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## President's Column



It was with great sadness and shock that we learned of Bob Keyte's sudden departure from this world in February. It brought home to us all just how unpredictable life can be. The large turnout at the shed on Saturday 20th February was a clear indication of the numbers of people who had been touched by Bob. We will miss him immensely.

Onto other matters now. We have received approval for the new container. As soon as the weather improves we will get on with the concreting.

Machine maintenance is taking place without being recorded. This must only be done by those qualified for the job and they must record their action. There is a book with a page for each machine in the cupboard next to the accreditation books. Also please keep Brian Harris informed.

Any member experiencing a problem or breakdown must report it to the Shed Captain.

And don't forget to turn off equipment and keep your fingers out of the machinery!

*All the Best, Dave Banister*

## 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

March 13th	Open Day
April 12th	General Meeting
May 1st/2nd	Barung Wood Expo
May 7th/8th	Cooroora Inter Club Competition
July 3rd/4th	BRWG Expo
December 4th/5th	Xmas Shop

## New Members

421 Joe Avis 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.

## Cooroora Inter Club Competition

This is being coordinated by Ron Fishwick.

Entries will be in five sections - woodturning, carving, general woodwork, pyrography, fretwork intarsia. Each club can enter one item in each section and points are awarded for each item. The club with the most points will be declared the winner of a rather nice sliding drop saw worth about \$1200.

Ron may be contacting you if you have something special to offer.

## OPEN DAY TOOL SALES

Please note that tools are accepted between 8 and 9 and nothing will be sold until 9am.

An electrician will be on hand to check and tag at no charge. At 11am all tools unsold will be auctioned and reserve prices may be set.

## Roll On James, Roll On !!

After a turning course with Paul Siddell, James Parsons is all set to get into the kitchen.



## SQUATTER'S CHAIR CLASSES

Start in April - put your name on the board

## The Plane Truth about Ray Bryant

Late last year, I noticed that Ray Bryant was sanding the legs of a very elegant cedar hall table. He had moulded these legs from veneer so that they had two sides that were flat and two that were curved. At that point, I had just finished making a wooden plane in a style that has been made popular by James Krenov, a well known American woodworker.

I thought that this plane would offer a nicely burnished flat finish for the straight sides and with less effort than it would take sanding. So, I offered my plane to Ray and after a couple of passes, he was a convert and decided that he wanted to make one of these planes himself.

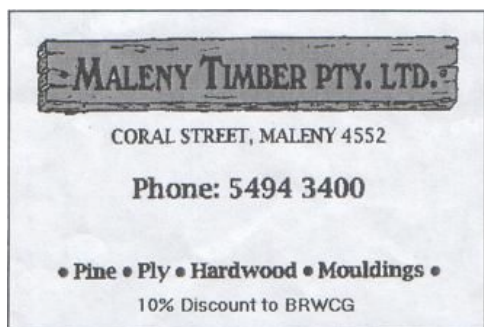
As a first step, he decided to make a scraper plane to a design that he had been thinking about. Scraper planes don't give as good a finish as more standard planes but have the advantage that they can handle hard timber and curly grains. Ray's initial plane worked well and encouraged him to move onto a Krenov style plane. At my suggestion, Ray went to a timber warehouse in Brisbane to get some Cooktown ironwood for this new plane. Cooktown ironwood is very hard and has a good reputation in Australia for making planes. Unfortunately, the pieces they had available weren't straight-grained which made Ray's task doubly difficult.

I think it was at this point that Ray's abilities as a woodworker came to the fore. Initially, the throat and the mouth of the plane were a little out of square and it seemed that cranky grain on the side was going to split. However, Ray was not deterred. He re-cut the sides and made brass inserts that ensured everything was square and tight. The end result was a plane that takes a nice shaving.

When I came back from a break over Christmas, Ray had a gleam in his eye and a new blade – he was making another plane! We decided to use a block from an old fence post of Murray River Red Gum that George Blowers had found. It was quite hard, straight-grained and didn't have any cracks. Ray and I then talked through the problems he had with the first Krenov-style plane to see how he should go about this new plane.

The photo shows Ray's initial plane and the 'block' is the progress on the new plane. Ray has invented a way of using a brass rod and sleeves in the side cheeks that looks as though it will ensure that the plane throat & mouth will be square when it is glued up – well done. I also like Ray's approach to

this little project – take your time, think through problems as they arise and creep up on the end result. *Iain Green*



**Ray Bryant and Iain Green**



### Machinery Maintenance Record

17/02/10	New 1/8 blade to Band Saw.
18/02/10	New 1/8 blade to Band Saw.
24/02/10	Three new 1/8 blades fitted to Band Saw.
27/02/10	Steel cabinet attached to wall for the storage of Band saw blades.
27/02/10	20" thicknesser blades honed.
27/02/10	15" thicknesser new blades fitted.

*Brian Harris*



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## TIMBER FLOW & STORAGE MARCH 2010

The kiln was emptied on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of February and the racks were reorganised to provide space for the new timber. The load included good straight slabs of Camphor Laurel and Queensland Maple with some smaller slabs of White Cedar plus three big slabs of Bunya Pine.

It was decided not to reload the kiln on that day because the wet weather had caused dangerous conditions for loading and wheeling trolleys in the yard. I was pleased by the way the kiln crew came together for the morning and by their enthusiastic approach to this often heavy and difficult work, thanks fellows!

John Phipps has volunteered to start converting some of the old warped and cracked slabs in the racks to milled useable timber via the breaking down saw. Please give him a hand if you see him working on his own.

Several stacks of recently cut slabs are stored in the yard awaiting the kiln. This is fine in dry weather but it becomes a worry in the wet, even under the protection of sheets of iron and garage roller doors as rain is blown in. I am hoping that the new covered racks planned will achieve adequate protection, but failing that we may have to regulate production of slabs to match the available dry storage.

If you want a piece of timber and you are a bit hesitant to cut a full slab, just remember the club rule – it is quite OK to cut a slab cross grain providing you leave an off-cut at least 1200mm long. The timber is there to be used and there is no point in keeping slabs in the racks because someone might want a full slab one day. Just ask your shed captain on the day if you are not sure. Your Shed Captain will either price the piece for you or will arrange for one of the authorised senior members to do it.

The weather continues to be too wet to bring slabs from the yard to load the kiln. As I would like to have at least some timber in the kiln to show to visitors on Open Day I am hoping that the sky will be clear, and the ground dry enough in the next few days to allow us to do it.

Good quality hardwood including some White Ash remains in the racks. If you are thinking of some cabinet making, why not consider some good Australian hardwood for your project?  
*Warne Wilson*

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## Thoughts for the Month

**Committee:** Individuals who can do nothing alone and sit to decide that nothing can be done together. (Not OUR committee!...Ed)

**Diplomat:** Someone who tells you to go to hell in such a way that you actually look forward to the trip.

**Smile:** A curve that can set a lot of things straight.

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

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

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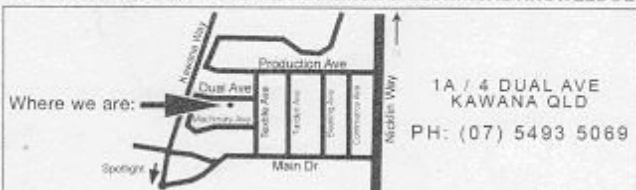
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## SHED CAPTAIN ROSTER

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

## A TRIBUTE TO BOB KEYTE

It is perhaps too easy to say that Bob was a unique character, a “one off”, but he truly was, and he will long be remembered for his humour, his generosity of spirit and his willingness to help others whilst pretending that involvement in anything was just not his style.

He also had a great sense of the ridiculous as everyone who came to the Christmas parties can testify. In the



middle of any presentation or award there was always the chance that Bob's added comment from somewhere in the background would bring the house down.

He had a natural objection to and rejection of beaurocracy in any form and automatically rebelled against it in ways that only Bob could. And we loved him for it. Bob served in the army in Vietnam and must have been the sergeant major's worst nightmare. To say he was laid back is an understatement. In fact we reckon that he must have made his unit more like the TV show Mash than the TV show itself.

Amongst a shed full of characters Bob was a character that stood out. He was as unique as some of the pieces he created. He is sorely missed and will long be remembered fondly by all those that were fortunate enough to have come into contact with him.

*Jeff Harrison*

Secretary

Mike and I joined the club just a bit before Bob but had not found our niche and decided not to renew our membership. That is, until we heard of his “Tree to Table” course designed for beginners that was to start in early 2008.

When we arrived at the shed for the start of the course there was only one car there (a rather old but beautiful Citroen) and only one person (a man with skinny legs, baggy shorts and t-shirt, mop of curls and wicked grin). From that point onward we never looked back. The course was fun and we learned SO MUCH.

Then at the club, Bob was always there to help us. Always he had the same



cheerful approach (despite our stuff-ups) and, because he was such a great teacher and mentor who took so much care, we always had a fantastic result.

From his first intervention in our woodworking lives we have used the phrase “Bob would not have been happy with that”, and it has become our motto. If Bob would not have been happy, then we must try harder! This motto will live with us through our woodworking lives, meaning Bob will too.

*Kay Chambers and Mike Hegarty*



### The Bob Keyte Award

The committee has decided to make an annual award for the most innovative and “different” piece of work, in Bob's honour. A special trophy will be the winner's to keep and a shield with the winner's names on will be maintained at the club. The winner will be announced at our Expo in July and Norma Keyte will be asked to present the first award.



His table designed after watching a magpie walking on his deck (whilst enjoying a glass of red, no doubt!)



A very different hall mirror by Bob.

It is rumoured that Jill Blowers might be in the running as she has made something very unusual. Check out our website for a look.

**What can you do in the “Bob Keyte Tradition”?**

## Bob's Day - 20th February 2010

