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## Presidents Column



Hello fellow Woodies,

With Christmas fast approaching we are beginning to focus on our pre-Christmas market at St Mary's Hall at Montville on 4 and 5 December. This is one of our few opportunities to raise funds for club improvements and a way for members to earn some pre-Christmas cash, so let's get cracking on those Woodies gift ideas!

Gill Blowers and some of the carving members have offered to design and implement better ways of presenting our woodcraft at expos and open days. They will set up and run a sub-committee that will work closely with Rick Vickers, our Events Coordinator. Thank you ladies – we really appreciate your efforts.

Christmas Raffle tickets will be printed shortly, and there will be very little time to sell all the tickets before our Christmas party on 18 Dec. I ask all members to make a special effort. First prize will be a unique Red Bean squatters chair with padded headrest, master crafted by Cec and the team with Pyrography by James Parsons. Second prize is a beautiful cross-stitch work by Maureen Skinner, framed by Doug. Third prize is dinner/lunch for two at Wild Rocket @ Mistys. This beautiful Montville icon opens its doors again in late November – see the ad on the back page for more info.

One of the things the Committee hopes we can achieve in the next couple of months is better overall 'housekeeping' - clear working areas, organized slabbing and storage areas, more hygienic amenities areas. This is not for appearance' sake, but for safety reasons. Offcuts, partly completed projects, and tools left on benches and leaning against walls restrict precious working space. This sets the scene for accidents from trips, bumps and members trying to work in tight spaces. Also, dirty amenities set us up for bacterial and viral nasties. Safety Officer Warne Wilson and Muriel have offered to spearhead a club-wide effort to lift our game in this vital area. They will be known as 'House Officers', an appointment to be renewed at each AGM. Please do whatever you can to help them make this effort a great success.

Frank McDonald's Friday shed openings are a success, however reserving Friday as a day for "quiet activities only" can't work, so Fridays will be for joinery as well as turning and carving.

Our Activity Officers don't seem to have been as active as they could be over recent years, and our community projects have become a bit disorganized. We will be emphasising the importance of Activity Officers and redesigning the system for coordinating projects over the next couple of weeks.

The Committee has reviewed our purchasing policy and Frank Bizley's role as Purchasing Officer. A summary of the current purchasing policy is shown elsewhere in this edition. A complete copy of the rules can be found on the noticeboard.

Cheers to all,  
Peter Simpson,  
President



The Chairmen, John Close, Leigh Boynton and Cec Wakerley (pictured test driving) and Pyrographer James Parsons completed a Squatters Chair from Red Bean ready for the end of year raffle.



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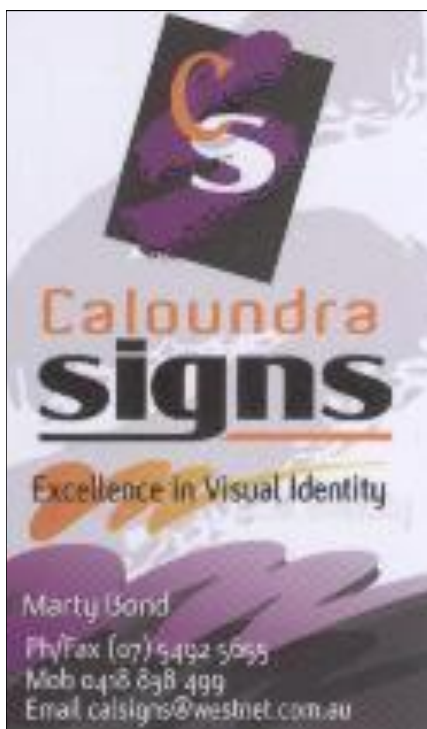


## BRWG Purchasing Policy.....

These are the main features of our new policy:

- An Activity Officer can make a purchase of up to \$50 for a club project. Fill out a Petty Cash docket for reimbursement.
- An Amenities Officer can spend up to \$100 for groceries etc. Fill out a Purchase Order, either for reimbursement or to pay an invoice.
- A shed manager can make a purchase of up to \$200 for day-to-day operating requirements. Fill out a Purchase Order, either for reimbursement or to pay an invoice.
- Specified members can spend up to \$200 for maintenance of consumable stocks (Ray Curry for blade replacement, sharpening, abrasives etc, Dave Banister for finishing consumables) Fill out a Purchase Order, either for reimbursement or to pay an invoice.
- All other purchases require a Purchase Order to be authorized by the Committee in advance.
- Whenever possible, authorized purchases are to be made through the Purchasing Officer, who has access to discounted sources.

Shed Times 8.30—11.30	
Mondays	General Activities
Tuesdays	Turning & Carving
Wednesdays	General Workshop & Toys
Thursdays	Furniture & Joinery
Fridays	General Activities
Saturdays	General Activities & Demos
General Meeting	Thursday Nov. 11



Who's Who in BRWG Inc. 2010-2011		
<b>Patrons: Peter Wellington MP and Cr Jenny McKay</b>		
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Shed Managers	John Holland, Brian Harris	
Amenity Officers	Alan Boag, Gill Blowers	
Timber Sourcing	Phil Gibson, Doug Skinner	
Timber Flow, Storage & Kiln Officers	Phil Gibson	
Purchasing Officer	Frank Bizley	
Training	Lionel Tilley	
Librarian	Brian Holdsworth	

*Ireland 's worst air disaster occurred early this morning when a small two-seater Cessna plane crashed into a cemetery. Irish search and rescue workers have recovered 2826 bodies so far and expect that number to climb as digging continues into the night.*

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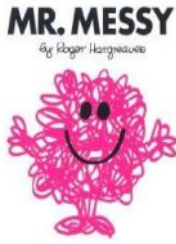
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.....Rob & Toni.*



## Messy work guys.....



We pride ourselves on the precision and overall neatness of our woodwork but frankly, fellow Woodies, the way we keep our amenities areas is a disgrace! Most of us wash our tea and coffee cups, some of us dry them and put them away, a few wash and return spoons and hardly anyone cleans up when the inevitable spills occur. We can do better than this.

It is not the Shed Captain or Amenity Officer's job – they have other duties to keep them busy. For too long a few of our female members have found themselves becoming so disgusted they end up 'cleaning up after the men'. This is unfair and we must do better.

When you use the tea/coffee facilities, clean up your mess and try to **'leave the area cleaner and tidier than you found it.'** The same goes for the toilets.

It only takes a few seconds and – *it's not hard!*

### Bribie & District Woodcrafters 2010 Annual Competition and Exhibition The theme of this year's Exhibition is "Living With Wood"

"The Exhibition run's from Mon 11th October to Sun 24th October with a theme of "Living With Wood". All competition sections and conditions are the same as in 2009. However, this year we encourage all members to use their imagination in the creation of items for the competition, for display or for sale. The theme, "Living With Wood", can encompass a wide variety of articles and can include items containing colours or non wood components.....you are free to be traditional or to be innovative. Those items that are very innovative will be given added focus within the displays. We would love to have a large variety of items on display that can really capture the spirit of "Living With Wood". If you have made something in the past that may not have been applicable to the competition or you have restored old timber items or furniture then it will be welcome.

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## Maintenance Report from Brian Harris

07/08/10	Adjustment required to Panel Saw, this is an ongoing and constant problem.
18/08/10	Assembled new slow speed 8" grinder and fitted it to stand.
21/08/10	New filter socks fitted to the 3 Jet air filters.
25/08/10	Fitted old 6" grinder to mobile stand.
30/08/10	Light positioned close to Bosch drop saw.
08/09/10	No.3 Band Saw new blade fitted.
11/09/10	No.1 Band Saw new blade fitted.
13/09/10	Re-sharpened blades fitted to the 20" thicknesser.
13/09/10	Re-sharpened blades fitted to 8" planer.
13/09/10	Wood Wiz cutters rotated.

\*\*\* The Clubs old compressor was repaired and returned to the club, to be sold by tender. Tender to close 30<sup>th</sup> October



Ian Colledge is shown sailing John Holland's new timber boat 'Black Magic' following its launching in Pumicestone Passage on 5th October.



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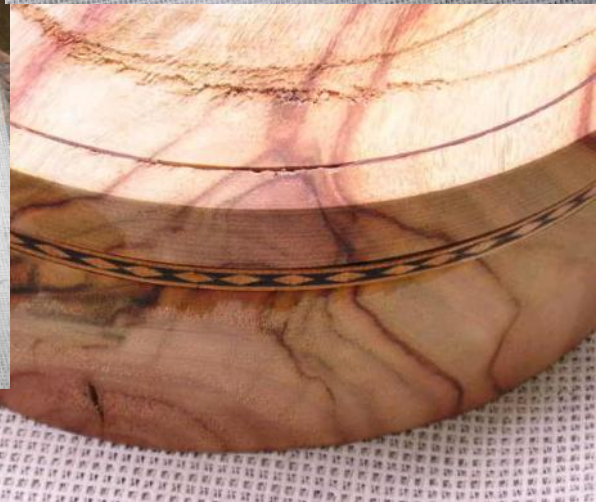
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Warne Wilson played to a packed house with his enthralling demonstration of unusual methods of finishing turned pieces. Using everything from cans of spray paint, inlaid beading and a blow torch he inspired all the turners in the room to "think outside the square" and add interesting highlights to their turning.



If all else fails.....hit it with a hammer!

And the result.....↑



## TIMBER FLOW & STORAGE OCTOBER

Ron Donald and Bob Rothwell, our trusty slabbers, have always been a bit cagey in answering questions about the tree trunks they are destroying. This often leaves me to my own devices when I have to write about varieties of slabs being produced for the Guild. Their latest standard reply to my question goes like this:-

"What's that Ron." I ask in all innocence as I look at slabs being cut from a tree I do not recognise.

"Dogwood." Reply Ron and Bob, in tandem with straight faces as they eye me seriously.

"Dogwood?" I querie with a frown.

"Yeah. Dogwood. We can tell it by its bark!"

Yes, they truly are a great help!

A good load of timber we can all use is drying in the kiln: Silky Oak and Camphor Laurel, London Plane Tree, White Beech, Cowrie Pine, and Red Cedar.

In the yard and waiting for the kiln, we have the following stacks of green slabs;  
White Beech, Cowrie Pine, Camphor Laurel, Silky Oak, London Plane, Pink Almond.

For the turners and the carvers! There is a store of lumps and pieces of various interesting woods in the rack in the yard George Blowers has built for them.

In another rack beside the second container we have a good quantity of ready milled and dry Silky Oak and London Plane. We also have plenty of milled Red Bean, dry and ready to use in the outside rack at the rear of the shed.

All of the Guild timber is for sale to members at prices far below commercial rates and this is one of the great benefits of being a member. Just select your timber and ask the shed captain for the day to price it for you. We do not accept IOUs but you can put your timber aside for a week only with your name on it if you are not able to pay for it on the day.

Rule reminder; If you wish to take down a slab from the racks, we have a rule which says that you must not try to do it on your own. Get someone to help you. We brought this rule in years ago when a falling slab caused an injury to one of our members.

Warne Wilson,  
For Phil Gibson (Phil is away)

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### SAFETY OFFICER'S NOTES

Bandsaws:

Avoid the risk of injury and the embarrassment of breaking an expensive bandsaw blade by making sure that the material you are cutting is secure and in good contact with the cutting deck. So many times, I have seen members cutting wobbly blanks, only to notice them replacing the broken blade a short time later. If the piece you wish to cut has an uneven base, think of a way to secure it. If you are unsure – ask the Shed Captain.

### The Woodworker's Prayer

Oh Lord, so far today I've not cut myself nor anyone else.  
I've not coveted my neighbor's tools,  
And I've not damaged any of mine.

I've not been led into temptation to buy one of those fancy laser guided saws that I've seen in Mapleton Hardware.

I've not messed up any of my projects,  
nor had any cause to take Thy name in vain.

For this I give thanks.

But, Lord, I'm gonna get out of bed pretty soon,  
and then I'll need all the help You can offer...

AMEN!!!

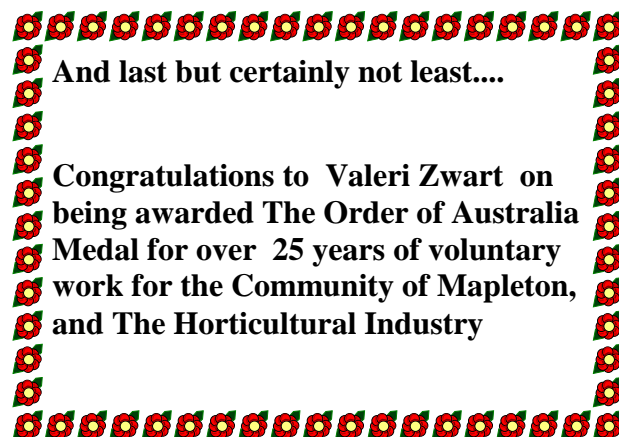
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And last but certainly not least....

**Congratulations to Valeri Zwart on being awarded The Order of Australia Medal for over 25 years of voluntary work for the Community of Mapleton, and The Horticultural Industry**