



Flitch 'n Chips

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Presidents Report



Hi Fellow Woodies,

The Club is progressing well with a constant stream of new members. It's pleasing to see an increase in the number of ladies joining the club, proving the enjoyment of working with timber applies to everyone. Please make all new members feel welcome and offer them your help and guidance when you can. To our new members, please make it your aim to become accredited on the machinery as soon as you feel confident so you can continue with your projects without having to rely on someone being available to supervise your machinery use. To help overcome the problem all Accreditation Officers are asked to approach anyone with the blue name card & offer to get them accredited – please don't wait for the new member to approach you – be proactive and approach the new member. That's why we have the blue name card system. Let's see if we can get over this accreditation bottleneck by being a bit proactive!

Our Shed Open Day is over for another year and thanks to Bob Callinan and his team of volunteers it was, in my mind, very successful. Not only did the club make money but we also gained new members. Our thanks also goes to Jan Clements and the ladies who helped in the kitchen for providing sustenance to everyone.



And of course the Barbeque Crew.....



For events such as these to succeed, and they are for the benefit of the members, we need more volunteers and more member participation so please consider offering your help for upcoming events. The Christmas expo will be held at Montville on the 6th and 7th Dec and a sub committee of three has been formed to organise the event. Bruce Chapman will coordinate the event aided by Rick Vicker and John Muller and offers of help would be welcome. It's only about 9 weeks until the expo so if you intend having goods for sale it's probably time to start in earnest as we always have a steady stream of visitors eager to purchase Christmas gifts that are hand crafted from local timbers especially childrens toys in the \$10 to \$30 range. Remember to mark on the calendar that our Christmas Party will be held on Friday, 12th December, at Flaxton Gardens and if last year was anything to go by, a good time should be had by all.

The management committee is, at present, looking at a five year plan for the future of the club and it's facilities, so we are asking for member's input. If you have ideas for how you would like the club to progress please speak to me, or any member of the committee, so we can consider all options and ideas.

Our training officer, Lionel Tilley, is working on some new demonstrations and we will notify you when they are

finalised. If there is something you would like to see demonstrated or you have a skill to share please approach Lionel, he's always open to suggestions.

And last, but certainly not least, I would like to pay tribute to a group of members without whom this club could not manage. I'm referring to a great bunch of lads who keep us supplied with usable timber. There are two teams working for all member's benefit, one on Thursday and one on Saturday. They move logs and then mill them into usable boards. They then stack them for air drying or load them directly into the kiln. Thank you to the Saturday milling team led by Ron Donald, Bruce Chapman, Robert Rothwell, Ted Martin, Ian Colpoys, Terry Crowson and Roger Scott. The kiln team, led by Phil Gibson include Peter Morningstar, Ron Fishwick, Dave Edmond, Mike Poffley and a few others work very hard to prepare the timber for your use. Think about it. One day last week, three of these members spent nearly four hours unloading and reloading the kiln for your benefit. Please appreciate these guys and the work they all do on your behalf.

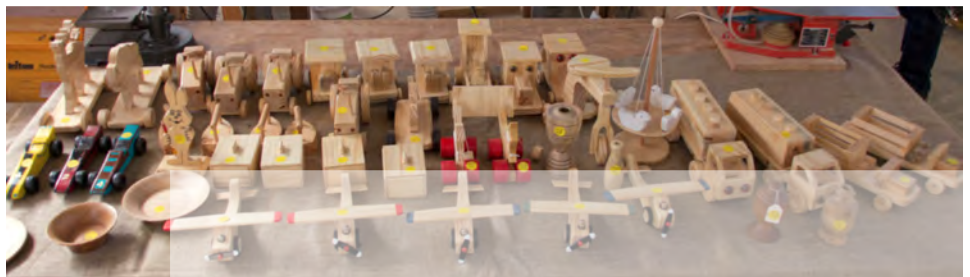
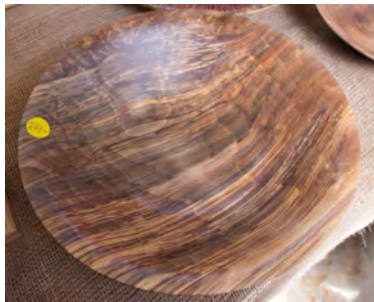
Unfortunately, we have a few members not feeling the best at the moment, so we're thinking of you and wish you all a speedy recovery.

Looking forward to another great year for the Club.

Keep the wood pile low and the shavings high.
Happy Woodworking,
Frank McDonald
President.



The 2014 Woodies Open Day once again highlighted the depth of talent in our members with a great display of quality woodwork on show.



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Open Day continued.....and there were plenty of skilled demonstrators on hand!



Dave showed off another generation of Banister Woodies!





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Tips and Tricks

By Warne Wilson

Circular Saw Marking Gauge

Making a straight cut with a hand held power saw usually requires careful measuring to set up and clamp the edge guide. Setting the edge guide becomes even trickier when you consider that you can make the cut with either the narrow, or the wide part of the saw's base plate against the guide. To save time, a power saw marking gauge is a good idea.

All that is needed is a piece of 19mm dressed pine or similar.



To make the gauge, start by ripping the pine to a width that matches the distance from the blade to the narrow side of the base plate.

Then, dock the pine to make its length equal to the distance from the blade to the wide side of the plate.

To use the gauge, measure and mark the work-piece where it is to be cut. To use the narrow portion of the plate, lay the marking gauge parallel to the line of the cut and mark the work-piece. To use the wide side of the plate, lay the gauge at a right angle to the line of the cut. The gauge will give the exact spacing between the edge of the plate and the blade, allowing the edge guide to be precisely positioned and clamped.

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Safety Notes

By Warne Wilson and Dave Banister



Back to basics.

Again and again we must remind members to please be careful around machines. Thankfully, and with credit to our members, accidents and injuries in the shed have been very few over the years, but we must maintain vigilance. We have a policy of no smoking, no mind-bending drugs, and no alcohol. Also, no thongs or light footwear which would not provide protection in the event of a falling or dropped piece of timber.

Protect your eyes - accidents happen quicker than you can blink!

Take extra care when using or standing close to an operator who is using a saw bench; without the guard, the blade's teeth can pick up a piece of wood and fire it like a missile. Warne has a hole in his shed window made by a long thin piece which was picked up in this way; he found it weeks later in the grass about 50 metres from his shed! Stand to the side and out of the line of fire; and that goes too, for anyone watching! Do not interrupt or startle anyone making a cut on a saw bench; a moment's concentration lapse can be catastrophic. If you are helping an operator "Tail out" by supporting the cut timber as it comes off a table saw – do not pull it or try to correct its direction – just support it until it is free of the blade. Whatever machine you are using, wait until the machine stops after you switch it off before making any adjustment. Many machines run on for several seconds before stopping and this can trick an unwary finger. A particular

case in point is the Laguna band saw. The large wheels in the machine which carry the blade are heavy cast iron, and have to be slowed to a stop with the footbrake; if you switch off and walk away the next user might not notice that the blade is still moving. An injury can occur when still spinning wood on a switched off lathe is slowed by hand. Lathes: Make sure your work piece is secure before switching on; and it does not carry cracks which could cause it to fly apart at speed. Wear the face shield provided for your protection. When finishing, do not wind a burnishing cloth around your fingers, keep it small and under control in your hand; a catch once caused an injury to a member.

The drop saws give safety officers the most frights as from time to time someone presents an irregular piece of timber with the concave edge to the fence. The resulting loud bang, when the two halves compress at the end of the cut and jam the blade, will bring us to investigate. A member did injure a little finger years ago; it was in the gap when the blade jammed and forced the concave edge against the fence.

Hearing protection – what can we say? If members will not listen – they eventually may not be able to listen!

Dust: The Guild has gone to heavy expense in providing powerful dust extraction and suspended air filtering, and any member making dust in the shed is frowned upon.

Take any work which will produce free dust outside and use a mask!

Around The Shed

Rob Otto ran a course last month with students learning to make a Dining Chair based on the sample chair made by Rob.



John Muller added a carved feature to his chair.....




For this result



Always check the Noticeboard for new courses that are planned, or if you have an idea for a course, contact Lionel Tilley with your suggestion.

There is a need at the moment for volunteers for club projects so check the noticeboard and add your name to the lists.



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Southern Silver Ash

Family: *Rutaceae*. **Genus:** *flindersia* **Botanical name:** *Flindersia schottiana*.

Local names. Southern Silver Ash, Bumpy Ash, Cudgerie.

Description and natural occurrence. A medium-sized, slim boled tree attaining a height of 35 m and 1 m stem diameter, of the same family as Qld. Maple, Maple Silkwood, and Crows Ash. A closely related species, Northern Silver Ash – *flindersia bourjotiana*, grows in far Nth. Qld.

The trunk is usually well formed and circular in cross-section. The bark, which is approximately 15 mm thick, is fairly smooth or finely warted. The tree can usually be recognised by swellings on the tree bole covering overgrown circles of broken-off limbs, giving it the local name of 'Bumpy Ash'. It is distributed mainly in the rainforest areas from northern New South Wales to Gladstone and areas of the Atherton Tableland.

Sapwood. Creamy-white to pale yellow, indistinguishable from the heartwood.

Heartwood. Creamy-white to pale yellow.

Texture. Medium and uniform, without figure but possessing a sheen and slightly oily.

Grain. Open and predominantly straight. Slight grain deviation may occur associated with bumps on the log surface. There is no pronounced figure but a characteristic of the species is its long straight vessel lines on longitudinal surfaces.

Density. 640-675 kg/m³ at 12 per cent moisture content; approximately 1.4 m³ of seasoned sawn timber per tonne.

Shrinkage . 4.8% (tangential); 3.1% (radial) at 12% m.c.

Lyctine susceptibility. Untreated sapwood susceptible to lyctus borer attack

Termite resistance. Not resistant.

Seasoning. Can be satisfactorily dried using conventional air and kiln seasoning methods.

Hardness. Firm to soft (rated 4 on a 6-class scale) in relation to indentation and ease of working with hand tools.

Machining. Machines and turns well to a smooth surface with minimal splintering.

Gluing. Being oily, the timber should be machined and cleaned with solvent immediately prior to gluing.

Finishing. Will readily accept stain and polish.

Uses. Furniture, plywood, laminated beams, laminated bench tops, shop and office fixtures, flooring, lining, joinery, mouldings, parquetry flooring, turnery, carving.

Burning splinter test. Match size splinter burns to a full white ash.



Around The Shed.....continued



Dave Banister, John Close and helpers created a DJ Desk from Silky Oak.



You may have seen these wheels sitting in the Shed and wondered what happened to them. Ted Martin crafted this beautiful seat from them for Sarah Dimon.

A message from one of our neighbouring clubs.....

The hugely popular Bribie Woodcrafters Annual Exhibition is on again from Saturday 18th to Sunday 26th October 2014 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Bribie Island Community Arts Centre, Sunderland Drive, Bribie Island.

The theme this year is "Art or Craft" a question asked by many who see the distinction between the two being blurred by the beauty of the artistic creations of those who work in wood.

This year will see an amazing display of over 300 lovingly turned, burned, carved, sawn and hammered items of art in wood, created by the many talented Bribie and District Woodcrafters Association members, and pupils of the local High School.

Visitors can enter the "Lucky Door Prize" draw to win a beautiful handcrafted jewellery box with a hinged lid and many compartments.

It promises to be a great exhibition - well worth a visit, so mark these dates on your calendar of things to do in October 2014.

Maintenance Report

by Brian Harris

- 25/7 Belt Sander - New sanding belt fitted.
- 29/7 Drum Sander - A new platen belt has been fitted to replace the one damaged by misuse in trying to sand too much off the timber in one pass.
- Hammer Saw - Resharpened blade fitted.
- 1/8 Sand Flee - New abrasive belt fitted.
- 9/8 Two secondhand Makita routers have been purchased. A bench will be constructed for the two routers for the purpose of box making with the Gifkin Jig. Lionel will oversee construction. Each router will be fitted with one of the two router bits required to save exchanging bits whilst box making.
- 16/8 Bosch Drop Saw - Resharpened blade fitted.
- 3/9 Belt Sander - Damaged sanding belt removed and new belt fitted.
- 10/9 Laguna Band Saw - New blade fitted.
- 13/9 Jet Air Filters - All three primary air filters cleaned and replaced.

At the Club Open Day, we were approached by the new owners of Montville Wood; they are looking for suppliers of wood products to stock the shop. Any member with product to sell can approach them direct.

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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

<i>New Members this month.....</i>	
564	Henry George Paine
565	Beryl Paine
566	Zennon Anthony Peter Silich
567	Grace Outtrim
568	Gregory James McCosker
569	Vincent Bettington
570	James Douglas Stevenson
571	Heaton Allan Douglas
572	Michelle Foyle
573	Christopher James Stuart
"A Big Woodies Welcome"	

Who's Who in BRWG Inc. 2013-14		
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Librarian	Brian Holdsworth, Max Barranger	
Timber Management	John Holland, Frank McDonald, Ron Donald, Phil Gibson	

Shed Captain Roster - October 2014											
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
				1	Leigh Boynton	2	Ted Martin	3	Frank McDonald	4	Keith Muirhead
6	Lionel Tilley	7	Frank McDonald	8	John Close	9	Ray Bryant	10	George Blowers	11	Graham Bradford
13	Brian Harris	14	George Blowers	15	Max Barranger	16	John Drewe	17	John Muller	18	Warne Wilson
20	John Muller	21	Tom Black	22	Hugh McKenna	23	John Holland	24	Frank McDonald	25	John Clarke
27	Dave Banister	28	Bruce Chapman	29	Rob Otto	30	Ted Martin	31	George Blowers		

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24	Dave Banister	25	Bruce Chapman	26	Hugh McKenna	27	Ted Martin	28	John Muller	29	Keith Muirhead