



Flitch 'n Chips

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Presidents Report



G'Day all Woodies,

One month of 2016 gone; where did it go? It is always busy at the Woodies and 2016 is shaping up to be no different. Only 11 months left!

The management team met on Saturday 13th February and our participation in the Cooroora Woodworkers Club annual inter-club competition was discussed. As you may be aware, BRWG did not participate last year however due to some changes to their competition rules this year, we have decided to participate. Ron Fishwick has offered to coordinate our entries for the competition to be held on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th May. The categories are Wood-turning, General Woodwork, Carving, Pyrography, Scroll Saw/ Intarsia and Toys. So I am sure our members will have some recently made competition-quality items ready by then. If you have any queries, contact either Ron or myself.

Phil Gibson, having sold up at Mount Mellum recently and moved to Noosa, has resigned from the Guild, Shed Captain and of course his position of looking after the kiln. Phil has been a tireless worker for the Guild and he will be missed; the hole he has left in looking after the kiln is being filled by Bruce Chapman. Thanks Bruce. Greg McCosker has stepped up as shed captain on Tuesdays in Phil's place. Thanks Greg. And of course a big thanks you to Phil for all he has done for the Guild during his time with us.

Whilst 2016 represents 20 years since the Guild was formed, our open day in September will be an event to celebrate this milestone. At this stage, we need a coordinator and a committee to organize this event. If you feel you would like help, please contact any member of the management team.

In accordance with our program of providing members with good equipment to work with, we have recently acquired a new Jessem dowel jig for 6, 8 & 10 mm dowels. Our existing jigs are not very accurate and this new one is a beauty. It is very simple to use and will not need instruction as the book that comes with it makes it look easy. See the shed captain if you want to use it.

Thanks to all those woodies who turned up for our clean up on 23rd. It went well and while the job is not yet complete, the site is starting to look better. One job not quite completed on the day was the sorting of the dried timber stock racks. Graham Bradford has "soldiered" on since the clean-up with the big job of sorting the good from the unusable and would like some help so if any member has some spare time to help, please contact Graham and arrange a suitable time.

Our long term plan which has had its genesis in our workshop/general meeting in September last year is well under way and will be ready soon for member scrutiny and comment. Short term/nil cost issues raised are being addressed and introduced progressively. For example, the Wednesday afternoon opening is going well and whilst not attended in large numbers, is providing longer access to the shed for members who want to finish projects in one day or who travel some distance to get to the Club. Another example is the purchase of some new quality equipment. We are also looking at the basic woodworking tools essential for an efficient workshop with the objective to upgrade our equipment.

To all Woodies not feeling the best, look after yourself, get well and keep creating in wood.

Cheers,
John Muller
President.

ps....still plenty of wood chips available at the side of the Shed for anyone who needs it.



As members of the BRWG we are all practical people and overall we have a wide and varied range of skills; from perhaps a retired professional person with little acquired hands on experience to members who have worked in joineries all of their working lives. However, we all may learn as we tackle one challenging project after another – BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

The keen woodie can learn much through reading. There are unlimited resources to tap. Many excellent woodworking books and DVDs in the club library are free for members to borrow (Please register the loan in the card file and make sure you remember to return them.) Each of our excellent Sunshine Coast Council Libraries has a rack of woodworking books covering a variety of skills; they also generally have a magazine area with woodies magazines. Printed and on line catalogues by woodies suppliers like Carbatec and others have pages of books for sale. A search on line will usually bring up the book you are looking for, and members are encouraged to build their home libraries in the fields of expertise they are following or wish to follow.

While we learn by actually doing, and talking to other members, we can ease our learning curves and save time (and mistakes) by studying a book which covers the area of expertise we are interested in. e.g. the famous woodturner, Richard Raffan, has published a number of books with colour photographs accompanying his explanations. Any of these will interest wood turners regardless of the level of skill they have attained.

JOINERY: When all is set and done there are just a few basic joints to learn. While these days, joinery is made easier and quicker with the use of machines and jigs of various types, the satisfaction of making good wood joints is still very rewarding. There are many good books available on this subject and the old ones are still worth a look; the time honoured basic joints never change. However, the range of joints has been added to by modern glues and recent gadgets such as the Kreg Jig and the Domino machine.

FINISHING: This subject is a "Closed book" to many woodies and some of us have come to rely upon the now almost standard process in the club of "Sand it and ask Dave or Max to spray it with lacquer." However, while lacquer is attractive and durable, the field of finishing can be a journey of delight and discovery. Imagine the satisfaction of producing a French polished item to be admired and kept as an heirloom by the family. Have you ever thought of the enhancement staining can achieve? Have you seen the magical change of colour to deep antique red which happens when you apply polyurethane (Estapol or Cabathane) to red cedar?? There are many very good books on finishing waiting for you.

AND FILLING: At the last, a nurtured and loved project can be marred by a careless approach to the inevitable little dings, scratches and holes which only seem to appear after finishing. But, "VE HAVE WAYS", you will find at least one chapter on filling in every book about finishing.

Safety Notes

By Warne Wilson and Dave Banister



1. **Frustration in the maintenance department!** When you see a large red plastic paddle over a stop switch, it is a safety feature to allow you to stop the machine easily and quickly by just pushing it (Especially handy in an emergency). Someone recently tried to pull one of them and broke it off! It is a pest to have to try to source another and to replace it!
2. **Another item mentioned.** A member was seen using a wrong method to attempt to flatten a length of wood on the jointer. He was putting downward pressure on the back end for half the cut and then transferring the downward pressure to the leading end to finish it. He wondered why the finished edge had a bow in it!
3. **A reminder for new members:** please do not forget to have a red dot added to your blue new members badge each time you gain accreditation on a machine. When you achieve six red re dots you will qualify to have a full membership plastic badge with your name printed on it. This system is designed to encourage you and those who are there to help you to ensure that your progress in woodwork is not inhibited by lack of accreditation. A list of accreditation officers is pinned to the meeting room notice board.
4. **Witches Hats:** When the Holland mill is working, the team puts witches hats around a no go zone. Members continue to walk through the zone. This is a safety issue. The blade could break and eject a fast moving sharp toothed steel snake in your direction or a knot may break out of the wood and become a missile. Please always respect the no go zone.
5. **Please be aware of trip hazards when in the Shed.** We are forever shifting extension cords and rogue offcuts out of the way. Many of our members are elderly with fragile bones and falls can be risky.
6. **Dust Protection:** Remember dust protection when sanding, particularly when using hand sanders, the fine dust which lingers in the air can be the most dangerous; it can lodge in the finer lung tubes and cause eventual illness.
7. **Hand Tools:** Dave Banister mentioned that hand power tools can "Get out of hand" in more ways than one. A power saw can jam and kick back. A carelessly used router or trimmer loves flesh and bone. A linisher can whip a piece of wood out from under your fingers and the downward pressure will give you a raw spot in the instant it will take to pull back, to remind you constantly as it heals across several weeks.
8. **Thicknesser:** We sometimes see members trying to force a short piece of wood through the thicknesser with a push stick when it jams. The length of the piece you are planing must always be longer than the distance between the rollers in the machine. This is (a) a dangerous practice, the forces involved should not be tempted to react, and (b) the piece you are planing will be ruined.

Around The Shed



These two shots are of a Club Turning Gouge that was found at the Shed after "someone" tried to sharpen it. Not only is it dangerous because of the hook in its centre but its going to waste 6-8mm of good steel to get the shape right again.
If you don't know how to correctly sharpen a tool, **don't try!**

Maintenance Report by Graham Bradford

January - February 2016

Inspection of Jointer. Alignment of tables, cutter head checked.
Six bandsaw blades repaired. Nylon blade guides renewed as required.
Inspection of Wet/Dry grinder BRWG 36. Damaged worm wheel on wet drive not repairable.
Hammer saw stop switch repaired.
Blade replaced on turning blank bandsaw. Spare blades ordered.
New work light fitted to Lathe 45.

A "Gaggle of Wiggle Bowls" shown here after finishing is the output from participants in the last Scrollsaw Course and highlights the variety of timbers available at the Shed.



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 Saturday 7th May 8.30am - 3.00pm

COOROORA CLUB COMPETITION:

This competition will be on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th May. Our Guild's entries should be in Cooroy by 12 noon on Thursday 5th May and judging will take place in the afternoon.

Ron Fishwick, our coordinator will require all entries from our members to be submitted at the BRWG shed by 10am on Wednesday 4th May and judging for our entries will be carried out in the afternoon.

Please have a look at your best work and enter in this event so our Club will be well represented. Remember we did win one year, the rules have changed and we should stand a good chance this year. JM



Since our working bee that began the cleanup process, Graham Bradford has been quietly reorganizing the timber racks at the back of the Shed as shown in this shot. Graham reports a good supply of Liquidambar in the racks that needs using.



Liquidambar used in a coffee table.



There is also some nice Japanese Cedar, the national tree of Japan which is similar to the related giant sequoia. The timber is extremely fragrant, weather and insect resistant, soft, and with a low density. Check out the new racking system next time you're at the Shed, and have a look at some of these timbers for your next project.



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Shed Captain Roster - March 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Tom Black	2 AM Leigh Boynton	3 Spike Bettega	4 TBA	5 Keith Muirhead
7 Brian Harris	8 Bruce Chapman	9 AM Max Barrenger	10 Ray Bryant	11 Dave Edmond	12 Graham Bradford
14 John Muller	15 Frank McDonald	16 AM Rob Otto	17 John Drewe	18 John Muller	19 Warne Wilson
21	22 Greg McCosker	23 AM Phil English	24 John Holland	25 Good Friday	26 John Henderson
28 Dave Banister	29 Tom Black	30 AM Max Barrenger	31 Spike Bettega		

Shed Captain Roster - April 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 George Blowers	2 Keith Muirhead
4 Brian Harris	5 Bruce Chapman	6 AM Leigh Boynton	7 Ray Bryant	8 Dave Edmond	9 Graham Bradford
11 John Muller	12 Frank McDonald	13 AM Rob Otto	14 John Drewe	15 John Muller	16 Warne Wilson
18 Lionel Tilley	19 Greg McCosker	20 AM Phil English	21 John Holland	22 George Blowers	23 John Henderson
25 Dave Banister	26 Tom Black	27 AM Max Barrenger	28 Spike Bettega	29 TBA	30 Keith Muirhead