

Presidents Report

Hi Fellow Woodies,

Nearly another year gone and our last quarterly general meeting for the year.

The meeting was very well attended and there was much discussion about the Montville Village Association's proposed new annual tax on our membership for the purpose of building a maintenance fund for the sport's grounds.

The main problem being that there was no prior notice and we are entitled to 12 months notification and the fact that we are not responsible for the overall maintenance of the sports grounds.

Since the quarterly meeting I have had a meeting, one on one, with the new MVA president and he has agreed that this was an unfair proposal. Our management team have discussed our position and

formulated an alternate proposal which the MVA president will take to his executive.

I am sure that we can come to an amicable agreement which will not cost our members higher annual fees.

Thanks to Gerry Swartz, the Range News visited the shed on Thursday and several photos of our 700 plus toys were taken. The article will be in next Thursday's edition of The Range News, a good prelude to our Christmas expo. All good advertising for the club so if you're making goods to sell the expo will hopefully be well attended.

If you are able, please offer your assistance at the Christmas expo, November 30th and December 1st so that all the work doesn't fall to just a

few people



Our Christmas party at Flaxton Gardens is shaping up to be a sell out success. We now have over 100 revellers, so don't miss out.

If you intend coming please pay your \$20 pp ASAP and don't miss out on what is shaping up to be a great night.

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
President



The new timber drying racks are well under way and will greatly increase our capacity to air dry slabbed timber before it enters the kiln.

New Members this month.....

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Simon Sharpe - Tahawah

"A Big Woodies Welcome"

Tips and Tricks

By Warne Wilson

FILLERS:

One of the most frustrating things I see from time to time in the shed is a poor approach to filling cracks and knot holes in an otherwise beautifully made piece of furniture or other project.

Unfortunately many of us have a traditional mindset about it and our grandfathers' advice stays with us. "Just push some putty into it. A good coat of paint covers everything."

But with the fine transparent finishes we are able to achieve these days a much more careful approach is needed. These are the methods I use, gained by disasters and successes over many years:

Firstly, when you have brought your piece as close to perfection as possible by sanding, "With the grain remember!" and you think it is time to fill a few little defects in the wood, **THINK AGAIN!** If you fill raw wood with coloured filler at this point the excess filler you scrape in around the defect will dye the wood, and unless you sand deeply enough to remove it, and leave a depression, the lacquer or polyurethane finish will highlight a nice little halo of colour around the very defect you are trying to conceal.

Rule 1. ALWAYS FILL AFTER THE FIRST COAT OF FINISH.

If you do that the excess fill and colour can be sanded and wiped with a wet cloth to remove it entirely.

You will find a range of wood coloured water based fillers in any hardware shop. The colours range from the lightest, Radiata, through Meranti, Cedar, Jarrah and others to the darkest, Walnut. We try to keep a good range in the shed but they keep disappearing.

Rule 2. ALWAYS GO DARKER RATHER THAN LIGHTER WITH YOUR FILLER.

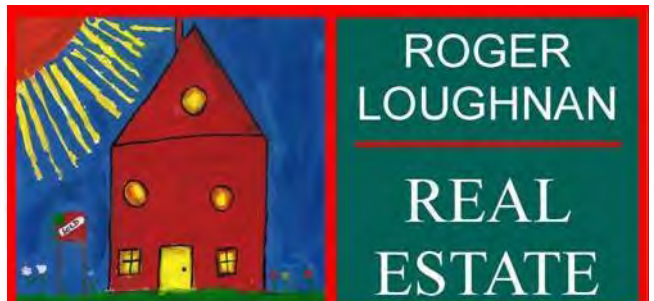
You will find that darker is acceptable to the point of looking like a natural vein in the wood, and even nail holes and filled joints look better that way. (Think of the old flooring we have all seen at some point, when the lino in an old house comes up and the floor is sanded and polished, the white putty in the nail holes stands out like . . . well you know what!)

There is more to this story of course and I have used up my space. I will continue in the next issue. Just hold your breath until then.



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Safety Notes

By Warne Wilson and Dave Banister

We haven't heard of or seen any safety incidents this month, and that is a blessing we do not take for granted. We are forever vigilant and whenever we hear a machine labouring or making noise in protest we are alerted. If a safety officer offers a suggestion or a caution, please do not be offended, our mission is your safety.

You, as a member, should remain alert whenever you are using tools and machines, powered or otherwise.

a. Wear personal safety gear whenever needed, face and eye protection, hearing protection.

b. Be vigilant on the lathe, the wood will be spinning with a lot of force behind it. Do not think that a mistake with a gentle cut will result in the lathe being gentle with you. Be careful with polishing rags, fold a small piece of rag down to a small pad. A catch with looped rag will disjoin a finger. Remember; it will not happen in a second, there will be no time to get your hand free, it will happen in a fraction of a second.

Always pull the plug before adjusting a power tool. Switching off is not enough. Make sure the power tool switch is off before you plug the cord back in and switch on. Stories abound of jumping routers and runaway belt sanders. One belt sander ran off the front of a boat, and another took a dive out of a high-rise window!

c. Be careful with cut off drop saws. Never try to cut a small piece of wood with them, if the piece is too small to hold with your fingers at least 150mm away from the blade, don't even think about it! Also, if your timber is warped, present the convex side to the fence. If you present the concave side the saw will jamb and kick back, you could damage the saw, yourself, or both!

d. Never try to lift anything too heavy for you. Ask someone to assist, there will be plenty of willing mates around you.

e. Get into the safety habit of thinking a step ahead. Be aware of what could happen. If you think that a procedure may be risky, don't do it. Consult with the shed captain if you are in doubt!

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Around The Shed



Dave Banister applying Glitter to some of the toys....he shared his personal collection from home!



John Drewe and his team have completed the restoration of a beautiful old silky oak dining table which will be put to good use by the club.



Snoopy flies again....the pedal plane was saved from destruction and given to the club for restoration and will be suspended from the roof.



Tom Black working hard on the scrollsaw to craft a wooden clock



Graham Bradford and John Henderson have been concentrating hard on producing a blanket box for the club!

Timber of the Month

By Graham Bradford
Brush Box

Scientific name. *Lophostemon confertus*. **Genus.** *Lophostemon*
Family: Myrtaceae **Local names.** Pink Box, Scrub Box, Brush Box.

Description and natural occurrence. A medium sized tree of the same family as eucalypts but of different genus, attaining a height of 35 to 40 m and a stem diameter of 1 to 2 m. The trunk is usually straight and of good form. The bark is about 10 mm thick, light grey to brown, rough and semi-fibrous on the lower trunk and smooth, coppery brown to pink on the upper trunk and main branches. Flowers are white filament like, and in clusters measuring up to 3 cm in diameter and feature numerous yellow topped anthers. The conical shaped fruit is around 10 mm in diameter and up to 15 mm in length and contains a large number of small brown seeds. Simple leaves arranged in a whorl of four or five leaves below the growing bud, are elliptic to ovate in shape up to 15 cm long, firm and leathery to touch. Mid vein is raised and lateral veins are more visible on lower leaf surface.



Occurs as mature, residual trees in rainforest and commonly extends to wet sclerophyll and moist open forests, from Newcastle to Maryborough. Further north, isolated stands occur on Blackdown Tableland, Mt Dryanden, Paluma Range, Mission Beach, Mt Garnet, Herbert Range and Windsor Tableland. It is a plantation species and popular as a street tree if trimmed. With its termite resistance, stability, medium density, and attractive heartwood colour, Brush Box is one of our most desirable native timbers. In southern Qld., it is host to some species of native orchid.

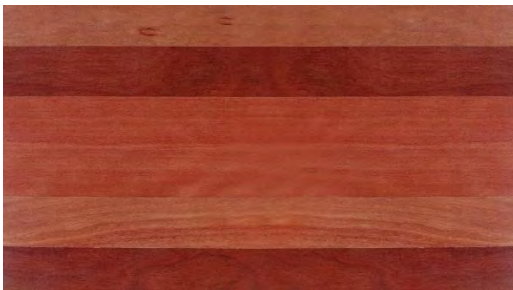
Wood properties. **Density.** 880 kg/m³ at 12 % moisture content; approximately 1.15 m³ of seasoned milled timber per tonne.

Timber Identification. Sapwood. Pale greyish-brown. Heartwood. Pink-brown to red-brown, often variable. Texture. Fine and uniform, grain often interlocked

Shrinkage to 12% MC. 9.7 % (tangential); 4.4 % (radial).

Lyctine susceptibility. Sapwood is not susceptible to lyctine borer attack. Termite resistant.

Seasoning. Care is needed in seasoning. To minimise distortion in drying, the boards should be closely stripped (maximum 300 mm centres).



Hardness. Hard (rated 2 on a 6 class scale) in relation to indentation and ease of working with hand tools. Janka hardness 8.6 kn dry.

Machining. Can be abrasive to machine cutters and tools due to the presence of silica in the wood.

Gluing. As with most high-density species, machining and surface preparation should be done immediately before gluing.

Uses. Marine piles, flooring, laminated beams, joinery, plywood, turnery, laminated bench tops, parquetry, boat building (knees).

Burning splinter test. Produces a full ash, white to brown

Data and photos courtesy of CSIRO.

Maintenance Report

By Brian Harris

23/10 New tool rest fitted to Grinder as previous one had been broken.

12" Disc Sander - New Velcro disc stuck to disc as previous one had become detached.

16/11 Jet Lathe #11 - Lathe head being dismantled as upon changing the V belt it was found that a bearing had failed, so as a precaution the other bearings and the split pulley are being replaced.



Missing DVD's

We encourage members undergoing accreditation on our machinery to view our DVD's so that they have a full understanding of the correct use of each machine. Unfortunately DVD's have a habit of rolling out of the shed and losing their way back!

We encourage members to view the DVD's at home but we also encourage members to RETURN THEM!. Some we are missing at present are -

- Jigsaw 4
- Jointer/planer 2
- Lathe 3
- Table saw 4

We'd love them to be returned to their proper home!

Maleny Doors Book

A few members have expressed interest in ordering more copies of the Maleny Doors Book. We can order these at \$30 per copy in small numbers so if you're interested, let Max know at newsletter.brwg@gmail.com



Shed Times 8.00 - 11.30	
Monday	General Activities
Tuesday	Turning & Carving
Wednesday	General Workshop & Toys
Thursday	Furniture & Joinery
Friday	General Activities
Saturday	General Act. & Demo's

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Shed Captain Roster - November 2013									
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Saturday	
								2	Graham Bradford
4	Lionel Tilley	5	George Blowers	6	Hugh McKenna	7	John Drewe	9	Warne Wilson
11	Brian Harris	12	Tom Black	13	Leigh Boynton	14	John Holland	16	John Clarke
18	John Muller	19	Ray Curry	20	John Close	21	Phil Krisanski	23	Keith Muirhead
25	Dave Banister	26	Frank McDonald	27	Max Barrenger	28	Ray Bryant	30	SANTA SHOP

**** All Fridays = Frank McDonald

Shed Captain Roster - December 2013									
2	Lionel Tilley	3	George Blowers	4	Hugh McKenna	5	John Drewe	7	Graham Bradford
9	Brian Harris	10	Tom Black	11	Leigh Boynton	12	John Holland	14	Warne Wilson
16	John Muller	17	Ray Curry	18	John Close	19	Phil Krisanski	21	John Clarke
23	Dave Banister	24	Frank McDonald	25	Santa Claus	26	Ray Bryant	28	Keith Muirhead
30	Lionel Tilley	31	George Blowers						