flitch & Chips from the term of his Presidency.



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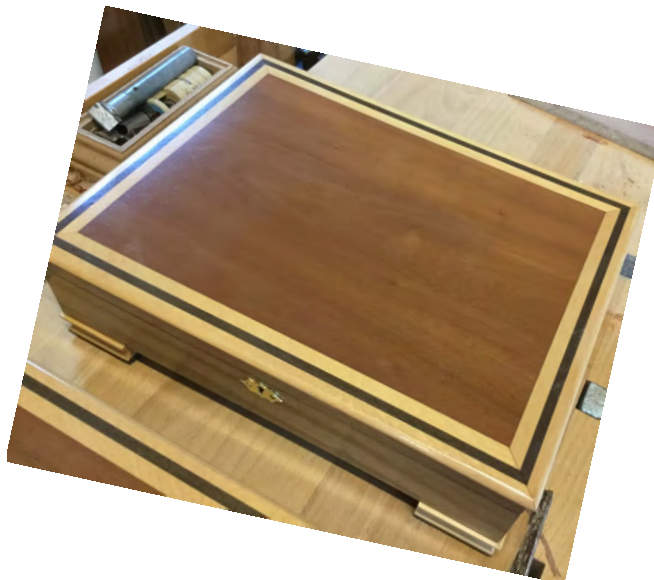
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### Around The Shed



Andrew Powell, Member for Glasshouse and Guild Patron, visited the Club special meeting at St Mary's Hall and presented the Club with a Queensland Flag.

Hugh McKenna, master of the toy sized objects, turned his hand to something much larger with this fine cabinet.



Rob Otto produced a set of five matching display boxes for a Coin Collector

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## Tips and Tricks

By Warne Wilson

When I arrive at the shed, usually a Saturday morning, I take a wander around to see who's doing what. I keep an eye open for new members and I often find one working at a lathe having trouble getting the shape he or she wants, trying to cope with vibration or trying to smooth a rough surface. When I quietly ask if they would like some help I invariably get a smile and "Yes please – I'm having this or that trouble." Generally, by looking carefully at their method I can suggest a few simple changes. The tool rest may be set too high, or too low, or too far from the spinning wood. Many do not understand why lathe tool handles are so long – leverage is of prime importance, not to be brutal but to give the operator full control. The distance between the tool rest and the wood should not be greater than necessary, and the lathe tool should be held with one hand toward the end of the handle and the other hand either close to the tool rest or actually in contact with it so that the rest can be used as a guide.

I also have a look at the lathe tool to check its sharpness; often it has lost its edge and needs a touch on the grinder. I take it and give it a minimum pass on the grinder, just enough to restore the edge. Lastly, invariably the speed is slow; probably in the belief that slower is safer, I move the control lever up to at least medium speed and do a little cut to show them before handing the tool to them. The combination of a sharp tool, a correctly set tool rest and a faster speed works wonders and you should see the smile!

## Safety Notes

By Warne Wilson and Dave Banister



During this month we again saw a piece of wood fly from the Hammer table saw. The operator was not hurt because he was doing the right thing: He was standing to one side of the line of cut and the small piece flew without contacting him or anyone else. This reinforces the rule that all members must observe when using either of the table saws. This rule also applies to anyone working in the annexe – do not set up in line with the Hammer saw.

In a meeting of Shed Captains recently it was reported that sometimes members use the table saws to cut freehand – that is, to draw a line on a piece of wood or a slab and to follow it by pushing the wood through the saw. This is a very dangerous practice; the slot being produced can close and jam on the blade causing it to kick back, or a deviation from the straight line, particularly due to warpage but for any reason, may cause catastrophic results. All members note that this practice will not be permitted. If the slab or piece of slab has an irregular edge, the approved practice is to set it on a pair of sawhorses and to follow the line with a hand held power saw guided by a clamped straight edge.

In mentioning SHED CAPTAINS it is good to know that these members have been selected because of long standing experience and good practice with machines and tools. They are rostered on a regular basis and they give up their valuable woodie time to supervise; they have many duties, but safety of the members and careful use machines and tools is a priority. If a shed captain advises you that you are not using a machine correctly, please follow his advice. He is there to help you.

## Maintenance Report

by Graham Bradford

There has been a general check of all the major machinery in conjunction with an audit of BRWG equipment to bring the registry up to date, and to place maintenance and spares records on computer. During this process, minor repairs and adjustments were performed as required.

The stop switch on the Hammer saw was modified with a paddle.

Blade guides on the Laguna bandsaw were adjusted.

Consumable spare parts for each machine such as v belts, bearings, and blades have been recorded where possible. Breakdowns.

The only significant breakdown for the period was the failure of a tyre on the Holland slab saw.

Members appear to be treating the Jet Drum Sander with better respect. The feed belt tension was adjusted and the belt surface roughened to minimise slippage. Advise the Shed Captain if this problem persists. Please familiarise yourself with operating instructions for this machine.

Remember to treat all equipment as personal property. Ask the Shed Captain or any experienced member for advice if you are uncertain.

## Upcoming Demonstrations

Saturday November 7

Lathe Tool Sharpening with Tony Haigh

Saturday November 14

Pocket Hole Joinery with Rob Otto

These are the suggestions received at the Special BRWG Meeting held at St Mary's Hall on Wednesday 21st October, 2015

Suggested Short Term Projects: No Cost

- 1 More finishing classes
- 2 Instigate afternoon classes
- 3 Training courses to be documented with handouts
- 4 Complete review of competitions for expos. Novice V open, better scrutiny, allow team entries, clearly defined category
- 5 Sales and expos - limit sale items to new only. Do not allow recycling
- 6 Club projects to be only "first class" output
- 7 Charge for training
- 8 More open time for workshop. Introduce some afternoon sessions
- 9 Because of limited space, put a cap on membership
- 10 Make all equipment documentation readily available
- 11 Make members aware of allocation of machinery for specific club use such as toy boys & girls on Mondays & Wednesdays
- 12 Review sales of paint supplies to members
- 13 Carry out analysis of wood required to suit members' needs
- 14 Broaden community projects to include other organisations
- 15 Encourage all members to contribute to club projects
- 16 Seek affiliation with International Wood Collections Society
- 17 Introduce a "buddy" system
- 18 Have formal system for membership development
- 19 Sell advertising
- 20 More training on machinery
- 21 Review accreditation process to incorporate annual reviews
- 22 Introduce power tool accreditation
- 23 Better training required on items such as drop saw
- 24 Generally, wood in stock is poor quality
- 25 Give milling crews clear specification of what to cut
- 26 Cutting spec to timber sizes, thicknesses, 16,32,38,50,75,100,125 x width increments of 25mm
- 27 Lower timber prices to members
- 28 Cut timber slabs to 30mm not 50mm

Suggested Short Term Projects: Cost

- 1 Look at disabled access to ensure no discrimination exists
- 2 Land line to club
- 3 Buy in good quality dressed wood for sale to members
- 4 Have a club branding iron for all community project items
- 5 Invest in trailer and crane for cartage of logs
- 6 All shed captains to have first aid certificates
- 7 Have club defibrillator
- 8 New equipment:
  - 8a Dishwasher
  - 8b Water heater
  - 8c Domino machine
  - 8d Woodpecker or similar router table
  - 8e Wide belt sander
  - 8f Mobile dust system
- 9 Purchase a 120mm Vicmark chuck
- 10 Lock access to Grinding - Shed captain to hold key
- 11 Better workpiece illumination at lathes. Look at trolley lights

Suggested Medium Term Projects: No Cost

- 1 Look for sponsors
- 2 Foster creativity and excellence beyond basic woodworking
- 3 Set up a docking saw for boards produced in milling

Suggested Medium Term Projects: Cost

- 1 Design and manufacture a range of work benches for sale to members
- 2 Acquire a Lucas mill
- 3 Internet to club to include a club PC on site connected to LS TV for demos etc., and access to internet
- 4 Better club meeting room, better chairs, more social atmosphere
- 5 Solar power
- 6 Look at club finances to fund future expansion
- 7 Create better parking by cutting & filling carpark and install retaining walls & batter to adjoining property
- 8 Change layout of lathes to T Haig's plan

Suggested Long Term Projects: Cost

- 1 More space generally
- 2 Better wood storage with ease of accessibility. Better racking
- 3 Redesign existing workshop space:
  - 3a remove concrete tank
  - 3b relocate kiln
  - 3c close in rear and side and extend to front
  - 3d provide machine free areas for quiet woodcrafts
  - 3e more space for woodcarvers
- 4 In planning, provide for small bench space beside each piece of equipment
- 5 Free beer to members (Why not add a spa?)
- 6 Install another kiln
- 7 Comfortable club rooms
- 8 Standardise power tool brands

#### SHED CAPTAIN'S MEETING:

At a special meeting of Shed Captains recently, several decisions were taken over matters of concern.

#### FREE CUTTING ON PANEL SAWS:

Because of the extreme danger in free cutting on the panel saws, this practice will in future not be allowed. Apart from very real potential danger of kick back, it can cause damage to the saw. (See Safety Notes - Page 3)

Another decision taken was that the sourcing of wood from stock should only be made by members through the Shed Captain. If you want wood from stock, then please see the Shed Captain who will find what you want, measure and calculate the price.

There have also been complaints about the state some machines are left in after use. We would ask that if during machinery use, sawdust and off-cuts are generated, that it is cleaned up straight after your use and not left to others at the end of the day.

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Shed Captain Roster - November 2015											
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
2	Lionel Tilley	3	Phil Gibson	4	Leigh Boynton	5	John Holland	6	George Blowers	7	John Henderson
9	Dave Banister	10	Frank McDonald	11	Rob Otto	12	Spike Bettega	13	Frank McDonald	14	Keith Muirhead
16	Brian Harris	17	Tom Black	18	Phil English	19	Ray Bryant	20	Dave Edmond	21	Graham Bradford
23	John Muller	24	Bruce Chapman	25	Hugh McKenna	26	John Drewe	27	John Muller	28	Warne Wilson
30	Lionel Tilley										

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