

# Flitch 'n Chips

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Hello Fellow Woodies,

## Presidents Column

We are in the middle of an eventful time in our year, with major projects coming on line, new ones in the pipeline and our major annual events all around us. Many of our members have stepped forward to take on the various tasks required to manage this busy workload, and the Committee is most grateful to all concerned.

The Maleny Chainsaw to Fine Furniture Show was a greater success than last year, both for members who sold their woodcraft and for the Club. We have taken some new lessons from this year's show and hope that next year will be even more successful.

Thanks to Ron Fishwick's gentle persuasion and persistence, we fielded a great range of entries in the Cooloola Inter Club Competition and I'm sure we are all aware by now that we won! Well done everyone who submitted an entry, and again, well done Ron!

The big test of our ability to put on a show happens with our annual Expo in Montville on 7 and 8 July. This is where we showcase our great Club and run our own Club competition. Many of you will have started (or even finished) your entries, but those who intend to enter (and I encourage everyone to have a go) its time to get cracking. And if you don't intend to enter the comp, how about making something to donate to the Club for sale on the day. Also, sheets will be up on the board for volunteers soon. We are not good at nominating to help, although many helpers turn up on the day unannounced. We are of course very grateful for the help, but this makes for a very anxious time for organizers and coordinators, so **please** put your name on a list.

This weekend will see our new Bandsaw Mill put to its first operational test. Designed by John Holland and built by him and a few willing workers, this is a truly excellent tool and will ease our timber management considerably. While we expect there might be a few teething issues to iron out and procedures to develop, we are confident it will

perform very well. Still, I expect John will have a sleepless night on Friday!

Our control and management of Club Projects has slipped a bit in recent months, particularly regarding basis for payment (if any) and quality control of the product. We must make sure projects are properly considered, planned, designed and constructed so that our reputation isn't inadvertently damaged by our enthusiasm to help others. If a possible club project comes to your notice, please consult with a Committee member before making any commitment, get other opinions on design before launching and set up a project sheet and project team so more people get the benefit of the experience.

Until next month then,

Happy woodworking.

Peter Simpson

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***Our thoughts are with our absent Woodies –  
may you soon be back with us creating sawdust.***

## The Cooloola Interclub Competition



Hugh McKenna receives First Prize in the Toy Making section and Most Popular in the public vote with this magnificent Steam Engine and Carriages.



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At the end of the weekend it was BRWG who achieved the highest aggregate score and Ron Fishwick was on hand to collect the Trophy and First Prize - a Makita 305mm Sliding Compound Saw donated by Lanhams Melco Mitre 10.





## Maintenance Report from

Brian Harris

May 2012



27/4 Both the grinders and the drill press moved to new positions in the shed.

Wood Wizz - New bearings and brushes are to be fitted along with new field windings as the previous were found to be badly burnt due to over heating. All will be up and running as soon as possible, I am waiting for the windings to come from Makita in N.S.W.

2/5 New tubes fitted to the tyres on the sack trolley. They should stay inflated now.

Regards, Brian



## This Month's Safety Report.

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Bandsaw Operation - Please take special care when you decide to crosscut a small log on one of the bandsaws. Natural variations in the log will mean in many cases that it will not be in safe contact with the bandsaw table and it may wobble as you cut. This may lead to a blade jam and a blade break.

The blade may also catch and try to tumble even a perfectly round log.



A "V" jig is available to make small round pieces more stable, but care must always be exercised. If you are in any doubt, please ask the shed captain of the day for assistance. He or she will be happy to help you.

Warne Wilson & Dave Banister, Safety Officers.



Last Saturday the final adjustments were made to our new Slabbing Bandsaw and a test cut was made.

### *The Holland Mk 1*

The first flitch is cut  
And then the first slab



A quick check of the calibrations and on with it.

And what a log it turned out to be.  
Camphor Laurel at its best.

Brent & Leanne Harris

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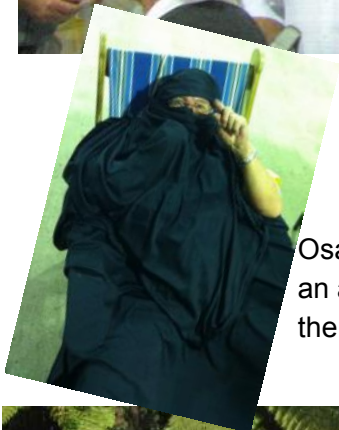
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Might have trouble with this one John!







This year's Chainsaw To Fine Furniture Show at Maleny was a great success with 155 items being sold for a total of \$4211. Raffle tickets to the value of \$600 were also sold mainly thanks to Mr Coercion....Lionel Tilley.

Osama Bin Liner even put in an appearance and tested the squatters chair!!!!



Hamish Borthwick hands over an outside table he created to a delighted group from Maleny Neighbourhood Centre.

#### Woodies Events in 2012:

- ◇ Our Expo at Montville Community Hall 7 + 8 July
- ◇ Santa Shop at St Mary Hall Montville 1+ 2 Dec
- ◇ Christmas Party at the Shed Sat 15 Dec

#### BRWG Meeting Schedule 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 | June 9    | Mgt           |
|      | July 14   | Mgt           |
|      | August 11 | AGM & General |



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### Who's Who in BRWG Inc. 2011-2012

**Patrons:** Peter Wellington MP, Andrew Powell MP and Cr Jenny McKay

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|                                | Lionel Tilley  |              |
| Events Organiser               | Rick Vickers   |              |
| Safety Officers                | Dave Banister, Warne Wilson  |              |
| Activity Officers              | Ray Curry, Cec Wakerley, John Drew, John Clarke, Warne Wilson, Dave Banister, Peter Simpson, Keith Muirhead, Brian Harris, Max Barranger |              |
| Shed Managers                  | John Holland, Brian Harris   |              |
| Amenity Officer                | Hamish Borthwick   |              |
| House Officer                  | Hamish Borthwick   |              |
| Timber Management              | John Holland, Frank McDonald, Ron Donald, Phil Gibson.   |              |
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| Training Officer               | Lionel Tilley  |              |
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*"What Can You Do with a 4 x 2" returns  
after the July Expo.....start planning!*

### Shed Times 8.30—11.30

|                      |                            |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Mondays              | General Activities         |
| Tuesdays (Quiet Day) | Turning & Carving          |
| Wednesdays           | General Workshop & Toys    |
| Thursdays            | Furniture & Joinery        |
| Fridays              | General Activities         |
| Saturdays            | General Activities & Demos |

### Shed Captain Roster

#### June 2012

| Mondays |               | Tuesdays |                | Wednesdays |               | Thursdays |                | Saturdays |                 |
|---------|---------------|----------|----------------|------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|
|         |               |          |                |            |               |           |                | 2         | Keith Muirhead  |
| 4       | John Clarke   | 5        | Ray Curry      | 6          | Max Barranger | 7         | Phil Krisanski | 9         | Graham Bradford |
| 11      | Brian Harris  | 12       | Frank McDonald | 13         | Cec Wakerley  | 14        | Terry Crowson  | 16        | Warne Wilson    |
| 18      | Dave Banister | 19       | George Blowers | 20         | Leigh Boynton | 21        | John Drewe     | 23        | Peter Simpson   |
| 25      | Lionel Tilley | 26       | Tom Black      | 27         | John Close    | 28        | John Holland   | 30        | Keith Muirhead  |

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

#### July 2012

| Mondays |               | Tuesdays |                | Wednesdays |               | Thursdays |                | Saturdays |                 |
|---------|---------------|----------|----------------|------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 2       | John Clarke   | 3        | Ray Curry      | 4          | Max Barranger | 5         | Phil Krisanski | 7         | Graham Bradford |
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