



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'day all Woodies,

January 2017! A new year, a new start, and I have decided that I am over new year resolutions. No more am I going to start the year with those good intentions, well meaning and indeed worthwhile aims, which usually turn out somehow unattainable as the year drags on towards the silly season of festive activities at the end. Well, there may be just one that I may try to maintain all year round; Enjoy life!

The Mary Caincross Discovery doors project is well underway and thanks for all those members who put up their hand to help. As I write this, the door substrates are nearly complete and we have one carving blank ready for the carvers to make a start. This is again a very prestigious project like the MCC doors we did a couple of years ago however this time, the Guild will benefit more than just the accolades that goes with such a public project.

This time, there will be a contribution to the Guild to cover some of the labour costs, and it will go towards the building fund.

To a little housekeeping. The role of the Shed captain is a very important one with Shed Captains having complete authority on the days they are rostered on and members are dependent on them being at the workshop. In our busy lives, sometimes things come up which makes it necessary to change rostered days due to health, holidays, travel, family commitments and business matters needing attention.

When this happens, it has been a long standing arrangement for the rostered shed captain to arrange a substitute shed captain in the event they cannot make it on any given day. So, I am asking all Shed Captains to be aware of this obligation and find substitutes if they cannot make it on any given day. Having made these arrangements, it would be helpful if the roster at the workshop is altered accordingly.

I owe an apology to all those keen members who put their name down for the box making course as the Door Project had to take precedence. Please trust me; it will happen as soon as the deck is cleared, so to speak.

The new building is at a stage where we need to get State Government approval because the access road is a main road. They are currently suggesting that the access is dangerous and to be honest, it has been for a long time. The reality is they, the State Government which is responsible for it, have done nothing about the access. They prefer to wait for a Building Development application such as ours to attempt to off load the cost on us. Well, it is not going to happen. We are currently relying on our Building Certifier to make representations to Main Roads to put the onus of providing a safe access back on them. Our last resort will probably come down to political representations.

The supply of logs to the Guild continues to grow with some great offers of wood for the future. Our policy is to take as much as is offered as there may be a drought of offers in the future. Currently, there are two Silky Oak trees at Mapleton, a red cedar on Stanley River Rd, a camphor Laurel in Maleny, a white cedar at Conondale and seven logs of liquid amber all awaiting collection. I have to say there is no way one can get lazy in retirement when a member of the Woodies. Also, this must be a season for people to "declutter" as there are more offers of sawn wood available to us.

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

Cheers
John Muller

MUSINGS OF AN OLD MAN!

When driving up the Range from Landsborough recently after a day in Brisbane, I was reminded of that radio show "Australia All Over" with Macca on a Sunday morning, on the ABC. He has a segment called "why I live where I live" and people would ring in with descriptions of their town or area that they lived in. I was reminded of this program with the reality of what life must be like to live in Brisbane now fresh in my mind after the day I had just endured.

Brisbane drivers, generally the most arrogant, belligerent and aggressive in all Australia can make a visit to the city an unpleasant experience. We left Brisbane permanently in 2005 and it has grown so much so since then that moving from A to B is now quite a task and takes so much more time, patience and plenty of blood-pressure medication.

But that drive from Landsborough to Maleny/Montville lifts those stresses from one's shoulders as sure as relaxing after a hard day's work with a nice red, and I realised how fortunate we are to be able to call the Blackall Range home.

Having to wait at the stop sign at the intersection of Maleny-Montville and Landsborough-Maleny Roads for two or more cars could be considered a Blackall Range traffic jam.

Whilst the Range seems to be growing in population, perhaps we as residents here, could lobby for the instigation of a congestion tax, collectable on all roads into the area and suppress any future growth in population on the Range. Funds could be used for our infrastructure projects. No, not a good idea. The politicians would only use it for adding to consolidated revenue and create a new department of public servants to administer it.

Every now and then, I have to take stock of this beautiful place we live in called the Blackall Range. The sunrises, the sunsets over Maleny, the greenness, the morning fog on the dam and the wonderful people who live here are the reasons I live where I live.

Enjoy!

John Muller (a sometimes grumpy old man!)

Editor's note : It is a good thing Lorraine does not get to see F & C as I am sure she would be shocked by such a confession !

And this is why John lives where he lives :



Tips and Tricks

by Warne Wilson



Working with pine.

We often work with pine; Radiata, Hoop, Cypress and many others, including Red Cedar. But one common characteristic of them all is the fact that they are soft and easily damaged.

Pine generally cuts cleanly along the grain on a table saw, providing the blade is sharp and clean. At BRWG we are fortunate, as Graeme our maintenance officer makes sure the saw blades are true, clean, and sharp. But when it comes to sawing crossgrain the compound mitre saw must be handled carefully to avoid tearout at the end of the cut. I make progressive level cuts to leave just a little for the last cut, which I make slowly.

Holes are best drilled with a Forstner bit but smaller holes drilled with twist drills can be marred by tearout. To avoid this try bedding the drill in by running it backwards until it is seated. Also, remember my trick when drilling for screws of countersinking first; in that way you don't get tearout and the hole will be centred.

Special care is needed when gluing up. Glue squeeze out can be a problem and pine will mark easily if you attempt to scrape it off when dry. Try to use just enough glue and definitely do not spread it out to the edges. I run a thumb and forefinger together along the edges of a board to create a line of glue in the centre – I might get a cut finger but it is worth it if there is no squeeze out. The best idea yet is to run masking tape along both sides of the joint before gluing. When you remove the tape, the wood will be clean and unmarked.

Sanding requires thought. Random orbital sanders leave fine swirl marks which can show up in 3D after the finish is applied. Sanding by hand is best, and with the grain! Use a sanding block because the growth rings usually show in grain lines of softer and harder wood, and hand held sandpaper can remove more wood from the softer areas.

Most dents and some marks can be removed by using a warm iron and a damp cloth – see last month's tips and tricks for this.



Please be careful when using the table saws, possibly the most dangerous, but also the most essential machines the wood worker uses.

1. Make your adjustments before you switch on. Set the fence and make sure it is locked in position. Set the blade height about 10 mm above the thickness of the wood you are about to cut – there are three reasons for this; 1: Rising teeth at the back of the blade can lift the wood and kickback can result if the blade is set high; 2: If the blade is high it may be difficult and dangerous to get a push stick between it and the fence at a critical moment when the cut is complete; 3: A blade set high will throw a lot more sawdust into the air.
2. Stand to one side as you cut. If kickback does occur and the wood is ejected at high speed, make sure you are not in the way. This also goes for others moving around behind the saw; a member lost skin on his leg once about 20 feet behind a table saw.
3. Any good Samaritan helping to “Tail out” must remember not to pull, the person using the machine must remain in full control.
4. Wear hearing and eye protection. Hearing loss is permanent, and eye damage, well . . . what do you reckon??
5. Do not try to remove offcuts while the blade is spinning, the piece between the blade and the fence should be held with the push stick until the blade stops.
6. Anything I have missed?? Let me know if I should add something??

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Australia Day Expo 2017
Maleny Showgrounds -26th January

Our Woodies Guild will be mounting a display at this event & we're chasing members who can give us a hand from **7.30 to 12 noon.**

-  Setup display from 7am on 26th.
-  Demonstrate turning, scroll saw use, carving & pyrography.
-  Supply items of woodcraft for display.

A fun few hours & an opportunity sell ourselves.

Please ring Lionel Tilley on 54296629 if you can help.

Around the Shed



A request was received to build a table and chair for a very special little man, Nixon Bohner, who needed some assistance to sit at a table, and his mum Sami Muirhead was unable to find a suitable commercial product. So in true Woodies tradition, Dave Bannister and John Drewe rose to the occasion. As you can see in the photo, Nixon loves his table (although he was not so sure when he came to pick it up from the shed), and it has pride of place in the family living area.

A big thanks from Nixon and Sami to Dave and John.

Sami contributes to My Weekly Preview magazine, and wrote the following :

“I met with some real-life elves who are spreading the joy of this time of year by making 1000 wooden toys to be gifted to disadvantaged kids.

They have been working all year making the most delightful wood trucks and cots for dolls. You cannot buy toys made this well. They are sturdy and absolute treasures. The guild places the monetary value of the donated toys to be in excess of \$20,000. As a mum who has bought her fair share of wooden toys, I estimate the toys would sell for two or three times that. But let's get real. To help make a child smile all year round thanks to a special toy is truly priceless.”

Well, we are delighted that Nixon is enjoying his table and hopefully he will be smiling all year.



Timbecon is a supplier of “Everything to get wood working”, with branches in Perth and Melbourne. They have a very extensive range of products, including a lot of the top overseas brands, as per their catalogue (copy at the shed) or on-line store. Jason, the Melbourne Manager (03 9939 8050 / melbourne.shop@timbecon.com.au), has offered a 10% discount for Woodies, however you will need to order direct (not through the on-line shop) to get the discount. Just let him know you are a member of BRWG. They deliver to the door, by Courier, at very reasonable rates, however the invoice will be issued to BRWG. The Editor's experience with Timbecon has been highly favourable, with very competitive pricing.

The Maleny Library has offered the Guild a display space to show off some of the work our members do along with the provision of a means to distribute our membership brochures.

Could members please think about some smaller articles which they consider suitable to make up such a display and advise Lionel Tilley 5429 6629. Similar items are required for the Australia Day Expo, so maybe you could consider then moving them to the Library.

No doubt they can be retrieved for the Chainsaw to Fine Furniture expo in May for sale.

Alright, so maybe not that fancy,
but give it your best shot !



Shed cleanliness

A complaint has been made to the Management Committee about the cleanliness of the shed.

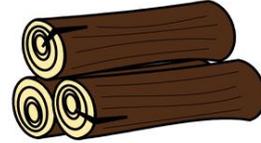
It is very important that members using the workshop facilities leave their workplace and the machines they use in a state of cleanliness that they would appreciate others leaving for them. If you are in for a short time, and leave before closing time, you must still clean up **your** mess before you leave.

It is only fair that each and every one of us clean up our own mess and not leave the cleaning to others. Please be considerate.

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Timber Tales by Bruce Chapman



The timber from the kiln that was left to stabilise is now available in the racks outback. The load consisted of silky oak and camphor laurel, with some very nice colour in the camphor. As well as the normal 30mm boards this load includes quite a few pieces from 50mm to 100mm square that would be great for table legs or pepper grinders. These thicker boards are mostly camphor but there are a few 100mm silky oak. There are also some nice long, wide silky oak boards.



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Imagine that you had won the following *PRIZE* in a contest. Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has Rules:

1. You may only spend it.
2. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
3. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning at any time; it can say, "Game Over!" It can close the account, and you will not receive a new one.

What would you do? You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself - right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

Well, the game is real. Each of us is already a winner of this *PRIZE*. We just can't seem to see it.

The PRIZE is TIME

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING...

So, what will you do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day. Start spending....

"DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD. SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET THE PRIVILEGE!"

The author is not known. It was found in the billfold of coach Paul 'Bear' Bryant, Alabama, after he died in 1982.

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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

Shed Captain Roster - January 2017

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
2	Dave Banister	3	Tom Black	4	AM Rob Otto John Henderson	5	Spike Bettega	6	Hamish B/wick	7	Keith Muirhead
9	Brian Harris	10	Bruce Chapman	11	AM Max Barrenger PM Keith Carter	12	Ray Bryant	13	Dave Edmond	14	Graham Bradford
16	John Muller	17	Dave Southern	18	AM Leigh Boynton PM Max Barrenger	19	John Drewe	20	John Muller	21	Warne Wilson
23	Lionel Tilley	24	Tom Black	25	AM Rob Otto PM Warne Wilson	26	John Holland	27	George Blowers	28	John Henderson
30	Dave Banister	31	Greg McCosker								

Shed Captain Roster - February 2017

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
				1	AM Dave Banister John Henderson	2	Spike Bettega	3	Hamish B/wick	4	Keith Muirhead
6	Brian Harris	7	Bruce Chapman	8	AM Leigh Boynton PM Keith Carter	9	Ray Bryant	10	Dave Edmond	11	Graham Bradford
13	John Muller	14	Dave Southern	15	AM Rob Otto PM Warne Wilson	16	John Drewe	17	John Muller	18	Warne Wilson
20	Lionel Tilley	21	Greg McCosker	22	AM Dave Banister PM John	23	John Holland	24	George Blowers	25	John Henderson
27	Dave Banister	28	Tom Black								

Shed Captain Roster - March 2017

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
				1	AM Leigh Boynton PM Keith Carter	2	Spike Bettega	3	Hamish B/wick	4	Keith Muirhead
6	Brian Harris	7	Bruce Chapman	8	AM Rob Otto PM Warne Wilson	9	Ray Bryant	10	Dave Edmond	11	Graham Bradford
13	John Muller	14	Dave Southern	15	AM Dave Banister PM John	16	John Drewe	17	John Muller	18	Warne Wilson
20	Lionel Tilley	21	Greg McCosker	22	AM Leigh Boynton PM Keith Carter	23	John Holland	24	George Blowers	25	John Henderson
27	Dave Banister	28	Tom Black	29	AM Rob Otto PM Warne Wilson	30	Spike Bettega	31	Hamish B/wick		