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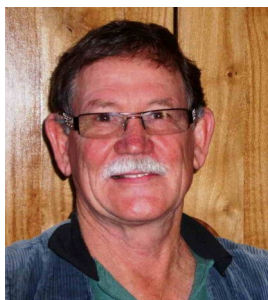
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BYRON BAY
GALLERY

167 Main St.
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Presidents Column



Hello fellow Woodies,

What a great time of the year! Winter is over, Spring is sprung, a new Committee is getting into the job and the retiring Committee is getting back to serious woodwork.

Under Dave Banister's gentle guidance over the last two years, the club has gone from strength to strength – in all areas. Much equipment has been replaced, facilities have been greatly improved at the Shed, many new members have joined up and we are in the best financial position for many years, if not the best ever. Most importantly, the friendly atmosphere at our club has become a talking point at other clubs and this has much to do with the way previous management teams have taken care of business. Jeff Harrison stands down from the Secretary role after showing us how it should be done for the last three years, and Keith Muirhead steps up to the plate again for his fourth term as Treasurer. Well done all, and thank you to everyone who has worked so hard behind the scenes.

Initially, your new Committee's focus will be on running the business side of the Guild efficiently. The system of meetings will change for a trial period – details are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Other areas we will concentrate on over the next year include an ongoing focus on safety, gradual replacement of some economy level machinery with better-engineered items and a club-wide campaign to improve our general housekeeping. We will also produce a Club Manual for Members, where you will be able to find all our policies, rules and procedures in one place at last.

After an appeal from the turners about congestion on the lathes, we have decided to open on Fridays each week to provide even more access for this popular activity. If this does not solve the complete problem, we will look at perhaps acquiring another midi-lathe in the future. Frank McDonald has kindly offered to manage the Friday openings, the first of which will be on 23rd September. Let's try to keep Fridays for quieter activities as we do on Tuesdays (turning, carving, pyrography, small joinery for example), and limit the use of routers, the big thicknesser and such.

In a few weeks we will have a Hammer table saw to replace the Carba-Tec saw, that has proven to be unsuitable for our high levels of usage. There will be special accreditation requirements for the new saw, which we will advise about later.

Cheers to all,

Peter Simpson,
President

New Members

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| No 445 | Lubo Gregor |
| No 446 | Ardyn Morton |
| No 447 | George Garcia |

A big BRWG welcome to you all.

Shed Times 8.30—11.30

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| Mondays | General Activities |
| Tuesdays | Turning & Carving |
| Wednesdays | General Workshop & Toys |
| Thursdays | Furniture & Joinery |
| Fridays | Turning & Carving |
| Saturdays | General Activities & Demos |
| General Meeting | Thursday Nov. 11 |

A message from our Training Officer

What would you like the Guild to do for you?

One way we can help develop your skills is to run demonstrations & courses – **but** we need to know what you would like!! Demonstrations can be held the first Saturday of each month and generally take 60 to 90 minutes, whereas courses may take 2 to 4 hours each week for up to six weeks.

A few suggestions for **demonstrations** –

Correct use of (a) the Router
(b) the dovetail jig
(c) hand tools

Sharpening turning chisels

Sharpening hand tools

Enhancing the edge of bowls

Welding bandsaw blades

Some **courses** run in the past are –

Intarsia

Making a squatters chair

Jewellery box making

Pyrography

Carving basics

Advanced turning

Side table construction

Please give Lionel Tilley a ring on 5429 6629 or email newsletter.brwg@gmail.com if you have any suggestions on what we can do for you or if you feel you have a contribution to make in the way of a demonstration or course.

Remember its your club & unless you let us know, we don't know what you want.



John and June Phipps with the pair of tables that John made for their wedding anniversary

Kiln and Timber Flow Report

The Kiln was unloaded on the 21st August by our dedicated kiln crew. Well done again guys! Warne Wilson and I were surprised that the timber moisture content was down to under 14% in such a short time. We then proceeded to load the kiln again and continued to load over the next two Saturday mornings.

Members will be pleased to know that some very good and hard to get timbers were placed in the kiln including White Beech, Hoop Pine, Red Cedar, London Plane Tree and New Zealand Karri. All of these were cut on the Lucas mill by George Blowers and his hard working team. We hope to have it all ready for use in about two months depending on the weather. There is also a good supply of our old favorite Camphor Laurel. While I was out at the Lucas mill site I took the opportunity to carry out a rough stock take, there is still a large amount of logs to be processed so the clubs supply is looking strong.

I will be organizing a working bee in the near future for the break down saw as we have a stock of dried slabs of various timbers that need to be cut into usable planks for members to use particularly the popular Camphor Laurel and Silky Oak.

Storage of wood ready for sale is becoming a problem as our stock is steadily increasing so lets grab some well priced timber for that next project.

Phil Gibson

Two guys, one old bloke and one young, are pushing their carts around Bunnings Hardware store when they collide.

The older bloke says to the young guy, 'Sorry about that. I'm looking for my wife, and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going.'

The young guy says, 'That's OK. It's a coincidence. I'm looking for my wife, too. I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate.'

The old bloke says, 'Well, maybe we can help each other. What does your wife look like?'

The young guy says, 'Well, she is 24 yrs old, tall, with blonde hair, big blue eyes, long legs, big boobs, and she's wearing tight white shorts, a halter top and no bra. 'What does your wife look like?'

The old bloke says..... 'Doesn't matter --- let's look for yours.'

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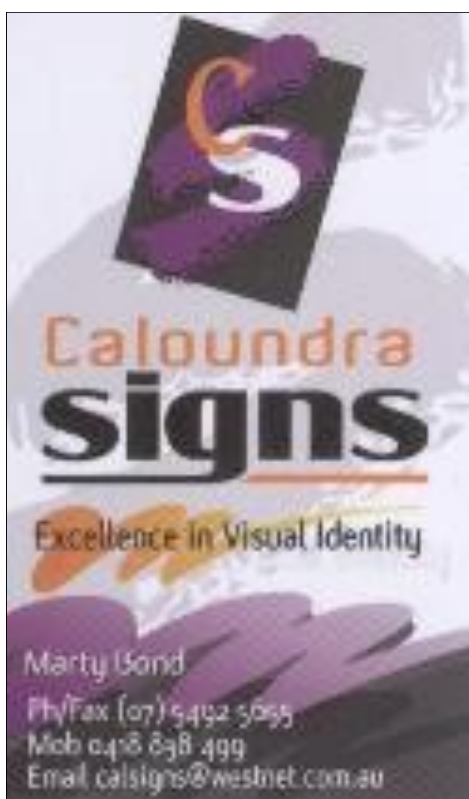
The Committee has become concerned at members' reports over recent months that a few members are choosing to ignore common-sense rules designed to prolong the life of our machinery. There have also been reports of wilful abuse of our machines by those who know better.

Please be aware of our rules regarding machining of recycled timber. Used timber, particularly denser hardwoods, can cause accelerated wear on planer, jointer and saw blades. There is also a greater risk that imbedded nails etc will not be detected by our metal detectors and will cause expensive damage. If you are unaware of the expense involved in hitting a nail, bolt or piece of wire, talk to George Blowers, Ron Donald or your Treasurer who has to pay some of the bills.

The long-standing rule is that

- *used timber, unpainted, is not to be machined on BRWG machines without the express permission of the Shed Captain of the day*
- *no painted timber is to be machined at all.*

Regarding wilful abuse of machines, the Committee has reluctantly decided to take a firm line. If the Committee learns of cases of repeated abuse of BRWG machines, the member concerned will be warned, once only, and if the behavior continues, may be temporarily or permanently banned from that group of machines.



Who's Who in BRWG Inc. 2010-2011

Patrons: Peter Wellington MP and Cr Jenny McKay

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| President | Peter Simpson | 5442 9408 |
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| Activity Officers | Ray Curry, Cec Wakerley, John Drew, John Clarke, Warne Wilson, Dave Banister, Peter Simpson, Keith Muirhead, Brian Harris | |
| Shed Managers | John Holland, Brian Harris | |
| Amenity Officers | Alan Boag, Gill Blowers | |
| Timber Sourcing | Phil Gibson, Doug Skinner | |
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C'mon in and say G'day!

.....Rob & Toni.

Club meetings on trial.....

For a six-month trial period, club business will be conducted at Committee meetings - short meetings (about 30 minutes) held every two weeks. Normally these will be attended by the President/Vice President, Secretary/Assistant Secretary, Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer and at least one of the Shed Managers. Any member can attend as an observer, and specific club officers can be asked to attend to assist in their particular areas. However the elected Committee is legally responsible for managing the club's business, so they will ensure they understand members' views on the agenda items before attending each meeting, and they will make the decisions in the best interests of the club overall.

The club will hold General Meetings every three months to deal with more important matters that affect such things as the Guild's future, philosophy and constitution, for example. The first of these is planned for Thursday 11th November.

Eve In The Garden Of Eden



Terry Madison explains the inspiration behind his Carving - "I saw a carving by Warne Wilson and he told me it was made from Evodia. Later at the shed he gave me some scrap wood and said it was Evodia the same as his carving. That started me thinking... Evodia...evocative, which lead me to 'Eve in the Garden of Eden'

The carving is 21x21 cm and the frame is of Red Cedar"

Decorating Turned Bowls - Demonstration

Warne Wilson will be giving a demonstration not to be missed on **Saturday 2nd October.**

He has great skills in decorating & enhancing the look of turned bowls through the use of paint, carving & etching.

The demo will start at 9am & go for about an hour. If you have recently completed one of the turning courses now is your chance to see how to decorate your masterpieces.

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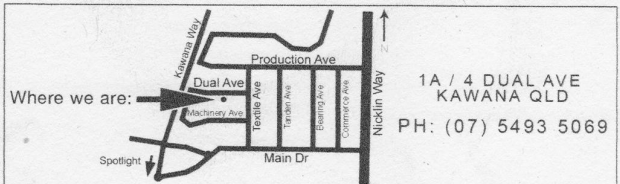
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| 27 | George Blowers | 28 | Tom Black | 29 | Max Barrenger | 30 | Lionel Tilley | | |

***Fridays will be Frank McDonald

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