



Flitch 'n Chips

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President's Column



That new mezzanine floor is certainly serving a purpose. Not only is it most useful for extra storage, the "Toy Boys and Girls" are making good use of it, but it came in very handy as a speaker's platform with Councillor Jenny McKay welcoming all on Open Day.

Speaking of Open Day, it turned out to be a great success. Financially we did very well, and to get the details just see the Treasurer. P.R. and promotion wise, I think we were also on a winner if we only judge it by the attendance figures. Cars were parked as far as Mill Hill Road.

My thanks must go to all members who worked so hard before, during and after the event.

The mid year Expo on July 4 and 5, is our next big happening. I know it is still a couple of months away, but be prepared with your items for sale and for show. You never know, you could even win a prize!

Every month we add a few new members to our list, how many of us really know them? A BBQ for new and old members to get to know each other was suggested, what do you think? Let me know.

You may recall an article in last month's Flitch 'n Chips, where Ron Fishwick offered his services to organize a sale point for our members at the Art and Garden Affaire. The event was organized by the Nambour Garden Club with proceeds to Spinal Muscular Atrophy Australia. That day, between 9am and 4pm, they raised over \$15,000! An excellent result, and I thank Ron for his efforts on our behalf. The toy factory on Wednesday mornings is still producing toys by the truckload for the needy. My heartfelt thanks goes to Don Meredith and his group for keeping up the supply.

In closing, I would like to give you an early warning of another event in late September, organized by the Montville Village Association. As custodians of the Montville Sports Grounds, our home, they are asking for assistance from all users of the grounds. Final plans are still up in the air, but I suspect they would like to see some of our produce on display. More details in the next Flitch 'n Chips.

This definitely has to be the end of my lengthiest report so far. See you in the shed.

All the Best, Dave Banister

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

WHO'S WHO IN BRWG INC. 2008/2009

Patrons Peter Wellington MLA and Jenny McKay

President	Dave Banister	5439 9113
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Safety

Someone is making a bad job of sharpening the wood turning tools! This is **dangerous**.

If you don't know what you are doing then
DON'T DO IT


Get some help and advice

John Clarke made this beautiful TREASURE BOX from red cedar and yellowwood from a plan in the Australian Woodsmith, Issue 67.
It is 250 x 128 x 50 mm high




ENGLISH GARDEN SEAT


You may be wondering what those odd bits of nicely shaped timber are doing lying around the Shed. Perhaps you have even seen the finished product – an English Garden Seat! If you would like to know more about this beauty, have a word with Don Kitson. He has started a course in how to make these attractive garden seats, and if he gets enough members interested, he may be willing to run another course. We don't think he needs his arm twisted too much!



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delicious!*

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CHAIN SAWS

Barong Landcare is once again putting on their 'Chainsaw to Fine Furniture' show in the Maleny Show Grounds on the May Labour Day weekend – May 2, 3 and 4. Most of our old hands will be familiar with the popularity and success of this annual event – the chainsaw demonstrations can be heard all over Maleny which brings in the crowds – better than any radio commercial!

Our members will have the opportunity to swap some of their attractive products for some cash, thus making their hobby pay for itself. While they are about it, they'll also pay some commission to our club – we never knock that back!

As tents and display areas don't happen by themselves, we will need a few VOLUNTEERS to assist with the setting up and clearing away of those areas.

Anyone willing to roll up their sleeves, should please contact President Dave. He will tell you how to go about it.

NEW MEMBERS

No 384, Barry Braithwaite of Roma

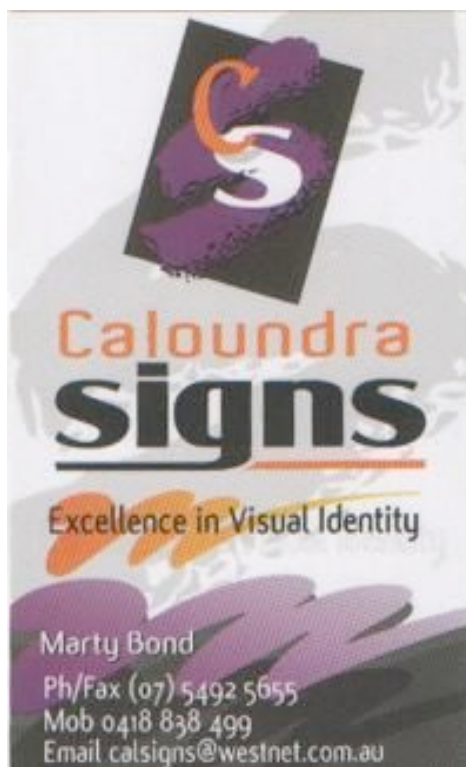
No 385 Ralph Blackburn of Rosemount

No 386 Graham Perry of Maroochydore

No 387 Sue Rogers of Bli Bli

A BIG WELCOME to you all

People who join the club from now until the 30th June will not have to pay a pro rata yearly fee, ie 25%. They start afresh from July with the rest of us.



SHED CAPTAIN ROSTER

April 2009

Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Saturday
	1 Keith Muirhead	2 John Clarke	4 Peter Simpson
6 Ray Curry	8 John Close	9 Lionel Tilley	11 Doug Skinner
13 Dave Banister	15 Bob Keyte	16 Terry Crowson	18 Dave Banister
20 George Blowers	22 Cec Wakerley	23 John Drewe	25 Warne Wilson
27 Harry Wood	29 Keith Muirhead	30 John Clarke	

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25 Harry Wood			

TUESDAYS are organized by carvers incl. George Blowers and Tom Black.

If you can't make it on your day, please arrange for someone to swap with you!

BRISBANE WOOD SHOW

The once a year 'WORKING with WOOD EXPO' will be on again in May. Although it is a three-day event, we can only get the bus on Sunday May 24.

This is a show well worth attending, where you will see the latest tools and techniques demonstrated, and if you really like what you see, you can even purchase some! Prices, as a rule, are competitive.

Tickets are available from President Dave at \$13 for the show only (if you take your own car), or \$25 for the show and bus return fair.

Anyone interested in attending on Friday or Saturday should also see Dave. His tickets are concession, and you don't need to line up at the entrance, as we are something special!

More details on the notice board or, with a bit of luck, in the next Flitch & Chips.

ART & GARDEN AFFAIRE

On Sunday March 29 the Nambour Garden Club conducted an 'Art & Craft Affaire' to aid Spinal Muscular Atrophy Australia. It raised over \$15,000.

Thanks to Ron Fishwick for his organisation and work on behalf of the Club.



Dining table and 6 chairs, cottage style, solid timber.
\$450 o.n.o.

Fridge/freezer, Kelvinator 360lt, very good condition inside. \$100

Bob Keyte 54786793

NEW PROJECTS

We will soon be starting on some blanket boxes, one of which will be offered in our next raffle.

Interested?

Keep an eye on the notice board

WHAT TREE IS THAT?

On Tuesday June 2, President Dave anticipates organizing a 'Walk through the Jungle' as he calls it.

The object of the exercise is to carpool to Mary Cairncross Park, and meet up with well-known horticulturalist Jason Sewell, who will take us for a walk through the park, giving us a tree identification lesson, and telling us the names of trees and to what use we can put the timber.

The normal charge for this is \$50, but as we are such a great bunch and mates of Dave Banister, he will only charge us \$20, which will include a 'smoko' at the kiosk!

We need 15 people, so please let Dave know whether you are interested as soon as possible (and don't drop out!).

NEW MODELS

Our toy department is never stuck for new ideas. Looking around the shed on a Wednesday morning, you will see a growing bunch of members working on all sorts of wooden toys. Chief 'Toy Boy' Don Meredith, seems to come up with an unending supply of

new ideas from his four grandsons. We now see kangaroos, waddling penguins, pull carts,



push carts and acrobats, besides the old faithful cars, trucks and dolls' cradles. A great effort by a bunch of clever and dedicated members.

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MID-YEAR CLUB EXPO

This is an early warning, to enable you to start making more goodies for sale and for show to enter in our annual competition.

The dates are:

July 4 and 5

and the venue is the Montville Village Hall.

Besides our goods being the best value for money on the Montville strip, the location always brings in a good crowd, making it one of our most lucrative events of the year. Lots of merchandise is required. All you have to do now is 'get stuck into it'!

Maleny Wood Expo

Volunteers are needed to help set up and man the stalls. Set up times are noon to 5pm on Thursday April 30th or 9am to 5pm May 1st. The show itself runs from May 2nd to 3rd and removal of gear is from 5pm on the 3rd or between 9am and noon on the 4th.

We also need a co-ordinator!

Hands up quickly please

CHAINSAWS - Look Before You Start

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Like any other powered hand tool, a chainsaw can be dangerous if handled incorrectly, or if some basic safety procedures are not followed. You should also be aware of the safety features of your chainsaw. A good quality modern chainsaw should be fitted with:

A CHAIN BRAKE. This is a device which stops the chain from moving around the bar if the saw "kicks back", thus greatly reducing the risk of serious injury if the chain should come in contact with the operator. An inertia-activated chainbrake, which operates within a fraction of a second of the kick-back action starting, is to be preferred.

ALWAYS check that the chain brake is working before you start, and remember to keep the inertia chainbrake mechanism clean, so that it functions properly if kick-back should occur.

THROTTLE INTERLOCK. This ensures the throttle can't be accidentally opened.

CHAIN CATCHING BOLT, which is fitted to most saws to prevent the chain from whipping back towards the operator if it's broken or derailed from the bar.

CHECK the chain-catching bolt to ensure it's not damaged and is firmly in place.

If you are not satisfied that any of these safety devices are operating properly, take your chainsaw back to the dealer and have it checked and, if necessary, repaired.

When refuelling the machine, keep other people away from the immediate area - at least five to ten metres.

Wear ear muffs and goggles, gloves, safety boots and cut-proof trousers. (Stihl dealers stock safety trousers made of Engtex fibre, which clogs the saw chain and stops it in a fraction of a second)

Next month - The safe and efficient way to start your chainsaw.

Mr Ed

Cold drinks for sale at the club

If you purchase a cold drink then please put your money in the container on top of the fridge.

PLEASE DO NOT PUT IT ON THE DAY SHEET

WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE?

The contestant had reached the final question. If she answered it correctly, she would win \$1,000,000. It was: "Which of the following species of birds does not build its own nest, but instead lays its eggs in the nests of other birds? Is it,

- A) the condor;
- B) the buzzard;
- C) the cuckoo; or
- D) the vulture?"

She did not know the answer. All that remained was her Phone-a-Friend Lifeline who just happened to be a blonde. The friend responded unhesitatingly: "That's easy. The answer is C: The cuckoo." Crossing her fingers, the contestant said, "C: The cuckoo." and was right!

Three days later, she hosted a party for her family and friends, including the blonde friend who had helped her win the million dollars. "Jenny, I just do not know how to thank you," she said. "Because of your knowing the answer to that final question, I am now a millionaire. But how did you happen to know the right answer?"

"Oh, come on," her blonde friend said. "Everybody knows that cuckoos don't build nests. They live in clocks!"

A real estate sign for Roger Loughnan. The sign is divided into two main sections. The top section has a blue background on the left with the text 'ROGER LOUGHNAN' and 'REAL ESTATE' in white. To the right of this, on a red background, is the address '136 Main Street Montville' and the phone number '5478 5288'. Below the phone number, it says '7 DAYS' and 'people who care'. The bottom section of the sign has a black background with the text 'DON'T SIGN ANYTHING!' in white and red.

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OPEN DAY

The day was a huge success with strong attendance despite the weather. Our thanks go to Gerry who did a great job of the publicity; the ladies who ran the tea and cakes; the gallant parking crew who continued through the rain; the sausage sizzlers, raffle ticket sellers, chocolate wheel spinners, demonstrators; and all members who put in a great effort before, during and after the day. The final result of over \$4000 in the coffers was well worth the effort.

RAFFLE WINNERS

The first ticket drawn was Marj Blowers who chose the Canoe, and Stan McCallum won the Squatter's Chair and matching Side Table.

CONGRATULATIONS

Unfortunately we also saw the loss of a wallet and a mobile phone. But it seems that pilfering is not just happening when the public is around - it is also happening within the club, which is even more distressing.

If you are the one, then be warned!

You **will** be caught and you will get more than just expulsion!

Can we also remember to engrave all new equipment before releasing for use!

Wood Turners

All wood turners please take note of the three day weekend advertised on the board at the club. And don't forget the Melbourne Exhibition in June and the Symposium in Brisbane, July 14th-18th 2010.

Also, a very BIG thank you to Rick Vickers and Paul Siddell for their fantastic presentation booklets - very professional, informative and well received. Well done guys.

Timber flow and Storage

Our kiln crew have been busy again. Some hardwood was needed from the kiln which just happened to be at the bottom of a trolley! They are also busy re-organising the racks on the north wall of the annex. Helpers are always welcome.

George Blowers has done an excellent piece of engineering work by welding and fitting larger wheels in the middle of one of the trolleys. Wheeling and steering the loaded trolleys is very much easier. This innovation will follow on the other trolleys.

On Saturday 11th April Don Kitson led a small group to cut several of the donated red cedar slabs into useable timber. All of this is very dry and of good quality. MEMBERS ONLY can buy a limited amount at \$2,500 a cube for sawn/slabbed and \$3,500 a cube for milled pieces.

Please remember to pay for what you take. Check with the shed captain and don't just chop off what you want and leave an unusable piece on the shelf!

HEALTH QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION

Q: Should I reduce my alcohol intake?

A: No, not at all. Wine is made from fruit. Brandy is distilled wine, that means they take the water out of the fruity bit so you get even more of the goodness that way. Beer is also made out of grain. Bottoms up!

Q: Aren't fried foods bad for you?

A: Foods are fried these days in vegetable oil. In fact, they're permeated in it. How could getting more vegetables be bad for you?

Q: Is chocolate bad for me?

A: Are you crazy? HELLO Cocoa beans! Another vegetable. It's the best feel-good food around!!

Well, I hope this has cleared up any misconceptions you may have had about food and diets.

And remember:

"Life should NOT be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in an attractive and well preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways - Cabernet in one hand - chocolate in the other - body thoroughly used up and screaming, "WOO HOO, What a Ride!"

There are three signs of old age.
The first is loss of memory. I forgot the other two.



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