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## President's Column



Happy New Year to you all. It has been a great start with all this welcome rain but now the grass is almost knee high!

Last year was a really great one with lots of member participation and a good balance sheet.

Many things are already in hand for 2010 and we should have another great year ahead of us. A new club manual is being produced; the new container has had initial approval from the MVA and we will now get the fire service involved ready for final approval; dates for future events have been agreed; wood turning courses are due to start; and members are keen and motivated with lots of good ideas.

Many thanks to John Holland for an excellent demo last Saturday. Well done. With luck we will see more of these great instructional sessions.

Our Open Day is not far away. We need your unwanted tools for the tool auction; items that could be used for the chocolate wheel; and I am looking for a third prize for the raffle. Cec Wakerley has offered a squatter's chair and Brian Harris and team is contributing one of his rocking horses (does anyone have a good name for the horse?).

Harry Wood has erected a notice board for the wood turners to keep them informed of events. Thanks Harry.

It was reported at the meeting that timber has been uncovered for inspection and then left in the open. This will cause rot and spoiling. If you uncover then please re-cover before leaving.

On the safety side, please continue to be vigilant - wear covered footwear, observe the rules of the machine you are using (and don't come here after that extra few drinks!!!!).

*All the Best, Dave Banister*

## CARBA-TEC ORDERS

If you wish to buy anything from Carba-Tec this month you will need to get your order in this week.  
Order forms are at the shed.

## SHED TIMES

Mornings from 8:30 - 11:30

<b>Mondays</b>	General Activities
<b>Tuesdays</b>	Turning & Carving
<b>Wednesdays</b>	General Workshop & Toys
<b>Thursdays</b>	Furniture & Joinery
<b>Saturdays</b>	General Activities & Demos
<b>General Meeting</b>	2nd Monday of the month 9:30

## COMING UP

February 8th	General Meeting
February 2nd	Shed clean-up & tree trimming
March 13th	Open Day
May 1st/2nd	Chainsaw to Fine Furniture
July 3rd/4th	BRWG Expo
December 4th/5th	Xmas Shop

## New Members

418	Pat McDonald of Maleny
419	Tony Taylor of Buderim

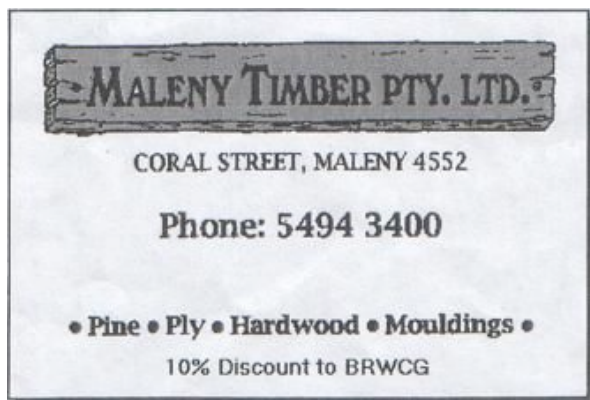
A big BRWG welcome!

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

## WATCH OUT! THE SHED CAPTAIN BITES



**And, if you don't follow safety instructions, so will the machinery!**



### Only in Australia...

Can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.


Do banks leave doors open, have no armed guards and chain the pens to the counter.

Do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and store our junk in the garage.

Do supermarkets make the sick people walk all the way to the back of the store to get their Panadol while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front.


Do we live by the saying "You're never too pissed if you can still find the floor."

### Stand proud Aussies....!!!!



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### Something by novices!

Many of the items we see are superb pieces made by our very clever members. However, you can make a good job of a project with a little help from these "experts".

Mike Hegarty and Kay Chambers with the assistance of Bob Keyte made this box, designed specifically to hold the precious gemstones that they facet.




### The Scroll Saw & Intarsia Course

will commence on Thursday 21st January at  
567 Maleny-Montville Rd, Balmoral Ridge  
(opposite Lillypillie's Cottages)  
starting at 9.00 am.

Would all those members who enrolled please  
confirm their booking with John Muller on  
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## Have you tried to do finger or dovetail jointing and had little success or even given up?

Well, your bad times are over! The club has purchased a Gifkins Dovetail Jig that makes it so easy you will love it! Soon there will also be a dedicated router to make life even easier.



The box below was made in less than an hour by a beginner!



### Quote of the month

"Conference" - The confusion of one man multiplied by the number present

## SHED CAPTAIN ROSTER

MONTH	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
<b>January</b>	4 Dave Banister	5 Frank McDonald	6 Keith Muirhead	7 John Drewe	2 Warne Wilson
	11 Brian Harris	12 George Blowers	13 John Close	14 John Holland	9 Peter Simpson
	18 Dave Banister	19 Tom Black	20 Bob Keyte	21 Lionel Tilley	16 Doug Skinner
	25 George Blowers	26 Ray Curry	27 Cec Wakerley	28 Terry Crowson	23 Dave Banister 30 Warne Wilson
<b>February</b>	1 Dave Banister	2 Frank McDonald	3 Keith Muirhead	4 John Drewe	6 Peter Simpson
	8 Brian Harris	9 George Blowers	10 John Close	11 John Holland	13 Doug Skinner
	15 Dave Banister	16 Tom Black	17 Bob Keyte	18 Lionel Tilley	20 Dave Banister
	22 George Blowers	23 Ray Curry	24 Cec Wakerley	25 Terry Crowson	27 Warne Wilson
<b>March</b>	1 Dave Banister	2 Frank McDonald	3 Keith Muirhead	4 John Drewe	6 Peter Simpson
	8 Brian Harris	9 George Blowers	10 John Close	11 John Holland	13 Doug Skinner
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	22 George Blowers	23 Ray Curry	24 Cec Wakerley	25 Terry Crowson	27 Warne Wilson
	29 Brian Harris	30 Frank McDonald	31 Keith Muirhead		

## CHAINSAWS

### Chainsaw Check List

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A highly important factor in choosing your chainsaw is the power to weight ratio. Modern materials, design and engineering have resulted in chainsaws with very powerful engines, yet which are ergonomically designed and light enough to be operated for long periods without fatigue or discomfort.

But there are other, and equally important considerations when choosing the right chainsaw, apart from power and performance. Some of these are:

- \* Safety features. Check that the saw is fitted with a chain brake - preferably an inertia-activated chain brake - hand guard, chain catching bolt and safety throttle lock. Preferably, the chain brake should be incorporated in the crank case to protect it from dirt, thus reducing maintenance and prolonging its efficiency.
- \* Comfort features. Any saw that is going to be used over long periods should incorporate an anti-vibration system, isolating the working parts of the saw from the handle.
- \* Ergonomic design. Is the engine casing and the sprocket cover smooth, with rounded edges and no protruding "bits", so that the machine slides easily over the timber and doesn't get caught in leaves or twigs? The front handle should be angled to give the most comfortable grip and maximum control over the machine.
- \* Easy maintenance. The chain-tensioning screw should be accessible from outside the machine, as should the carburetor adjustments. Air filters should also be easily accessible.
- \* Make sure that the product has the original maker's guide bar and chain fitted. Warranty problems might arise otherwise.
- \* Availability of servicing and spare parts from the retailer. Nothing is more frustrating than being unable to use your saw because you can't get a vital part, or you can't get it serviced or repaired if necessary.

If you buy from a member of a servicing dealer network you will be buying from someone approved and trained by the manufacturer not only to sell, service and provide spare parts and give a warranty on your machine, but also to advise you properly on your choice - provided you can give him the right information about your requirements!

*Mr Ed*

Thanks to the person who returned the Gifkins DVD  
- Now I know at least one person reads this! Ed



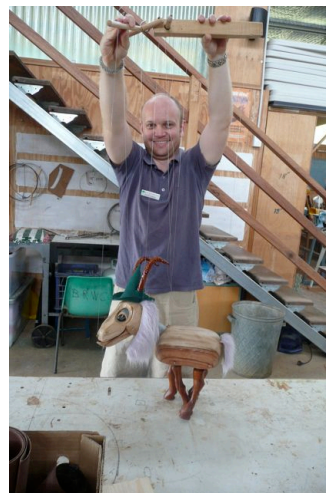
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### GIVE AWAY

Solid pine vee-jointed cupboard, 1.5m high, 1.1m wide, 0.4m deep, two doors. Good tool storage.

**Edsel Ward 54786005**  
or see **Dave Banister**

### TASSIE TIMBERS

Bob Aitken has been in touch with a friend associated with Forestry Tasmania regarding supply of Tassie timbers to interested members of the "Woodies".

Timbers available are: celery top pine, myrtle, sassafras (including black hearted sassafras), blackwood, huon pine, tassie oak, king billy pine (in shorter supply), and other species like musk.

Timber is sold by weight. Cost ranges from \$5-\$8.50 per kilogram. Orders must specify length and width in feet, and thickness in inches.

Quotes will be supplied for cost and transportation of orders before they are "set in stone".

Interested members should contact  
**Bob 54943594**

### TURNING COURSES FOR BEGINNERS

Paul Siddell is commencing courses on Wednesday 20th January 12 noon to 3:30 for three weeks. The cost is \$40 which includes an exceptionally good manual.

**Contact Paul 54937282**

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### Timber flow and Storage

Wet and humid weather has slowed drying in the kiln. Moisture content readings on the edges of slabs indicate levels as low as 10% but readings in the middle of the slabs that I was able to reach indicate 20% and further drying is necessary. The kiln is loaded with camphor laurel with good colour and some jacaranda.

I have been working on the breaking down saw to build an efficient dust extraction system. The work has extended over several Saturday mornings between other duties and the Christmas break and should be completed this week. The dust extraction chamber will be temporarily connected to the 150 mm inlet at the 20 inch thicknesser when we need to use the saw and will improve air quality at the saw dramatically.

I will be paying a visit to George Blowers' property this week to inspect the reserves of timber he has available for the club and to provide input re our timber use requirements for the future.

Dennis Campbell has access to two cubes of dark colour red cedar similar to the red cedar that was milled in the early days. It is in New Guinea and his friend who imports timber to Australia has offered to ship it free of charge in one of his containers. They like to cut billets 200 mm X 200 mm X 2.4 m which would be ideal for the Porta Mill. We do not know a price yet but Dennis will find out and advise us.

George Blowers moved several logs of mixed timbers to the Porta Mill on Saturday. Ray Curry and his helpers will use the mill to slab them this week.

### Warne Wilson

#### President's Joke

Q: Why do cows lie down when rain is coming?

A: To keep the udders dry!

(I think he opened too many Xmas crackers! Ed.)

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.....Rob & Toni.

**On Sat 9 Jan, John Holland gave a very informative and amusing talk on safety with small power tools. The talk was well attended with about 35 members present.**

### Who's Who in BRWG Inc. 2009-2010

**Patrons: Peter Wellington MP & Cr. Jenny Mckay**

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In fact, John not only discussed safety matters, he also gave a number of handy tips on how to get the best out of these tools:

**Power saws:** here the emphasis was on avoiding kickback. John discussed the merits of large versus small saws, the advantages of the smaller ones being that they were less prone to kickback and, being lighter, easier to control. John also showed a simple jig that can be used to repeatedly produce cuts of a required width.

**Routers:** John showed how the same jig used for saws could also be used with a router. He advised members to buy only the bits they really need and to go for the best quality. Always wait for the router to stop before lifting it away from the timber.

**Planers:** John's biggest plea was that anyone who damages a plane blade should report it to the shed captain immediately, and not leave the next user vulnerable.

**Belt sanders:** Hold them away from the surface to be sanded and away from your body before starting the motor. Belt sanders work best when sanding across the grain. Make sure you cover the surface in a kind of random walk to avoid digging trenches.