



Flitch 'n Chips

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Not only a good president
But also a very proud first
time granddad.
Congratulations Dave.

President's Column

Here we are again. These issues of Flitch 'n Chips appear to be coming around faster and faster. Must start putting a note on my calendar to make sure Gerry and Kay are not tricking me!

Once again our members have been busy with making improvements to our pride & joy – The Shed. As can be observed elsewhere in this issue of F. & C., the mezzanine floor is well and truly a reality by now. A big 'THANK YOU' to the Sunshine Coast Regional Council from all of our members for the generous grant that made it possible.

I also appreciate very much, that group of members who put the finishing touches to it – John Close and Company did an excellent job.

The team of sloggers who put in an extra effort on a hot day, to load up all the prunings from the power line, also deserve a huge vote of thanks.

Don Kitson has made and donated a beautiful garden seat to the MVA. Many thanks Don.

Without harping on it too much, if you read this before March 14, don't forget to attend the 'Open Day' – you could come in handy.

While talking about that day, I'd also like to thank Gerry (and Valerie) for their excellent effort on the publicity. Getting coverage in seven newspapers, four radio stations and the commercial TV channels, all for free, is pretty good.

The Art and Garden Affaire on March 29 in aid of Spinal Muscular Atrophy Australia should not be overlooked, especially if you have any items for sale. See the full story inside this issue. Both you and S.M.A. stand to gain financially.

Not to put too fine a point on it, in closing I say 'See you at the Shed on Open Day'.

All the Best, Dave Banister, President

What's On When?

Shed Times	Mornings from 8:30 - 11:30
Mondays	General Activities
Tuesdays	Turning & Carving
Wednesdays	General Workshop & Toys
Thursdays	Furniture & Joinery
Saturdays	General Activities & Demos
General Meeting	2nd Monday of the month 9:30

CLEAN-UP	Thursday, 12th March, PM
OPEN DAY	Saturday, 14th March, 9AM

WHO'S WHO IN BRWG INC. 2008/2009

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Timber flow, Storage & Kiln Officers	Warne Wilson, Ron Donald	
Purchasing Officer	Cec Wakerley	
Librarian	Brian Holsworth	

MISSING IN ACTION

A brand new set of Picture Frame Clamps, still in their box, is MISSING.

We know sometimes members borrow tools and other equipment, and take it home.

This practice is not encouraged, but if you were the borrower of that set of clamps, please return them to their rightful home – The Woodies' Shed – and no questions will be asked.

Thank you being a good member.

NEW TOY IDEAS

Every Wednesday we are amazed at the new designs our 'Toy Boys and Girls' come up with.

Some of these include a garden swing, a trike that can be turned into a racing bike (for the young hoons) at the flick of the wrist, a moving acrobat, as well as some farmyard animals.

When we showed the swing to the ladies of the Mapleton Craft Group, we had no shortage of offers to make some dolls and even cushions to go with it.



Congratulations to Hugh McKinna who designed and built the swing, Don Meredith (chief toy boy) who came up with the acrobat, the trikes and the cows, and Sarah Damian who had a big hand in producing the prototypes. **'Isn't this swing a little beauty!'**

One thing we have found in making toys for Christmas, is the shortage of toys for girls. Judging by the above, we may have hit on something this time.

THE FORGOTTEN FEW

Many of you may not be aware of the wonderful job our wood collection team do. Calls to the Woodies offering timber for collection mean that the team - George Blowers, Terry Crowson, Roger Scott and Ian Colpoys - spring into action and make sure that we don't miss out on anything worthwhile.

Many thanks to you all.

A GREEN TOILET?

The heading does not mean we have 'Greenies' in the toilet. If that was the case, the problem would be easily fixed by phoning Bob Brown!

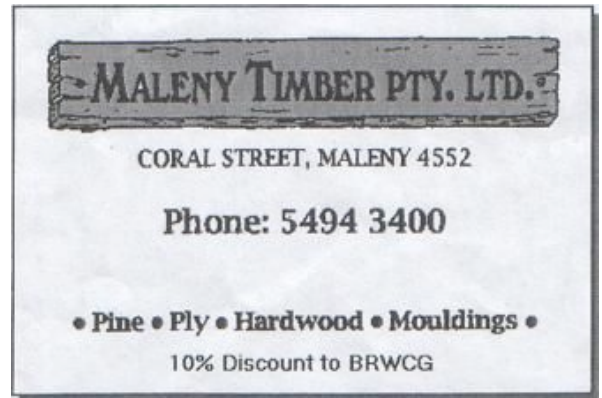
This is a different type of green problem that seems a bit harder to solve. Two issues of F & C back, we pointed out a problem in the men's toilet, where the sun shining through the light well into the toilet bowl causes green algae to form in the water.

So, the Cause? . . Sun on water.

The Solution . . . Close the lid (not only the seat) to keep the sun out!

Simple? Apparently not, as you can still walk into that toilet at any time, and find the lid wide open.

Do the right thing fellows. Getting into the habit properly might even get you into the habit at home, earning you some extra brownie points!



ART & GARDEN AFFAIRE

On Sunday March 29, between 9am and 4.30pm, the Nambour Garden Club will conduct an 'Art & Craft Affaire' to aid Spinal Muscular Atrophy Australia.

You may well think 'what has this to do with Woodies?' Well previously, some members of our Guild made and donated a serving tray with folding stand as a raffle prize to assist this cause.

This year our Guild has been approached with the suggestion that our members provide craft items for sale, with 10% of the proceeds donated to S.M.A.

Ron Fishwick has been dealing with organizers direct, and he will be manning a stall for our Guild on the day. He is now waiting to hear from interested members.

He would like to know what items members have for sale. To that end he needs a list of items from each participating member, tagged and priced accordingly.

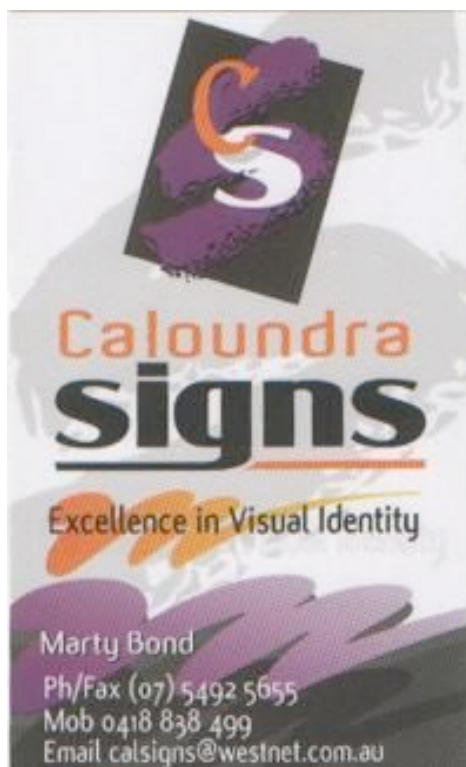
Ron will pick up these goods from the Woodies' Shed on Wednesday March 25, and any unsold items will be returned to the same place on Wednesday April 1.

This is a good opportunity for those productive members among us to make some spending money, and assist a very worthy cause at the same time.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Brian McTaggart from Burpengary and John Roberts from Palmwoods.

Please look out for them and show them what a friendly and helpful bunch we are!



SHED CAPTAIN ROSTER

March 2009

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
2 Harry Wood	4 Keith Muirhead	5 John Clarke	7 Peter Simpson
9 Ray Curry	11 John Close	12 Lionel Tilley	14 Doug Skinner
16 Dave Banister	18 Bob Keyte	19 Terry Crowson	21 Dave Banister
23 George Blowers	25 Cec Wakerley	26 John Drewe	28 Warne Wilson
30 Harry Wood			

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Every Tuesday – Organised by carvers including George Blowers & Tom Black.

THE BEES WERE BUZZING

On Saturday March 7, a fair sized contingent of our members loaded, carted and dumped a huge load of prunings, gained from the clearing of our main power line.

As we all know, it is quite a long way from the road to our shed. The object of the exercise was to get our power line well away from waving tree branches which could cause a blackout.



A team of contractors did all the cutting of the trees, then it was up to our members to clear all the debris. They all worked very hard, and we thank them for a job well done and in particular, George Blowers, who is still planning to finish off the cleanup on Thursday.

There is also now 10 tons of gravel filling the holes in the access road.

The club has financed all of this work so we hope that the MVA will be very appreciative!

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Peter Galitz 0439778088
60 Nadi Lane, Maleny

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Steve Russ 54450623

The kiln has been reloaded with silky oak, camphor and eucalypt. The existing racks at the rear of the shed are now full and the ones in the annex and near the front door will soon be reorgansied ready for filling.

OPEN DAY

TOOL SALE

Here are some simple rules to help members who are planning to sell tools at the annual Tool Sale on our Open Day, that should ensure you have an enjoyable and problem-free time.

You may elect to sell your items at a marked sale price, or at a reserve price if the item is to be sold at auction. You may also choose to offer them for sale, then for auction if they have not been sold.

WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO . . .

EVERY VENDOR must complete a Sales Record sheet, itemizing all tools for sale. Get your Sales Record from Peter Simpson, Keith Muirhead or Jacqui Porteous. If you wish to auction an item, you must include the Reserve Price on your Sales Record sheet. Hand that sheet to Peter, Keith or Jacqui – we will ensure reserve prices remain confidential until the item is auctioned.

EVERY ITEM must have a sticker or tied label attached, showing the following details:
your Sales Record sheet and item number
the PRICE of the item (if being offered for sale)
a yellow sticker (if going up for auction).

Stickers and labels are available free at the tables. Groups of items will not be accepted unless each item has a sticker or label attached. For example, a box of items marked 50c each will create a problem of identification if one of these items is presented for payment at the money desk without a sticker or label showing the registration numbers. There is no cost for registering or for tables and display space. Your donation of 15% will be deducted from the sale price of a sold item.

NOTE: *The shed will be open at 7.30am and items for sale MUST BE delivered before 8.30am.*

The sale will commence at 9am. The auction of items will take place at around 11am.

NO ITEMS WILL BE SOLD TO ANY MEMBER BEFORE 9am.

**Don't forget
to bring cakes, slices and biscuits
for us to sell with tea and coffee**

CHOCOLATE WHEEL

We are still looking for a few more prizes. If you have something of a reasonable value that we could use then please bring it along this week.

A CATTY LETTER

Among our incoming mail this week, we received a letter from '4 PAWS ANIMAL RESCUE' at Sippy Downs. The letter was to thank our members for building, donating and installing a cat enclosure with interior shelving.



Although the letter was to thank our Guild, the two members solely responsible for the project were Ray Curry and Ed Kruger.

As can be seen by the picture, you've done us proud chaps.

STOP PRESS

A new consignment of Club Shirts has just arrived!

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BEFORE YOU START YOUR CHAINSAW

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The modern chainsaw is a highly efficient, precision machine, but like all cutting instruments, it has to be treated with respect. Proper care for your chainsaw starts right from the moment you decide to use it.

Don't start your chainsaw without following these simple procedures:

Check your fuel tank to ensure it's filled with fresh two-stroke mix at the recommended ration of petrol to oil. Remember that these days you should choose a pre-mixed two-stroke fuel. It's not good enough simply to mix ordinary engine oil with petrol, because modern engine oils contain a variety of detergents and other additives which are not suitable for two-stroke engines.

Check your guide bar for wear and "burnt" spots, particularly for excessive wear on the rails.

Make sure you use a specially-formulated chain and bar oil. This will greatly extend the life of both bar and chain.

Your chainsaw is fitted with a variety of filters in strategic spots, designed to protect the engine from damage by dirt and other foreign matter entering cylinders or carburetor.

Filters should be checked regularly as follows:

Air Filter: It's very important that the air filter protecting the carburetor is kept clean. It should be washed out with clean petrol regularly, at intervals depending on the type of timber being sawn and the general conditions of the site. In very dry timber, with a lot of dust about, it might be necessary to clean the filter every time you fill the fuel tank. The air filter should NOT be blown clean with high-pressure air. This can damage the filter material and allow dirt into the engine.

Fuel Filter: At least twice every full working day, check the fuel tank filter. Located at the end of the fuel pick-up line, this is designed to keep foreign matter in the tank from getting into the carburetor and blocking the fuel passages.

Oil Tank Filter: This should be cleaned at least once a year, to ensure it continues to do its job of keeping dirt out of the oil pump.

Next month - LOOK BEFORE YOU START

Mr Ed

Gone Fishing

The blokes were all at a fishing comp. No one wanted to room with Bruce, because he snored so badly. They decided it wasn't fair to make one of them stay with him the whole time, so they voted to take turns.

The first bloke slept with Bob and came to breakfast the next morning with his hair a mess and his eyes all bloodshot.

They said, 'What happened to you?'

'Bruce snored so loudly, I just sat up and watched him all night', he replied.

The next night it was the next guy's turn. In the morning, same thing - hair all standing up, eyes all bloodshot. They said, 'What happened to you? You look awful!' He replied, 'Streuth, that Bruce shakes the roof with his snoring. I watched him all night.'

The third night was Pete's turn. Pete was a big burly ex-Navy man - a man's man. The next morning he came to breakfast bright eyed and bushy-tailed. The others were stunned!

'What happened?', they asked.

'Well, we got ready for bed. I went and tucked Bruce into bed, patted him on the backside and kissed him good night. Then he sat up and watched me all night.'

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