



Flitch 'n Chips

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Presidents Report

Hi Fellow Woodies,

Twelve months go very quickly when you're having fun, and with the help of our terrific members I sure have had fun [I think], so thank you one and all.

Don't forget the AGM is Saturday August 24 at 9am when your new committee will be elected for the next 12 months.

The July Expo was a great success, with thanks to Leigh Boynton, as was our raffle which is always a great money earner for the club. Thank you to everyone who sold tickets and the raffle winners were delighted with their prizes. Congratulations to all our winners in the Club Competition and our new Club Champion is Tony Galwey for his beautifully crafted and carved occasional table, well done Tony!

We've had visits from several other clubs recently and on Friday, 23rd of this month we'll have around 40 members from Sandgate to have a look around our facilities and who will then put on a BBQ lunch for all, so please come along to the club if at all possible.

Ron Fishwick has just completed

teaching a box making course over 4 sessions with 7 members participating and all ended up with a finely crafted jewellery box. We're hoping for more courses in the future so Ron can pass on his skills, as this is a part of what the Club is about, members passing on their skills to novices. Thank you Ron.

The Squatter's Chair course started on Wednesday under the guidance of Leigh Boynton and John Close. Thank you boys for passing on your skills. To anyone else who has knowledge to share, don't be shy, there is always someone wanting to learn something new and that's what makes our club great.

John Holland's demo on preparation of a segmented bowl was greatly received and the completed item is now on display at the club.

The machinery at the club is for the use of members for their individual projects and not for the purpose of creating commercial quantities of dressed timber, blanks etc. to create an ongoing income as some members seem to be using it for. We are a club, not a commercial enterprise.

Don't forget that our Shed Open Day is on Saturday, September 7 and the



Christmas Santa Shop is at Montville on November 30 and December 1. Volunteers are always needed, please consider offering your services as well as products for sale.

With such a positive response to our Christmas Party e-mail we have now paid our deposit to secure the venue at Flaxton Gardens on Saturday December 7..

Finally I would like to thank the committee for all their input and assistance and also everyone else who has helped out throughout my first year as president.

To all our members not feeling the best at the moment, we're all thinking of you and wish you all a speedy recovery.

Keep the wood pile low and the shavings high.

Happy Woodworking,

Frank McDonald

A letter has been received by the Club inviting participation in an upcoming event at Landsborough. Is there enough interest from members to set up a stall?

William Landsborough Day is an Historical event to be held on Saturday 19th October, 2013. The Landsborough Market Place will be set up between the Railway Station & the Historical Museum and we are seeking only local craftsmen to show what we have to offer on the Sunshine Coast.

What better way to highlight the local significance of Woodworkers and the Timber Industry to our area.

On the day, the Gympie Rattler Steam Train will be bringing people from Brisbane, so all going well if we can get the right people involved it will be a worthwhile Historical event.

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New Members this month.....

538	Janice Clements - Maleny
539	Brendon McLaren - Mapleton
540	Shirley McLaren - Mapleton
"A Big Woodies Welcome"	

2 Maintenance Report

by Brian Harris

19/7	15" Thicknesser - Isolation switch replaced as it did not turn off.	14/8	Hammer Saw - New blade fitted.
7/8	Air Filters - All dust screens cleaned and replaced.		

Tips and Tricks

By Warne Wilson

One of the little mysteries, especially to newer members, is the measuring and pricing of a piece of timber we might want for a project. I thought that I would give the formula and the method so that members can calculate an approximate price before deciding. The shed captain for the day, or in fact anyone on the Shed Captains list which is displayed next to the smoko room door, will have to be asked to give a final price. There are many things to consider: Cracking, Warping, Knot Holes, Grub Damage, Natural Edges etc. In short we charge for *useable* timber and often an experienced member must decide.

However, to get an approximate idea, this is what we do;
measure the -Length in metres. (1500mm would be 1.5)
Width in metres (280mm would be .28)
Thickness in metres (35mm would be .035)

Go to the price list on the notice board on the timber rack next to the main door. Eg. Camphor Laurel is \$1250 a cubic metre.

Now with a calculator, there are one or two usually on the smoko room table, unless your name is Einstein, (Or perhaps you have a beautiful mind!) multiply it all out:
 $1.5 \times .28 \times .035 \times 1250$ The answer is \$18.375 and if the Shed Captain is having a good day he might say, "Eighteen dollars will do it"

If anyone comes up with a different answer and points it out to me gleefully, it will at least show that they have shown enough interest to check my workings!

Safety Notes

By Warne Wilson and Dave Banister



We take a vital interest in safety in our shed and as safety officers our hearts jump every time there is a loud bang. More often than not it is someone carelessly throwing scrap into the scrap bin, or worse, the 44 gallon drum, which will resound through the shed. Please have the courtesy to respect other people who might be a bit nervy. And talking of nervy, many industrial accidents are caused by interruptions which might distract an operator's concentration and train of thought. Please wait until the operation is over and until whatever the machine is, is switched off, be it drop saw, router, sawbench, bandsaw, or anything else, before you speak or ask your question.

Little practical jokes are not on. We had a member once years

ago (now living in another state) who would delight in nudging the elbow of an experienced member using the bandsaw. He would only do it and in such a way that he knew the long experienced member would not be effected by it. (We used to chuckle dutifully) Or he would steal a piece of your project and leave it somewhere, making you think that you were more advanced in dementia than you really were. He once jabbed one of us in the tail with the points of the moisture meter (Not so funny) Let it suffice to say that the respect we now show each other around these potentially dangerous machines is not only a quality to be valued, it is a valuable component of safe working.



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The 2013 Woodies Expo was again held at St. Mary's Hall at Montville with the weather proving very pleasant this year. Large crowds attended and appreciated the large range of skills on display by members.

Dave Edmonds Table



Bob Keyte Award Winner
Tony Gallwey is presented with his award by Pres. Frank for his carved table shown on the right.



Lyn Barrett's Bowl



Jeff Harrison's new set of wheels



Spike Bettega amazing the masses
(is it his turning wizardry or his shirt?)

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TIMBER OF THE MONTH - PREPARED BY GRAHAM BRADFORD

Commercially, a timber is identified by a common name, which is usually descriptive, can vary with locality, and often refers to the general appearance of a tree or its timber. Botanically, a tree is described by scientific classification, involving up to eight sub divisions. For those with a general interest in timber, it will suffice to be familiar with the three lower divisions – plant family, plant genus, and plant species. i.e. a particular family of tree will occur as a number of genus and within each genus are a number of species.

Botanical classifications and names are derived primarily from Latin and Greek languages, and may be chosen to honour the discoverer or locality, but generally to describe a particular characteristic of the tree such as size, leaf or bark pattern, flower and seed type, or timber feature. The genus and species names are determined in this manner and combined to give the binomial or scientific species name. The precise botanical description of a tree allows positive identification by the field researcher.

The identification of milled timber by common name involves a knowledge of physical properties such as sapwood and heartwood colour, figure, grain structure, texture, density, hardness, and bark appearance. The type of ash produced by burning a test sample is also a handy guide. Many common

names were applied by early settlers, based on their knowledge of foreign species. Some eucalypt species share a common name of Mahogany, e.g. Red Mahogany, *eucalyptus resinifera*, because of their reddish heartwood colour, but true Mahogany species are of the family *meliaceae*, e.g. Red Bean and Rosewood. *Eucalyptus regnans* has the common names Tassie Oak and Mountain Ash due to similarities in appearance to those timbers. However, oak and ash belong to tree families unrelated to the *eucalyptus* genus.

The Family *myrtaceae* with some 700 species of the Genus *eucalyptus*, and the Family *mimosaceae* with over 900 species of the Genus *acacia*, dominate the Australian botanical scene.

Eucalyptus is one a trio of similar genus that are commonly referred to as eucalypts or gums, the others being *Corymbia* and *Angophora*. The important botanical differences are in leaf, fruit and flower structure. In recent times, some 113 species of the Genus *eucalyptus* have been reclassified as Genus *corymbia*, and include the common names of bloodwoods, ghost gums, and spotted gums.

Genus *Angophora* comprises ten species, more common to south east Australia e.g. *angophora costata* – Rusty Gum or Sydney Red Gum.

Some timbers encountered in 'Woodies' activities illustrate the forms :-

Family Name	Genus Name	Species Name	Common Name
rutaceae	flindersia	flindersia brayleyana	Queensland Maple
rutaceae	flindersia	flindersia australis	Crows Ash
rutaceae	flindersia	flindersia schottiana	Bumpy Ash, Cudgerie
myrtaceae	eucalyptus	eucalyptus grandis	Rose Gum, Flooded Gum
myrtaceae	eucalyptus	eucalyptus microcorys	Tallowood, Tallowwood
myrtaceae	lophostemon	lophostemon confertus	Brush Box
myrtaceae	corymbia	corymbia tessellaris	Moreton Bay Ash
proteaceae	grevillea	grevillea robusta	Silky Oak
mimosaceae	acacia	acacia harpophylla	Brigalow
mimosaceae	acacia	acacia melanoxylon	Tasmanian Blackwood
araucariaceae	araucaria	araucaria bidwilli	Bunya Pine
lauraceae	cinnamomum	cinnamomum camphora	Camphor Laurel
meliaceae	dysoxylum	dysoxylum mollisilum	Red Bean, Miva Mahogany
meliaceae	dysoxylum	dysoxylum frazeranum	Rose Mahogany, Rosewood
meliaceae	toona	toona cilata	Red Cedar
elaecarpaceae	elaecarpus	elaecarpus grandis	Blueberry Ash, Quandong
elaecarpaceae	sloanea	sloanea woollsii	Yellow Carabeen
leguminosae	paraserianthes	paraserianthes toona	Mackay Cedar, Red Siris
leguminosae	castanospermum	castanospermum australe	Black Bean, Beantree
anacardiaceae	mangifera	mangifera indica	Mango



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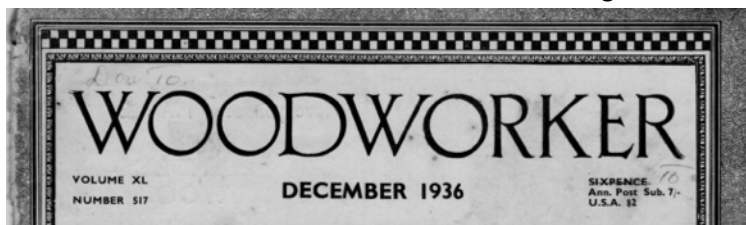
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WORKSHOP TRICKS

TRY THESE ON THE OTHER FELLOWS IN THE WORKSHOP

THESE are one or two of the tricks that men used to be fond of showing in the workshop in the days when I was an apprentice before the war. The performer would stand a hammer on its head on the bench, and grasping the left wrist as in Fig. 1 would pass the palm of the left hand up and down the shaft. Gradually the shaft would appear to adhere to the open palm, until after a few unsuccessful attempts the hammer could be carried about as shown. What really happens, of course, is that the index finger of the right hand extends forwards and presses against the shaft. Simple enough, but quite effective when seen for the first time.

In the next a 2 ft. folding rule would be placed to overhang the edge of the bench with the knuckle downwards, and someone would be asked to hang a hammer with string to the outer end. It seems absurd, for one would expect the end to fold downwards with the weight, but by tying it as shown in Fig. 2 it can be done.

A third trick was to take a four-fold rule and open it in three movements away from the body. Here again it is simple enough when you see how it is done (Fig. 3).

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FIG. 1

FIG. 2

FIG. 3

SIMPLE ENOUGH WHEN YOU KNOW HOW THEY ARE DONE

Hamish Borthwick has booked a stand at the "Big Pineapple Market" during the months of Oct, Nov & Dec to catch the Christmas market. the stand is 3m x 3m and the cost is \$60 to be shared by those who participate. Give Hamish a call if you wish to join him in this venture. 0408 156 268 or 5445 7794

Accreditation

A new system of accreditation has been introduced to encourage more new members (and not so new) to acquire skills and enjoy their woodworking experience more.

When a new member receives a Blue ID badge, they will need to acquire 6 Accreditations before applying for a printed members badge.

The accreditations will be indicated by a red spot applied to the name badge by the Accreditation Officer.

***** Accreditation Officers and Shed Captains please keep an eye out for blue badge holders and help and encourage them to get those accreditations.

Demonstrations

From Lionel Tilley

Demonstration on 31st August – a 15 minute refresher on correct use of the following – band saws, wood wizz and table saw. Many of us are developing bad habits so the short demo will give us a gentle reminder on how to use the machinery safely. ****A must attend for most members.

Demonstration on 28 September – How to sharpen cutting equipment - will include carving chisels, turning chisels, wood chisels and plane blades and anything else used for terrorising timber.

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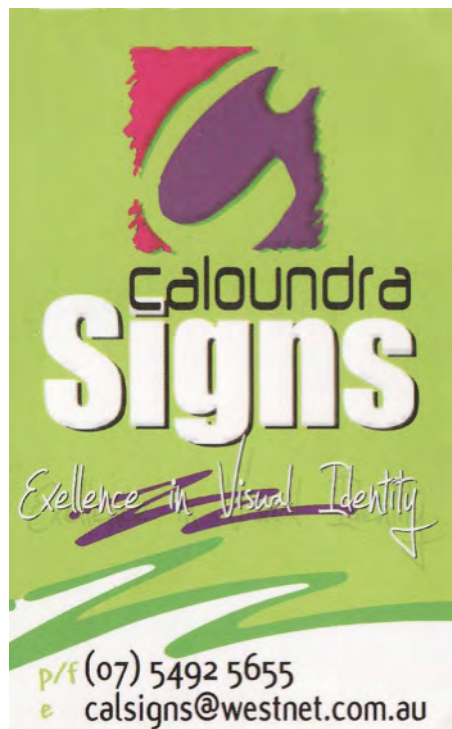
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Wednesday	General Workshop & Toys
Thursday	Furniture & Joinery
Friday	General Activities
Saturday	General Act. & Demo's



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Timber Management	John Holland, Frank McDonald, Ron Donald, Phil Gibson	

Shed Captain Roster - August 2013									
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Saturday	
						1	Phil Krisanski	3	Graham Bradford
5	John Clarke	6	Frank McDonald	7	Max Barrenger	8	Ray Bryant	10	Warne Wilson
12	Brian Harris	13	George Blowers	14	Hugh McKenna	15	John Drewe	17	Keith Muirhead
19	John Muller	20	Tom Black	21	Leigh Boynton	22	John Holland	24	Graham Bradford
26	Dave Banister	27	Ray Curry	28	John Close	29	Phil Krisanski	31	Warne Wilson

**** All Fridays = Frank McDonald

Shed Captain Roster - September 2013									
2	Lionel Tilley	3	Frank McDonald	4	Max Barrenger	5	Ray Bryant	7	Keith Muirhead
9	John Clarke	10	George Blowers	11	Hugh McKenna	12	John Drewe	14	Graham Bradford
16	Brian Harris	17	Tom Black	18	Leigh Boynton	19	John Holland	21	Warne Wilson
23	John Muller	24	Ray Curry	25	John Close	26	Phil Krisanski	28	Keith Muirhead
30	Dave Banister								