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President's Column



The Woodies Christmas sale was most successful. Although the helpers are too numerous to mention individually, I really appreciated all the efforts made, but I do have to say that Warne Wilson's persistence in continuing his wood-turning while all else crumbled around him and Keith Muirhead's

mammoth 12 hour session getting all the finances up to date are more than any president can expect - my heartfelt appreciation.

Recently while both Geoff Harrison and Keith Muirhead were away Peter Dallimore and George Blowers stepped in and did a fantastic job of keeping the club running smoothly.

Don't forget our Christmas Party on the 12th December and on Saturday 21st November we will have a shed cleanup followed by a sausage sizzle to welcome new members and their partners.

Also of interest is an exhibition being held in Brisbane on the 13/14 November at the RNA Showgrounds. The "Hands-On" Expo looks like a must for all of us. Their website www.handsonexpo.com.au has all the details.

See you all at the club soon, I hope.

All the Best, Dave Banister

ANOTHER "NOT SO GENTLE" REMINDER

We are still experiencing a lot of clutter at the club where people do not clean up after themselves.

This is not only unfair to the rest of the members but it is downright dangerous!

**PLEASE CLEAN UP YOUR MESS
BEFORE YOU LEAVE**

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

Special Events

Sat 21 Nov 8:30	Shed Clean-up
Sat 21 Nov 11:30	New Members sausage sizzle
Sat 12 Dec 6pm	Christmas Party

New Members

411	Tim Bailey of Flaxton
412	Mike Poffley of Nambour
	A big BRWG welcome!

Have you got yourself a mentor yet?
Seek out the Shed Captain when you arrive.
He will give you a helping hand.

Changed your email - let us know!

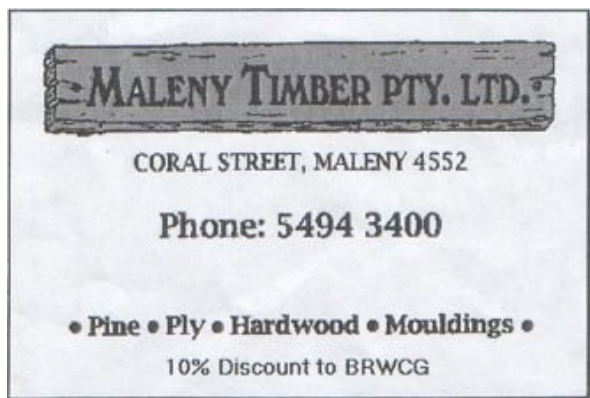
Unless you notify us of a change of email address you'll miss out on getting the Flitch 'n Chips or Woodies notices.

If you change please email or ring Lionel Tilley on 5429 6629 so our records can be kept up to date.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Starts at 6pm, Saturday 12th Dec
Surnames A-M bring a salad
Surnames N-Z bring a sweet**

**(If you don't want to drive try asking
another member to bring you)**



Some Help from a Kind Local

I have fitted to the Bosch drop saw a 'nut', that prevents the saw going out of adjustment when it is used for trenching. This 'nut' is approximately 15 x 20mm with a threaded hole in it.

This was made by the engineering company (who's name I do not know) on the right hand side of the road just the other side of Montville. The point being, that they did not charge anything for making it.

Brian Harris

SCROLL SAW & INTARSIA COURSE.

What is Intarsia, I hear you ask? The dictionary definition is "Intarsia is a highly developed form of inlay or marquetry in wood, originally as produced in Italy during the Renaissance." Today, it has developed into a woodcraft, making pictures using different coloured species of wood and the essential tool used is a scroll saw.

It is proposed to run a course in these skills if there is sufficient interest from Club members. The course will be split into two sections:

Part A. SCROLL SAW USE.

This will cover the basics of scroll saw techniques and safety and participants will be able to make reasonably complex scroll saw projects by the end of the course.

Part B. INTARSIA.

This is the follow up course on adapting the scroll saw skills mastered in the first course to crafting Intarsia. At the end of the course, participants will be able to take away a piece of Intarsia to be proud of.

TIMES.

It is proposed that each course will consist of one morning per week from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon for four weeks, either on a Wednesday or Thursday subject to suitability to all participants.

PROPOSED DATES.

Due to commitments in November, we have had to alter the course dates as follows.

Part A – Scroll Saw Course:

21st ; 28th January 2010; 4th; 11th February 2010.

Part B – Intarsia Course:

18th , 25th February 2010; 4th, 11th March 2010.

VENUE.

Courses will be held at 567 Maleny/Montville Road, Balmoral Ridge.

Cost will be \$20.00 per participant and it will include morning tea and all timber required for the courses.

NUMBER PER COURSE.

The maximum number of participants per course will be four (4). The club has two scroll saws and the convenor, Brian McTaggart has one so it will be necessary to find one more to be effective. (Hopefully, participants will have a machine of their own.) Blades will be supplied at cost and their price is very keen,


ARE YOU INTERESTED IN MAKING PLANES?

No, not aeroplanes!!

Iain Green makes Krenov or Japanese planes and is at the club on a Thursday.

Have a chat with him

Brent & Leanne Harris



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SHED CAPTAIN ROSTER

November

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

December

	2 Bob Keyte	3 Lionel Tilley	5 Doug Skinner
7 Ray Curry	9 Cec Wakerley	10 Terry Crowson	12 Dave Banister
14 Dave Banister	16 Keith Muirhead	17 John Drewe	19 Warne Wilson
21 George Blowers	23 John Close	24 John Clarke	26 Peter Simpson
28 Harry Wood	30 Bob Keyte	31 Lionel Tilley	

TUESDAYS are organized by carvers including George Blowers.

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

YOU PROBABLY HAVEN'T SEEN THESE ITEMS

A lot of good stuff is not made at the Club and so we often miss out on seeing them.

Here are some projects that I have been involved with.

George Blowers

Clockwise from the top:

Camphor laurel coffee table made by John Phipps.

Silky oak blanket box by Ray Curry.

Blue gum BBQ setting by Terry Crowson



CHAINSAWS

The electric chainsaw

Article 9 of 11

While advances in lightweight two stroke motor design have greatly reduced noise output from modern chainsaws, there is no doubt they should be used in the suburbs with due consideration for the neighbours.

Many householders have solved the noise problem by buying an electrically-powered chainsaw. It works with minimum noise, presents no starting problems and is light and easy to handle.

Electric chainsaws are often used in factories or workshops where petrol fumes would be a problem. For many applications, they are safer to use than circular saws. However, they can never be a complete substitute for the petrol-engined type. They are not meant for heavy professional work, and certainly not for tree-felling.

Like its petrol-engined relatives, the E14 is fitted with full safety features, including an inertia-activated chain brake to minimise the risk of kick-back.

In general, the same safety precautions apply as to all other chainsaws, but rubber-soled shoes should be worn while using an electric chainsaw and you should be careful to keep the cutting bar well away from the power flex!

You won't need ear muffs, but you should certainly wear goggles and gloves. It's also advisable to wear cut-proof trousers or chaps, and steel-capped boots for complete safety. Remember to keep the length of the electric lead to a minimum (the longer the lead the lower the power) and to use a heavy duty flex of 15 amp capacity. Anything lighter could overheat and cause a short circuit.

Next month - Choosing the right chainsaw

Mr Ed



Who is this?
Is he
impersonating a
reindeer or
what?

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Maintenance Record of Machinery

13/10/09	Blades replaced in 20" Thicknesser.
21/10/09	New 'nut' made to stop Bosch drop saw from loosing adjustment when trenching.
22/10/09	New lower thrust bearing fitted to band saw No. 3 as previous one has seized.
24/10/09	Panel saw cleaned and re-waxed.
27/10/09	Harry attended to gears on 20" Thicknesser before it self destructed.
31/10/09	Harry rotated cutters on Wood Wiz router.
31/10/09	John Holland made and fitted a new sliding fence to the Wadkin band saw.
03/11/09	New blades fitted to 15" Thicknesser.
04/11/09	New blade fitted to No.1 Band saw to replace broken one.

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Thought for the Month

I read recipes the same way I read science fiction. I get to the end and think, "Well, that's never going to happen!"



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Timber flow and Storage

We have started the job of redesigning and rebuilding the dust extraction system on the big breaking down saw. By making the dust extraction more efficient we will make the saw more useable and we can move then to the job of converting old and rejected slabs to useable timber.

Ron Donald, assisted regularly on Saturday mornings by Bob Rothwell, has produced a good supply of Black Bean, Jacaranda and Camphor slabs ready for the kiln and slabbing has now started on two logs of Queensland Maple.

During the month Dave Southern donated branches and pieces of Red Cedar suitable for carvers and turners. Thanks Dave!

The timber yard is in good order and is looking tidy thanks to George Blowers and his Dingo. Many of the old logs and shorts which were lying around have been converted into useable slabs and lumps and the offcuts put aside for dumping or firewood. George has also been delivering mixed timbers to keep our stocks up.

The portable bandsaw mill has been serviced by Ray Currie and Ed Kruger. A new drive chain has been fitted and the blade sharpened. Thanks fellers!

The kiln is working well due to the long spell of dry weather and the present load should be ready for removal at the end of this month. The kiln crew gets together to take care of the difficult job of loading and unloading each time. Any members who would like to learn and assist in this specialised area would be welcome to join the crew. Please contact me at 54999974.

Warne Wilson



TIMBER SALE
Saturday 28th November 7am-6pm
24 Coronation Ave, WOODFORD
Allen Handsley 54963033

Sawn boards and square sections
Flat slabs and slices Doors
Silver Ash veneer Thick blocks for turning
Courtroom panels in Red Cedar

AND MUCH MUCH MORE
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4 SALE
11 Wilga Crt, MAPLETON
Bob Keyte 54786793
(At the shed Wed and Sat)

"Shed" fridge - Kelvinator 360 lt VGC inside (needs a paint outside) \$55

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Solid W/R/Cedar door, 8 glass panels, brass fittings and lock, VGC \$85

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.....Rob & Toni.

ALZHEIMERS OR PARKINSONS

Which would you rather have?

PARKINSONS of course!

Better to spill half your drink that not know where the hell you put it!

Photos from the Christmas Sale



A great job done setting up the BBQ

Jenny Kerr demonstrates carving



"Hi Ho Silver"
Brian Harris demonstrates how strong this little horse is.



SOME LOCAL NEWS

S.H.A.G. Art Exhibition

Great opportunity to get in first with new and emerging local artists, along with well-loved regular exhibitors, when the **Self Help Art Group** has its last show for 2009.

9:30am-4:00pm, Sat 14 and Sun 15 November.

Free entry. Over a dozen artists and dozens of paintings. All donations and sale commissions go towards the maintenance of the heritage-listed St Mary's Church Hall, Montville.

What about this for a Home Handy Man!

"There I fixed it!"



And a plumber with a sense of humour!

From The London Times:

A Well-Planned Retirement

Outside England's Bristol Zoo there is a parking lot for 150 cars and 8 buses. For 25 years, its parking fees were managed by a very pleasant attendant. The fees were £1 for cars, £5 for buses. Then, one day, after 25 solid years of never missing a day of work, he just didn't show up; so the Zoo Management called the City Council and asked it to send them another parking agent. The Council did some research and replied that the parking lot was the Zoo's own responsibility. The Zoo advised the Council that the attendant was a City employee. The City Council responded that the lot attendant had never been on the City payroll.

Meanwhile, sitting in his villa somewhere on the coast of Spain (or some such scenario), is a man who'd apparently had a ticket machine installed completely on his own; and then had simply begun to show up every day, commencing to collect and keep the parking fees, estimated at about \$560 per day -- for 25 years. Assuming 7 days a week, this amounts to just over \$7 million dollars!

And no one even knows his name.

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