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## President's Column

### *Good-day everybody*

We had a good turnout for our recent clean-up day. Thanks to all those who helped. Thanks also to George Blowers and Markus Schade for fixing up pot holes in the road.

Our next Open Day is on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> March. It provides an opportunity to raise the profile of the Woodies to the general public, to promote our woodworking skills, and also to provide a venue whereby you can offer products to make some money for yourselves and at the same time raise some funds for the guild. The event relies heavily on the experience of individual members and the organising ability of the committee. But most importantly, it relies on a spirit of collaboration by all members and our contribution in either demonstration time, donations or items for display and sale. We need your help, regardless of your experience as a woodworker and how long you have been in the club. The planned programme is shown later in the newsletter, and also pinned up on the notice board with the Volunteer list, The Organising Committee is Cec Wakerley, Ray Curry, Bob Keyte, and Rick Vickers

We have decided that the fairest way of running the tool sale at the Open Day is to have an auction at 11am. This will allow visitors as well as members time to properly view items up for sale. For those of you who plan to submit items for sale, please bring them along at 7:30am on the day. You may place a reserve price on items. Also all electrical items will require tagging before being allowed to be sold. An electrician will be on hand to carry out the tagging.

Later in the newsletter, Peter Dallimore provides a list of other upcoming events at which you might like to show the world what you are capable of.

Talking about roads, when you come along on open day, please park as close to the entrance to the grounds as you safely can. This will allow visitors to park nearer the Shed.

We now have a new stock of club shirts. So if you don't have one, or your existing one has been put out to car-washing duties, then come and get one.

— All the best  
Dave Banister

## Shed Times

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

## Upcoming Events

13 March	Club Open Day
1 & 2 May	Barung Wood Expo

## New Members

No 420	Barry Retschlag of Maleny
<b>A big BRWG welcome to you Barry, and a welcome back to a returning member Digby Milne of Kawana Island.</b>	

## Open Day: Tool Auction

Do you have tools that you no longer use, but are still usable, then the Open Day is the venue to turn them into cash. The tools must be in working order and delivered on the day (7.30 am) to the Tool Team headed by Warne Wilson.

## Shed Captains—Please Note

Following one or two recent hiccups, a gentle reminder to all shed captains that there are procedures to be followed when opening and closing the shed. You have already been provided with a copy of these. Please refresh.

## Shed Captain Roster


### February 2010

Mondays		Tuesdays		Wednesdays		Thursdays		Saturdays	
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

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## Open Day

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A set of guidelines and instructions offers first time or newer members a glimpse of how things happen and provides them a chance to get involved. Copies of the guidelines are with the Organising Committee or available from Rick Vickers, (5494 3555) the Event Organiser for 2010.

Members are reminded to fill in the volunteer sheets (on the cork notice board) for the various and many activities. If you are new to this event, there are plenty of 'mentors' to guide you. Don't allow inexperience to restrict your involvement.

All rostered members are requested to arrive by 8:30am, so that the event can begin promptly. The key times for the OPEN DAY are:

- a. 7.30 am Shed open, members drop off tools for auction, erect shelters
- b. 8.30 am Members arrive and park vehicles well away from The Shed (east of tennis courts)
- c. 9 am Car park open to the public, Hand crafted items and slabs available for sale
- d. 9 am to 11 am view tool for auction
- e. Every hour on the hour slabbing and milling each 15 minute duration (except 11 am to noon)
- f. Every hour on the half hour other types of demonstrations in The Shed (except 11 am to noon)
- g. 9.30 am Demonstrations start
- h. 10 am Official Welcome
- i. 11 am Tool auction
- j. 2.30 pm Raffle Draw
- k. 3 pm OPEN DAY finishes

— Rick Vickers  
Event Coordinator  
5494 3555

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..... Rob & Toni



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**Open Day: Craft Items for Sale**

We need to create or build plenty of handcrafted items for display and sale. Lionel Tilley will look after the placement for displays but you need to provide details and pricing to him.





For Sale:

- Slabs of Camphor and Brown Pine. Ron Baumann, Mapleton.
- Contact Tony Hamlyn-Harris. 5448 6678

### Timber Flow and Storage Report

Timber in the kiln was drying well due to the long spell of warm dry weather, but drying has slowed down during the recent wet weather.

A stack of Bunya Pine fresh from the Porta mill was added on top of the kiln load during the month. President Dave screwed down the restraining bolts to take up the shrinkage in the trolley loads at the same time. More air drying space under cover is badly needed to cope with the increased production of slabs and milled timber, and serious thought must be given to this problem. There is no point in producing quality, value-added timber to see it deteriorate under temporary cover in the yard. We bought two more old roller doors at a cheap price in January. We have found that these can be laid over stacks of slabs in the yard to provide better cover and weather protection. George Blowers brought them up from Nambour for us.

My work on the breaking-down dust extractor is now complete thanks to help from Harry Wood and John Holland. This now enables poorer quality slabs left in the racks to be milled to usable timber without a massive emission of dust. Does anyone feel like volunteering to assist with this?

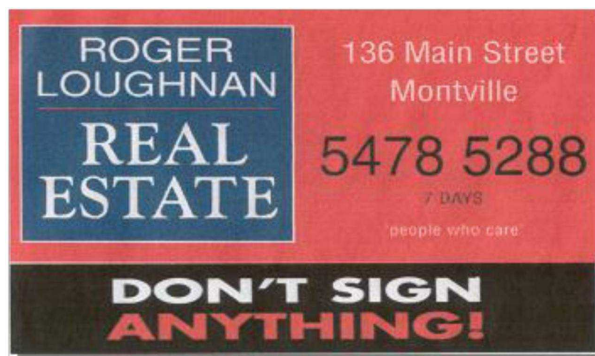
The Guild has bought a large steel industrial storage rack, which will be used to replace the deteriorating wooden racks in the yard which we use for keeping lumps and pieces for the carvers and turners. The new racks will provide better display and storage of the pieces, allowing much easier access and use by members.

Ray Curry and his helpers have worked the Porta mill twice during January and a trolley-load of a variety of slabs in various thicknesses is the good result of their efforts.

— *Warne Wilson*

### Open Day: Home Cooking

Audrey Kelly needs help with contributions of home-made biscuits, cakes, cookies etc to supplement the larder in the Tea/Coffee Shop. Please provide these on the morning of the Open Day



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### Room for a Joke!



### Forthcoming promotion and selling occasions

Over the next few months, as well as our own open day, there are quite a few other opportunities for Guild members to show their woodworking skills.

### Saturday April 10, May 8, June 12 from 8am to 3pm Artists on the Green & Craft Markets

Artists and Artisans showing their skills and a diverse range of Arts and Crafts on display and for sale. The market is well promoted and visitor numbers are growing. BRWG members wishing to display and sell their work would also need to be members of Arts Connect in order to be covered by insurance. Membership of Arts Connect costs \$20 per annum see [www.artconnectinc.com.au](http://www.artconnectinc.com.au) for more information and to join on line.

The Green Fee for each market is \$10 for a 3x3m area and you can borrow the Guild's canopy and display tables.

### Saturday June 12 and Sunday June 13 Gardening on the Edge Garden Trail and Garden Market see [www.malenygardenclub.org](http://www.malenygardenclub.org) for more details

Garden visitors will be invited to call in on the Shed during normal opening hours on the Saturday. Members are asked to show visitors around the Shed and offer them light refreshments. The Arts and Craft market referred to above will be an opportunity for members to sell their work to the influx of visitors expected for Gardening on The Edge

### Fri August 20 to Sun August 29 Festival of Walks

Visitors to the event will be invited to call in on the Shed during normal opening hours during the 9 day event. Members are asked to show visitors around the Shed and offer them light refreshments.

Contact me for more information on 0409 321 779 or  
[peterjd@westnet.com.au](mailto:peterjd@westnet.com.au)

— *Peter Dallimore*

## Scroll Saw and Intarsia Group

The scroll saw and intarsia course is progressing well with three meeting days attended by the enthusiastic group of "Woodies" who have already made some very presentable items. The course has covered basic scroll saw knowledge and skills with a simple wooden bowl. (Who said all bowls have to be turned.)

The bowl was made out of one piece of wood and with the help of a bobbin sander and expert finishing from Max, the finished article looks great. The second item was an intarsia picture of a cowboy boot, with great potential to sell at Tamworth or the Gympie Country muster! This exercise was to further develop scroll saw skills but using those skills to have a crack at a simple intarsia.



The third week found the group creating a jigsaw of a honey-eater in a flower. These can be mounted on a stand or left as a simple jigsaw. Another exercise in developing scroll saw skills.



The next project planned for week four (and five) will be a fairly large intarsia which will introduce the "band of scroll saw experts" in creating a three dimensional aspect to the piece.

The Scroll Saw Group, ( Woodies Max, Steve, Lorraine, James and Roger) meet at John Muller's workshop on each Thursday at 9.00 where Woodie, Brian McTaggart has everyone hard at it. For \$20.00, morning tea, patterns and wood are provided.



## Raffle

- You should have received or will shortly be receiving some raffle tickets to sell.
- There are two wonderful prizes of equal value
- One of the prizes is a traditional rocking horse with lambswool mane and tail. Fondly known as 'Sunny'
- The other prize is a heritage squatter's chair in northern silky oak.
- First ticket drawn gets to choose!
- Drawn at 2:30pm



No, Treasurer Keith Muirhead is **not** the next raffle prize.



## Do Not Read This Joke—if you're over 80

A group of 40-year-old buddies discuss where they should meet for dinner. Finally, it is agreed upon that they should meet at the Gausthof zum Lowen restaurant because the waitresses there have low-cut blouses and nice breasts.

10 years later, at 50 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed upon that they should meet at the Gausthof zum Lowen because the food there is very good and the wine selection is good also.

10 years later at 60 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed upon that they should meet at the Gausthof zum Lowen because they can eat there in peace and quiet and the restaurant is smoke free.

10 years later, at 70 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed upon that they should meet at the Gausthof zum Lowen because the restaurant is wheel chair accessible and they even have an elevator.

10 years later, at 80 years of age, the group meets again and once again they discuss where they should meet. Finally it is agreed upon that they should meet at the Gausthof zum Lowen because none of them had been there before.

## Machinery Maintenance Report or a statement of the blading obvious


02/01/10	Blunted blade replaced on Wadkin band saw.
09/01/10	Two broken blades replaced on No. 3 band saw.
09/01/10	New blades fitted to electric hand planer.
13/01/10	Blade on No. 3 band saw replaced.
16/01/10	Blade on horizontal band saw sharpened.
16/01/10	Blade on Wadkin band saw replaced.

— Brian Harris

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

**Patrons: Peter Wellington MP and Cr Jenny McKay**

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