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Presidents Column



Hello fellow Woodies,

On Saturday 13 November we held our first General Meeting since the new Committee started work, and although there was much to report, it is clear that the club is moving along nicely.

The new compressor is installed and working – we just need to run some more lines across the shed so we can get the maximum benefit from it. Our new table saw hasn't landed in Australia yet but we hope to see it soon, perhaps early December at the latest. We have renewed our lease with MVA for another two years – they are undertaking a Master Plan for the sportsground and we want to have a hand in that over the next year or so.

Digby Milne and his mates at Living Choice Retirement Village at Kawana have started a workshop, and we have been giving them a hand to get under way. Our long time Life Member Ken Urquhart is doing the same thing at Caloundra Rise and we will be doing what we can to make it easier for them too.

We formally asked Andrew Powell, State Member for Glass House, to join us as a Patron. He has often expressed a keen interest in what we do, and we hope he will agree. We are very fortunate to have such good patrons.

Remember the Pre Christmas Market is on 4 and 5 December at Montville, so dust off those saleable items from last year and finish off the new ones. We hope to sell a large number of raffle tickets before and on the day – the raffle will be drawn at our Christmas Party on Saturday 18 December. And that will be another great party I am sure.

We have had the news that Paul Siddall is not well - we wish him a full and speedy recovery.

John Holland has carefully organised the hand tool cabinet to reduce the dreadful clutter that had developed. Now every tool has its place, so please put things away in the right spot.

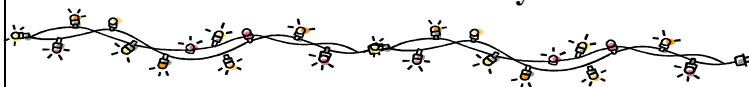
Ray Curry has reminded us that the very useful pine offcuts he gets for us are not free to the club, and there is not a never-ending supply. The Committee will consider a system of payment, and we ask everyone to be thoughtful when selecting a piece for use – don't use a long or wide board if a lesser one will do the trick.

I am looking forward to seeing as many as possible at the sale on 4 and 5 December, and at our Christmas Party on the 18th.

Cheers to all,
Peter Simpson,
President



Blackall Range Woodcrafters 2010 Christmas Party



**All members have a special invitation
to conclude 2010**

President Peter Simpson and the Executive of the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild Inc. invite you to join them, other club members, sponsors and partners for their annual Christmas Event to be held at "the Shed" Montville sports ground.

**Saturday 18th December 2010
from 5.30pm until around 8.30pm**

All members and partners are asked to contribute towards the feast. We will supply the marquee, tables, chairs, dinner settings, cutlery, punch as well as chicken, turkey and hams.

Surnames beginning with A- L are asked to bring entre or salads for 4 people.

Surnames beginning with M-Z are asked to bring sweets or desserts for 4 people.

BYO drinks.

Music and carols will round off the evening.

Our Christmas Raffle to be drawn around 8.00pm.

Dress: Smart Casual.

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New Members for this month

No.	Name
448	John Blanck of Bli Bli
449	Keith Godsall of Little Mountain
450	Michael Crisp of Flaxton

"A Big Woodies Welcome"



Councillor Jenny McKay showed her appreciation for a set of Document Trays presented to her by the Club by providing the maker, Warne Wilson with morning tea for the Wednesday Mob.

And below, Jenny is shown the intricate detail of Hugh McKenna's Santa Sleigh.



Dave's new bumper sticker.....



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Caloundra Rise Woodcraft Group

(from Ken Urquhart)

Thought you might like a report back on Caloundra Rise Woodcraft Group, a group of woodies who are trying to establish a small SHED in our retirement village. We undertook to produce a unit to replace the table which was propped up by 8 besser blocks in the TV lounge of our Community Centre. The timber was sourced from BRWG stocks via George Blowers and it took us about 10 trips up to the BRWG shed over 6 weeks or so but the finished product was well received and got us quite a few brownie points amongst the doubters around our village. So successful was the project that we have now had approved by the operators (Southern Cross Care (Qld) Inc of Brisbane HQ) a large (9m X 7m) brick veneer building used as a bus shelter but seldom fully utilised. Southern Cross are prepared to grant the building and we have to equip and operate it as a Hobby Shed with Woodcrafting the main hobby.

Our Woodcraft Group is not large, about 10 active at present, but prospects for the future are good as there are another 40 units to be filled to complete the development.



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Santa's Shop

Opens for 4 and 5 December
2010

St Mary's Hall Montville Green
10 am to 3.30 pm



All members are asked to finish off their toys and uniquely crafted items in time for the opening of our Woodies Santa Shop to the public who are looking for something special this Christmas.



We will set up on the Saturday morning, and be open to register your items for sale from 8.30 onwards at the Hall. We will close up after 3 pm on Sunday afternoon.

Assistance is needed with:

- ♦ transport to and from the Shed with tables, BBQ etc
- ♦ setting out display tables and decorations with a Christmas atmosphere
- ♦ setting up of BBQ and tent
- ♦ registering items for sale
- ♦ setting out display items
- ♦ operating tea and coffee counter
- ♦ closing down on Sunday afternoon
- ♦ refurbishing St Mary's Hall



Volunteer jobs are on the Shed Whiteboard

Dress: as Santa's helpers (elves) or anything with red and green, Christmas decorations etc.

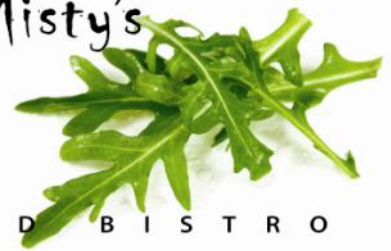


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.....Rob & Toni.



.....And talking of the Christmas Raffle!
Tickets will be arriving soon for members to
sell and these are the prizes.....



1st Prize: A Unique Red
Bean Squatters Chair
Value - \$600

2nd Prize: Beautiful
Cross-stitch Artwork
Value \$350

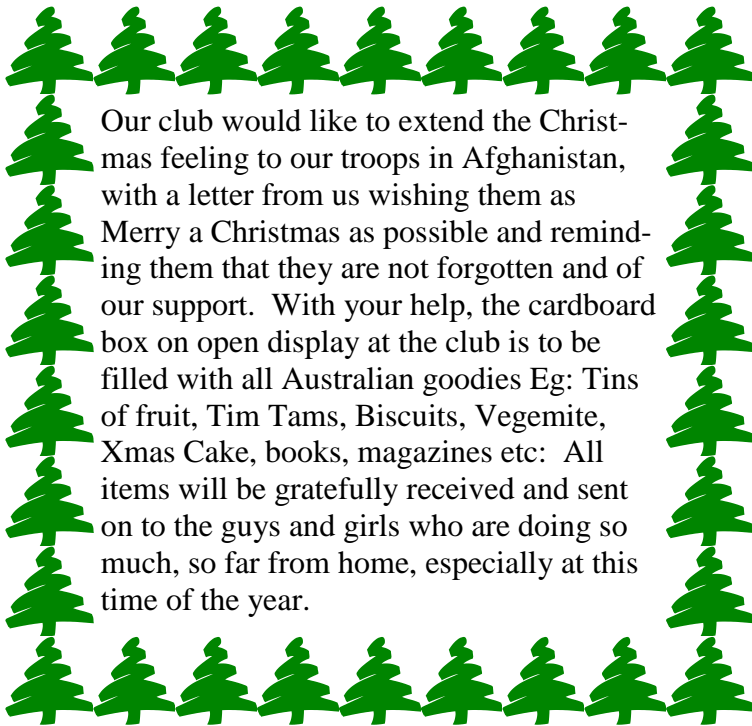


3rd Prize: Dinner for
two at Wild Rocket,
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Value \$80

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Our club would like to extend the Christmas feeling to our troops in Afghanistan, with a letter from us wishing them as Merry a Christmas as possible and reminding them that they are not forgotten and of our support. With your help, the cardboard box on open display at the club is to be filled with all Australian goodies Eg: Tins of fruit, Tim Tams, Biscuits, Vegemite, Xmas Cake, books, magazines etc: All items will be gratefully received and sent on to the guys and girls who are doing so much, so far from home, especially at this time of the year.

11/10

The new starter switch on the breakdown saw was repositioned to avoid being damaged as before.

Slow speed grinder was mounted on a new base plate to accommodate the repositioning of the Tru-Grind on the R/H side and the new tool rest on the left.

Awaiting another aluminium oxide wheel for fitment to left side.

13/10

Jet Lathe 1442 headstock removed to investigate vibration and noise. The split pulley has enlarged holes and vibrates on the shaft. A new pulley pair have been ordered.

16/10

No.1 Band Saw new blade fitted.

New shed erected over the new air compressor.



SAFETY OFFICER'S NOTES



Safety incident

A member was cutting the back from one of the popular little freeform boxes on #3 bandsaw last month, when the blade caught, causing a loud bang and ejecting the piece of wood. Luckily there was no injury, except to the 12mm blade which was kinked and was able to be straightened. Please be aware of the real possibility of an accident if an unsupported piece of irregular shaped wood is presented to a moving band saw blade. (Or to any moving blade for that matter!) Ask your shed captain or a safety officer if you are in doubt.

Housekeeping

Some members seem to think that unfinished work, and a variety of off-cuts can be left on the bench tops from one week to the next, and sometimes for a series of weeks. Our bench top space is limited and other members need it for their projects on different days of the week. There will be exceptions of course, but most work in progress can be stored off the bench tops.

Tool Tips

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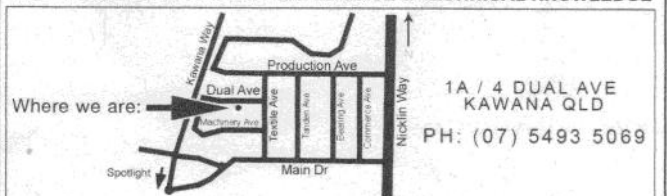
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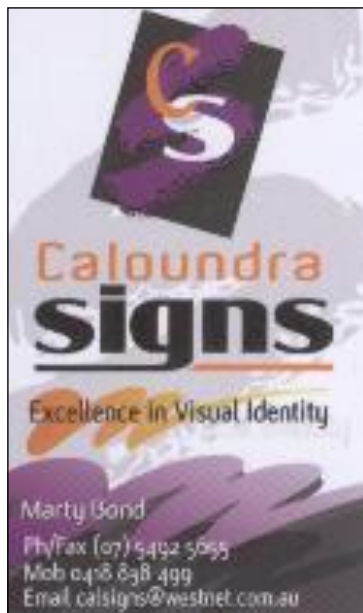
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Woodworking Jigs assist woodworkers and their equipment to reach their full potential. You can Bandsaw circles free hand but if you want two or twenty of them the same diameter, you'll need a jig.

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John Drewe and John Thynne put the finishing touches to a fleet of wooden trucks for the toy box at Maleny Kindergarten

Ø *A bus station is where a bus stops.
A train station is where a train stops.
On my desk, I have a work station.*

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

2010 Shed Captain Roster

November									
Mondays		Tuesdays		Wednesdays		Thursdays		Saturdays	
1	Dave Banister	2	Ray Curry	3	Cec Wakerley	4	Terry Crowson	5	Warne Wilson
8	Brian Harris	9	Frank McDonald	10	Leigh Boynton	11	John Drewe	12	Peter Simpson
15	Dave Banister	16	George Blowers	17	John Close	18	John Holland	19	Keith Muirhead
22	George Blowers	23	Tom Black	24	Max Barrenger	25	Lionel Tilley	26	Dave Banister
29	Dave Banister	30	Ray Curry						

**** All Fridays = Frank McDonald

December									
Mondays		Tuesdays		Wednesdays		Thursdays		Saturdays	
				1	Cec Wakerley	2	Terry Crowson	4	Warne Wilson
6	Brian Harris	7	Frank McDonald	8	Leigh Boynton	9	John Drewe	11	Peter Simpson
13	Dave Banister	14	George Blowers	15	John Close	16	John Holland	18	Keith Muirhead
20	George Blowers	21	Tom Black	22	Max Barrenger	23	Lionel Tilley	25	Santa Claus
27	Dave Banister	28	Ray Curry	29	Cec Wakerley	30	Terry Crowson		