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## Presidents Column



Hello fellow Woodies,



The Committee wishes you all a very Happy New Year, and safe and fruitful woodworking through 2011. I hope you came through the heavy rain without incident, and that your friends and family in other places are safe from the floods.

2010 ended with sadness for the club and misfortune for some of our members. John Thynne passed away at Christmas after a long battle with illness. We will miss his sharp dry wit and generous help with club projects. Paul Siddall will stay in hospital in Brisbane for some months at the Princess Alexandra Hospital undergoing the best spinal care and rehabilitation in the country. We wish him well and will continue to visit him there. Brian Holdsworth is in Royal Brisbane Hospital after a bad car accident in his driveway - we are in touch with him through his wife Jennifer while he remains in critical care. Gerry Zwart has a couple of broken ribs and is hoping not to catch a cold, and wants you to forgive him if he doesn't laugh too hard at your jokes for a while! Frank Bizley has been a bit crook too and Terry Maddison is recovering from a heart operation as is Graham Shackell. All in all, not the way we would wish to end a great year or begin a new one.

At Saturday's Committee Meeting we recognized the special

importance to the club of our community projects. Not only is community service one of our main reasons for existing, these projects help maintain a strong profile within the community and provide invaluable experience for all members of the Guild. We agreed that we do not have enough substantial projects on the books and have initiated some action to arrange more. This means that our Activity Officers, having not had much to do for many months, will soon be asked to head up teams again and manage projects from concept to completion – also great experience and very satisfying.

Our next important club event is our Open Day on 5<sup>th</sup> March. Volunteers are needed to make this a major success— see elsewhere in this edition. Other things to look forward to are the Cooroy Woodcraft Competition on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May, and a new competition to be judged at our annual Expo, see Max Barringer's article for details.

I think the Club's in good shape – a little money in the bank and good things on the horizon. Let's have a great Woodies year – safe, satisfying and full of the fellowship that makes our club one of the best.

Cheers to all,  
**Peter Simpson,**  
President



February Demonstration  
Saturday 6th at 9.30

It will be the musical instrument makers group showing some of their wares and how they go about their projects.

Lionel Tilley—Training Officer



A note from Don Kitson thanking everyone for their kind donation of handtools. These have been shipped to the Solomon Islands and put to good use.



Unfortunately the second lot collected  
can't be shipped so we will include them in the Tool Sale  
at our March Open Day

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### A Well Deserved Award.

The Guild Christmas Party was held on December 18 under rather damp conditions. The rain held off long enough for assembled members and partners to enjoy a very pleasant evening.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of Life Membership to Past President Dave Banister "in recognition of his untiring energy in assisting others to gain maximum benefit from membership of the Guild".

The citation that accompanied the certificate said:

"Dave Banister became a member of the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild on 16 October 2003.

Throughout his membership, Dave has been involved in every aspect of Guild activity. He has almost single-handedly run the paint shop for many years. He is generous with his skill and knowledge, missing no opportunity to pass on his experience to others to improve their standards of woodcraft.

Dave served with distinction on the Guild Committee of Management, as President from 2008 to 2010. He has also been Recruiting Officer, Safety Officer, Accreditation Officer, Activity Officer and Shed Captain for most of his years of membership. He has consistently presented the 'Woodies' in a positive light in the local community.

Dave has been directly responsible for many of the practical improvements in the workshop, with a 'can do', and 'let's do it now' approach that always seems to get the big things done. He has been involved in organizing important fund-raising activities, such as Open Days, Club Expos and major raffles. He has also been the motivating force behind many successful community projects.



In his capacities on the Committee and in every Guild activity in which he was involved, Dave Banister has been a persistent guiding force, shaping the Guild for the better. He consistently acts as an example of the attitude our Constitution seeks of its members and is a most deserving recipient of Life Membership of the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild."

Well done Dave - and well deserved!



Lost for words.....

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## Our Projects

A few days before Christmas saw the culmination of the work of the Toy Boys and the Mapleton Craft Group in preparing more than 300 toys for the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal. A monster effort from all concerned.

Pictured is President Peter Simpson presenting the toys to John Fidler and Ryan Lowes of the Salvo's.



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### What Can You Do With A 4 x 2 ?

As a test of creativity, a new competition will be introduced in March and the final judging will be at our Woodies Expo in July. All participants will begin with a piece of Camphor Laurel measuring 100 x 50 x 2400mm.  
( a piece of 4 x 2 thats nearly 8 feet long)

This competition originated at the Des Moines Woodworkers Association in Iowa and these are a few examples of the entries.....



Final judging criteria will be announced in March but will include points for Creativity, Design, Workmanship and Efficient use of timber.

Get those thinking caps dusted off!

Woodies 2011 Open Day  
Saturday March 5, 9—3

We need:-

members to make items for sale

unused hand and electrical tools for the auction

members to volunteer for a range of tasks and activities  
(see the Shed notice board)

home-made food donations for the coffee shop  
(cookies, cake, biscuits)

Note there is no raffle this year however there will be a chocolate wheel so any small items for prizes would be appreciated.

Rick Vickers—Events Co-ordinator

Hugh McKenna has been busy in the workshop over the holiday period....



New Business Looking for Help

Fritz Frames is a new business operating from Diddillibah making stylish wooden spectacle frames for sale through the Internet.

Ivo, one of the owners, has asked if there are any Woodies who would be interested in contributing some time and developing their fine craft work skills. The website is <http://www.fritzframes.com> and Ivo can be contacted on 0423 703 982 or at [ivo@fritzframes.com](mailto:ivo@fritzframes.com)

# Wild Rocket

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*.....Rob & Toni.*

## Maintenance Report from Brian Harris

Dec 2010 - Jan 2011



- 9/12 Re-sharpened blades fitted to 8" planer. The previous set were damaged.
- 11/12 New blade fitted to Sherwood drop saw and brushes reshaped. Bearings will be investigated when Bosch drop saw is back in service.
- 21/12 Bosch drop saw back in place after service on electric motor.
- 30/12 New brushes fitted to Sherwood drop saw resulting in much reduced sparking of commutator.
- 5/1 Re-sharpened blade fitted to Wadkin band saw.
- 15/1 The belt sander that has been causing problems of late is to be replaced, prices are being sought for a more substantial replacement.

\*\*\*\* A quiet start to the year.....lets hope its a good sign!

Brian.

### Timber Flow Report.

With the inclement weather of the past weeks work on timber preparation has slowed as has the drying ability of the kiln which should have its next load of dried timber ready to unload in the coming weeks.

At the Guild Christmas Party, George Blowers was awarded a Presidents Award.

This is Georges response.....

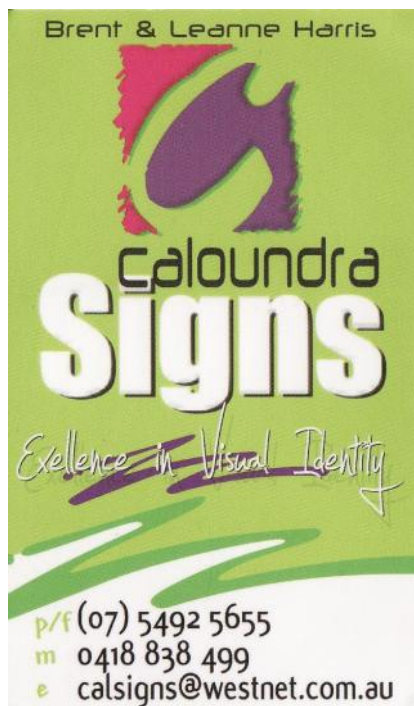
*Mr President, (Peter) I was humbled by your Presidents Award presented at our Christmas party and disappointed that I could not be there to receive it , However what we have achieved in the gathering, milling and preparation of timber for the Club could never have been achieved without the constant support of some members I call the A Team—I mean Terry Crowson, Ian Colpoys, Roger Scott and Bob Schmidt who have given one day a week at the mill site on Image Flat, to mill and prepare Logs into sawn timber that you have been using at the club for the last couple of years.*

*I could not accept this award without paying homage to these fellows, whose expertise and skill has made the exercise a pleasure, and the tall tales and true told at smoko time has made each week an experience to look forward to, so thank you to the A Team.*

*Couldn't have done it with out you.*

*Hopefully the weather will allow us to continue in 2011.*

*George Blowers*



Woodies Events 2011		
EVENT	DATE 2011	LOCATION
Open Day	Sat 5 March	The Shed
Maleny Show Chain-saw to Fine Furniture	Fri 6, Sat 7 and Sun 8 May (TBC)	Maleny Showground (SES Shed)
Cooroy Expo and Competition	Fri 6 and Sat 7 May or Fri 13 and Sat 14 May	Cooroy Memorial Hall
Brisbane Wood Show	Fri 20 to Sun 22 May	RNA Showgrounds
Woodies EXPO	2 and 3 July	Montville Community Hall
Santa Shop	3 and 4 Dec	St Mary's Hall
Christmas Party	17 Dec	The Shed

<b>Who's Who in BRWG Inc. 2010-2011</b>		
<b>Patrons: Peter Wellington MP and Cr Jenny McKay</b>		
<b>President</b>	<b>Peter Simpson</b>	0414 447 543
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	Lionel Tilley	
Events Organiser	Rick Vickers	
Safety Officers	Dave Banister, Warne Wilson, Paul Siddall	
Activity Officers	Ray Curry, Cec Wakerley, John Drew, John Clarke, Warne Wilson, Dave Banister, Peter Simpson, Keith Muirhead, Brian Harris, Max Barrenger	
Shed Managers	John Holland, Brian Harris	
Amenity Officers	Alan Boag, Gill Blowers	
Timber Sourcing	Phil Gibson, Doug Skinner	
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Purchasing Officer	Frank Bizley	
Training	Lionel Tilley	
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Tuesdays	Turning & Carving
Wednesdays	General Workshop & Toys
Thursdays	Furniture & Joinery
Fridays	General Activities
Saturdays	General Activities & Demos

### Shed Captain Roster

#### January 2011

Mondays		Tuesdays		Wednesdays		Thursdays		Saturdays	
31	Brian Harris							1	Warne Wilson
3	Brian Harris	4	Frank McDonald	5	Leigh Boynton	6	John Drewe	8	Peter Simpson
10	Lionel Tilley	11	George Blowers	12	John Close	13	John Holland	15	Keith Muirhead
17	George Blowers	18	Tom Black	19	Max Barrenger	20	Phil Krisanski	22	Dave Banister
24	Dave Banister	25	Ray Curry	26	Cec Wakerley	27	Terry Crowson	29	Warne Wilson

\*\*\*\* All Fridays = Frank McDonald

#### February 2011

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		1	Frank McDonald	2	Leigh Boynton	3	John Drewe	5	Keith Muirhead
7	Lionel Tilley	8	George Blowers	9	John Close	10	John Holland	12	Dave Banister
14	George Blowers	15	Tom Black	16	Cec Wakerley	17	Phil Krisanski	19	Warne Wilson
21	Dave Banister	22	Ray Curry	23	Max Barrenger	24	Terry Crowson	26	Peter Simpson
28	Brian Harris								