

The following article appeared in the Salvation Army magazine 'Pipeline' recently.....

LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Army benefits from crafty 'toy boys'

Every year, a group of men from the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild at Montville on Queensland's Sunshine Coast, make more than 300 wooden toys to donate to The Salvation Army. They give them to the Army's Nambour Corps to distribute to needy families at Christmas.

Affectionately known as the "toy boys", the men have been donating the product of their handiwork for more than 10 years. They plan to increase the number of toys made every year.

"The Salvation Army provides services to kids and disadvantaged families and that's what we want to support," said Keith Muirhead, a member of the guild.

"We want to let the kids know that someone is thinking about them."

The toys are designed for children of all ages and follow strict safety standards.

"We make puzzles, planes, trains, trucks, kangaroos, snakes, cots for dolls and games for older kids," said Peter Simpson, guild secretary. "We have pull-along toys, push-along toys and anything we think would bring pleasure to the children."

Nambour Corps Officers, Captains Glenn and Julia Price, are very thankful for the toys the guild provides.

"These toys are a big blessing to us at Christmas," said Captain Glenn Price.

"The toys are distributed to over 200 families from the local community through the 'Adopt a Family' program, an initiative of the *Sunshine Coast Daily* [newspaper]."

Families receiving the toys include those which have been hard hit financially, single parent families, those with sick children, families dealing with grief and loss and those with a range of other needs.



Some of the colourful wooden toys made by the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild on Queensland's Sunshine Coast.



Nambour Corps Salvationist John Vidler thanks the woodworkers for their generous donation of toys to The Salvation Army.

.....of course they were 2010 pictures. 2011 was an even bigger story with a total of 453 toys being produced by the Toy Boys.....more of that later.

The prize winners for the Christmas Raffle drawn at the Christmas party were.....

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| 1st prize – Camphor Laurel Squatter's Chair | Gail Krisanski | ticket 0692 |
| 2nd prize – Unique Rocking Horse | Jim Coles and family | ticket 0300 |
| 3rd prize – Meal for 2 at Flaxton Gardens | Claris Palmer (daughter of Brian Holdsworth) | ticket 0602 |

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The Christmas Toy Parade



The Ladies from Mapleton Craft Group, Maeve Granzella, Kathy Patterson, Margaret Smith and Valerie Zwart with some of the beautifully made items for the Salvos.

The question on everyone's lips.....

"How are we going to fit them all in the van?"



Stuck for something to do on Wednesday morning?

Join the ladies and gentlemen collectively known as "The Toy Boys" for a morning of scintillating conversation and a bit of wood work thrown in. Its a great way to learn your way around the 'Shed' and get some experience with the equipment. Can they beat last years record?????????



Orders For.....



Due to Frank Bizley's commitment with Caloundra Woodies, (he is the President), Brian Harris will forward orders to Frank via email to speed the system up so members will not have to wait so long for their orders. The 10% discount still applies.

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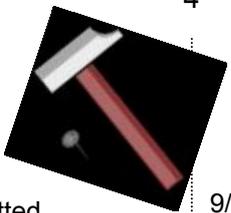
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Maintenance Report from

Brian Harris

Jan 2012



- 4/1 Drum Sander – New abrasive belt fitted.
- 7/1 Jointer - New 'Shelix' spiral cutter fitted, this was acquired by courtesy of the President of the Caloundra Club Frank Bizley.

- 9/1 Belt Sander - New abrasive belt fitted.
- 11/1 Drum Sander – New conveyor belt fitted to ensure that timber does not stop whilst being conveyed through the machine.
- 11/1 Spindle Sander – Two new 5/16 left hand thread nuts supplied for spindles.

Our Projects



Thea Caffin, Manager of the Blackall Range Care Group is presented with a Bench Seat for the group by Pres. Peter Simpson. Also shown are Rick Vickers and Tim Bailey (a member of both organisations).

Ron Fishwick reminds us....
 Entries are required in the following categories for the Cooroy Interclub competition that is held at the beginning of May.

- 1 Woodturning
- 2 General Woodwork (furniture, clocks etc)
- 3 Carving
- 4 Pyrography
- 5 Intarsia/Fretwork
- 6 Toymaking

Lets make 2012 a successful one.
 Ron

Reservation of Timber

It is unfortunate when timber reserved for a project is used by someone else and the project is compromised. If you need to reserve timber, put your name and the date on it clearly, tape all pieces together and place it somewhere out of the way of other workers. It must be paid for and removed from the shed within one week. Timber not collected in that time will be returned to stock. Your timber is safer in your custody than left in the shed.

WOODIES DEMONSTRATIONS

On Saturday February 18 at 0930, Warne Wilson will present Staining & Polishing for Woodworkers, a very important part of putting the finishing touches to your work.

Lionel Tilley
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And now with deep regret, we present the final episode in the around the world adventures of our intrepid traveller.....

Hi all,

It was sad to be leaving Ireland, as my stay was far too short, anyway time & tide waits for no man. I was fortunate to purchase a Sail & Rail ticket from Dublin to Windermere. This sojourn takes me by sea to Hollyhead in Northern Wales and by train across to Windermere in the Lakeland area. Obtained accommodation at a YHA hostel in Troutbeck about 5kls out of town, washed my clobber and arranged a tour with the Mountain Goat Tour Group. This covered 10 lakes including a cruise, Kirkstone Pass, Castlerigg Stone Circle, Keswick, Ashness Bridge, Borrowdale Valley, Honister Pass, Buttermere, Thirlmere, Grasmere, Rydal and Ambleside. Phew!

Tour C with same group on the 23/9/11, took us to Langdales in the western lake district, over the Wrynose and Hardknott Passes, the steepest in England. We wandered through an old Roman Fort, 1000 years old they say. Got to view the upper Eskdale, Scafell and Scafell Pike, England's highest mountains. Took a ride on a miniature train from Ravenglass to Eskdale and on to Wast Water, England's deepest lake. Had lunch at Muncaster Castle and wandered around the grounds. This is where the World Owl Trust is located, a very memorable place.

After 4 days it was time to ride the rails again, through to Shakespeare's birthplace. It is now 25/9/11, accommodation was with YHA hostels at Hemmingford House, Alveston, Warwickshire, a few miles out of Stratford upon Avon, next day I went back to the tried and true method of sightseeing with the hop on, hop off buses. I got to see most of the touristy things in the area, including Shakespeare's birthplace, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Mary Arden's house and a few others. Next day went on a private sightseeing tour of some of the Cotswolds and Roman history in the area and next

day I headed for yet another historical city by rail. The Roman's played an important part in establishing this part of England. Accommodation was obtained at the YMCA in Bath, a hop on hop off ticket was purchased and the sight seeing and museum's began, this time with a visit to the Roman Spa, a must see for all visitors to this part of the world. I was invited to a small museum that was a little out of the way, called Museum of Bath at Work. This housed the collection of J.B.Bowler, a Victorian businessman and engineer, and gave an insight into Bath's heritage which was made by quarrying Bath Stone before mechanisation. Thousands of buildings were erected with this sand stone.

After 3 nights in Bath I caught a bus to another memorable city. Upgraded my accommodation to the Ramada in Bristol and again started to devour the history and sights of this remarkable place. It would take a book to cover the history of this place, I took a day trip to the Grand Pier and was told that the 2nd highest tide in the world occurs here, being a spring tide of 14 metres. After 4 nights of luxury at the Ramada, I said goodbye to a lot of new found friends, and headed for the outskirts of London, spending a night at the Heathrow Lodge before boarding a plane to Frankfurt, then on to Singapore for 4 days staying at the Marrison Hotel in Beach Rd., Bugis. Again and for the last time, a hop on hop off bus ticket was the best way for me to explore this beautiful city and do my over due shopping. I lived in Singapore for 9 months back in 1970 and was hoping to relive some of the memories, but that's another story!!!!!! After 5 months and 1 week arrived back in Brisbane to my waiting family.

Regards Dave Banister.

ps XXXX for the Sheilas.....BYE.

Next month our Member Profile returns with a look at the life and work of Intarsia Artist—Brian McTaggart.

BRWG Meeting Schedule 2011-2012

- ◆ Meetings start at 9:30am.
- ◆ Quarterly General meetings are held on the second Saturday of November, February, May and August.
- ◆ Management Committee meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month.

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| 2012 | February 11 | General |
| | March 03 | Mgt |
| | April 14 | Mgt |
| | May 12 | General |
| | June 9 | Mgt |
| | July 14 | Mgt |
| | August 11 | AGM & General |

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| Amenity Officer | Hamish Borthwick | |
| House Officer | Hamish Borthwick | |
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| Tuesdays | Turning & Carving |
| Wednesdays | General Workshop & Toys |
| Thursdays | Furniture & Joinery |
| Fridays | General Activities |
| Saturdays | General Activities & Demos |

Q. What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, wind-shield wipers and laser printers have in common?

A. All were invented by women.

(Just thought you would like to know)

Shed Captain Roster

January 2012

| Mondays | | Tuesdays | | Wednesdays | | Thursdays | | Saturdays | |
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| 2 | Dave Banister | 3 | Tom Black | 4 | Leigh Boynton | 5 | John Drewe | 7 | Peter Simpson |
| 9 | Lionel Tilley | 10 | Ray Curry | 11 | John Close | 12 | John Holland | 14 | Keith Muirhead |
| 16 | John Clarke | 17 | Frank McDonald | 18 | Max Barrenger | 19 | Phil Krisanski | 21 | Peter Simpson |
| 23 | Brian Harris | 24 | George Blowers | 25 | Cec Wakerley | 26 | Terry Crowson | 28 | Warne Wilson |
| 30 | Dave Banister | 31 | Frank McDonald | | | | | | |

**** All Fridays = Frank McDonald

February 2012

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