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## Presidents Column



Bonjour Fellow Woodies,

Maggie and I got back from our holiday last week. Members have been keeping me up to date by email and it is clear that much is happening in our great club.

Work on the carved cedar entrance doors for the renovation of the Maleny Community Centre is proceeding under the care of John Muller and Dave Southern. The timber has been purchased and work is proceeding with the mortice and tenon joints and the fine joinery preparatory to the start of carving. Maleny Rotary has contributed a large sum toward the project and the Community Centre Committee will make up the balance.

John Close has made a very neat award shield and stand for the Salvation Army and Dave Banister has completed a new honor board for the meeting room ready for the names of the incoming executive following our AGM.



The Toy Boys have as usual been very active each Wednesday and a gaggle, flight, multitude? of penguins is finished and brightly painted ready for the Salvos. The toy boys group is a great asset to the Guild; not only does their work make hundreds of disadvantaged children happier each year, but the group is a great way for a new member with minimal woodworking skills to enjoy meeting others in the Guild and to begin to learn the ancient art of shaping wood. It all starts with a piece of sandpaper!

The "Four by Two" competition is underway and will be judged at our pre-Christmas Sale in December. This year's sale will coincide with the official lighting of the Christmas Tree Lights at the Village Green at Montville, so we will stay open a bit longer that night to allow all those parents to buy something special for the kids!

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all members and especially the Management Committee for the tremendous effort put in over the last two years.....long may it continue.

So, for the last time from me as President,

Happy Woodworking,

Peter Simpson

### New Members for the month.....

501	Elisabeth Turner	Maleny
502	John Melsenhelter	Bli Bli
503	Kathleen White	Glass House Mtn
504	John Barlow	Glass House Mtn

"A Big Woodies Welcome"

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

An impromptu demonstration took place at the Shed a couple of weeks ago when Vernon Train visited with John Muller and brought in a couple of his model heat engines. 2



Dave Banister and John Close have found salvation!!!!

The shield was for presentation to a retiring long term member of the Salvo's and was made from red cedar with the badge cut on the scrollsaw from good quality plywood. An inscription was to be added on a brass plaque on the lower front.

ROGER LOUGHNAN

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### 'The Changing Of The Guard'

At the 2012 Annual General Meeting on Saturday, many new faces were added to the Management Team. After two years in the hot seat Peter Simpson handed on the Presidents Case to Frank McDonald, John Muller takes over as Vice President from Warne Wilson and Keith Muirhead resumes the role of Treasurer from Bob Callinan.

### LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR JOHN HOLLAND



Retiring President Peter Simpson bestowed Life Membership on John Holland with the following Citation.....

*"John Holland became a member of the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild in 2002 when the new Shed was in its infancy.*

*Throughout his membership, John has been involved in every aspect of Guild activity. He is generous with his extensive skill and knowledge in woodwork, missing no opportunity to pass on his experience to others to improve their standards of woodcraft and attitudes towards safety. In this regard, he has been responsible for setting and monitoring the Guild's standard of craftsmanship throughout his membership.*

*John has served with distinction on the Guild Committee of Management, as Workshop Manager in 2009/10, Purchasing Officer and Shed Manager in 2011/12. He has also been*

*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.*

*John has been directly responsible for many of the practical improvements in the workshop, with a clear vision of what is possible and an energetic approach to getting the job done. He has also been the motivating force behind many successful community projects; his energy and perseverance are infectious and he readily attracts members to join his project teams.*

*In his capacities on the Committee and in every Guild activity in which he is involved, John Holland is a consistent guiding force, shaping the Guild for the better. He has always acted 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".*

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Sunshine FM (104.9) broadcasts from studios at Buderim and during a recent upgrade of their main studio asked for help from the Woodies. In the main studio shown right, a sound reflective panel was installed to help with the accoustics of the studio. The design is from the BBC and is known as a 'Skyline Defusser' because of its similarity to a city skyline. This was constructed from 27 metres of 50mm x 50mm Paulownia supplied by George Blowers and even though it is almost as light as Balsa, it still needed 3 people to install it. The diffuser was also fitted with LED light strips and this forms the main lighting for the studio.

They also needed quite heavy monitor speakers suspended from the ceiling and some 50mm thick timber was bolted to the overhead beams to which heavy speaker mounting brackets were attached.



*Here is proof that husbands do listen to their wives.*

*This is a story which is perfectly logical to all males:*

*A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk, and if they have eggs, get 6."*

*A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk. The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?"*

*He replied, "They had eggs."*

*(I'm sure you're going back to read it again!)*

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## Maleny Community Centre Doors.

The design, construction and carving of the entrance doors for the Maleny Community Centre, is the largest project ever undertaken by the Woodies and will require a lot of effort from as many members as possible. There will be many working bee's and full day sessions scheduled. The design has been approved and the templates are being finalised for more of the work to continue. Most of the special timber (New Guinea Rosewood, Qld Red Cedar) has been purchased and you will see it in growing piles around the Shed....there's a lot of it! Please allow some room on the work benches for this community project when doing your own.

### *So we are asking if you want to be part of the project?*

This week we need to complete putting all the red cedar through the thicknesser - no less than 20 mm, regardless of the finish if there is some warping.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September will be an all day session where we will be glueing together the cedar panels, constructing the main frame for the doors and if time permits cutting out the "tree" outlines. There will be a BBQ lunch for the hard workers who stay all day.

The new management committee will soon decide on a schedule of tasks to complete this fantastic project. See you at the Shed.

See John Muller, Dave Southern of Rick Vickers for more details.



Dave Southern and John Muller are seen here going over the design for the forest carving which is to adorn the new entrance.

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## Safety Advice



A note about the new Holland Slabbing Bandsaw. We recently arranged for a safety inspection of the saw, and it passed with flying colours! But one point was made VERY clear - **An area defined by boundary markers must be kept clear for the use of operators only.** Members and friends are encouraged to come and see the machine in action but we must be firm in requesting that this important safety rule is observed.

### Using Laminate Trimmers

Be careful when using trimmers. The little trimmers are very handy and easy to use when edges have to be rounded. But please remember that the bit rotates at upwards of 10,000 revs per minute and a careless second is all it takes to bring a precious finger into contact. The writer once mangled the tip and nail of a little finger doing just that! As with all tools, the best and safest work is done with confidence and care.

Dave Bannister & Warne Wilson.  
Safety Officers

## Congratulations

To the team at Spicers Clovelly Estate  
for their 2 wins at the  
Queensland Good Food Guide 2012 Awards

  
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*The Long Apron*

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## THE SAFE WAY IS THE BEST WAY

**Who's Who in BRWG Inc. 2012-2013**

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Cr. Jenny McKay

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Shed Managers	John Holland. Brian Harris	
Amenity Officer	Hamish Borthwick	
House Officer	Hamish Borthwick	
Timber Management	John Holland, Frank McDonald, Ron Donald. Phil Gibson.	
Purchasing Officer	John Holland	
Training Officer	Lionel Tilley	
Librarian	Brian Holdsworth	

**Woodies Events in 2012**

- Santa shop at St. Mary's Hall Montville 1&2 Dec
- Christmas Party at the Shed Sat 15 Dec

**BRWG Meeting Schedule 2012**

- Meetings start at 9.00am
- 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.

Next Management Committee meeting - September 8 2012

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*Theory is when one knows everything but nothing works.  
Practice is when everything works but nobody knows why.*

*In our workshop, theory and practice go hand in hand:  
nothing works and nobody knows why!*

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 & Demo's

**Shed Captain Roster - August 2012**

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Saturday	
				1	Max Barrenger	2	Phil Krisanski	4	Graham Bradford
6	Brian Harris	7	Frank McDonald	8	Cec Wakerly	9	Terry Crowson	11	Warne Wilson
13	TBA	14	George Blowers	15	Leigh Boynton	16	John Drewe	18	Peter Simpson
20	Lionel Tilley	21	Tom Black	22	John Close	23	John Holland	25	Keith Muirhead
27	John Clarke	28	Ray Curry	29	Max Barrenger	30	Phil Krisanski		

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

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