



# Flitch 'n Chips

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## Presidents Report



G'Day all Woodies,

Another Christmas and New Year over. It seems in early January each year at the Mullers, we can take down the decorations/lights and the "No Vacancy" sign at our place and clean up. A wonderful time of the year and I hope all members had a great time and are now ready to get into some challenging woodcraft projects.

Speaking of wood projects, a discussion at the Shed recently highlighted the difficulty some members have with producing accurate mitre cuts. Our equipment at the workshop to do this is either the compound drop saw or the table saw. Both pieces of equipment present issues with making those accurate cuts, be it a picture frame, lid for a box or box sides. It is a fact that our Members do make a lot of boxes so the logical thing to do was to purchase a mitre trimmer guillotine. This we have done and the Guild now has this piece of equipment, however, there has to be training provided and accreditation before unsupervised use. By the very nature of the name (i.e. guillotine) it is a very sharp tool and great care is needed to handle it safely. Whenever I'm in the workshop, I will gladly demonstrate its use to any interested member. Specific training & demonstration sessions will be advertised.

Another equipment acquisition coming shortly is the Domino machine. It is on order and the Guild members should be able to use it by the end of the month. All members wishing to use this will have to go through the usual accreditation process and the issue of it will be via the Shed Captain. The addition of the Domino to our workshop compliments the other jointing systems that can be used, i.e. pocket holes, dowels, biscuits, dovetails, mortise & tenon.

The Management Committee is looking for Club Projects which can involve members who learn new skills along the way. A few years ago, a group of enthusiastic members built a small boat; is anyone interested in building a kayak which the Club could raffle? If you have any ideas or desires to develop new skills, see any of the committee at the Shed.

Remember the BIG CLEAN-UP at the Shed on 23rd. John Henderson is the organizer and details are on page 5. This will be a good way for us to start the new year.

Best wishes to Hugh McKenna to sort out his current illness; hope to see you again soon at the Shed. To all members, enjoy 2016!

Cheers,  
John Muller  
President

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Five practical tips this month:

1. Ever stripped a screw hole or had to reposition a screw holding a hinge? This can be done in a number of ways depending on the size of the hole. If it's a big hole such as in a door jamb, fill it with a paste made from sawdust and wood glue, making sure it is packed right down to the bottom of the hole OR, glue and drive in a chopstick or a similar tapered piece of wood and nip it off. The hole can be redrilled the next day. If the hole is smaller, use a kebab spike or a toothpick. (I keep a packet of bamboo kebab spikes on a nearby shelf with the end open and the spikes ready to use.) Just break a few cm of the sharp end off, glue it, tap it into the hole and cut it off (Great for jewelry box hinges)
2. Make your own reusable sanding blocks: Cut some wood into several blocks which will be comfortable to hold; about 100mm X 70mm X 30 mm thick. Buy, borrow or steal a cork tile and glue the blocks to it. When the glue is dry, cut the blocks out of the tile. And glue them to your favourite grits of sandpaper with spray adhesive. When the sandpaper needs replacing just warm it with a hair dryer "Sorry Mum, daughter, or young Elvis" and separate it from the cork. It can be sprayed again and replaced.
3. Prevent glue stains from glue ooze: Clamp the two parts of a glue joint together dry. Stick masking tape along the joint and cut through along the line of the joint with a sharp blade. Separate the pieces, apply the glue and reclamp. Any glue that is forced out will be on the masking tape, not on the wood.
4. Hot melt glue trick: When you want to sand or carve a small irregular shaped item, grip a stick of wood in the vice and use hot melt glue to hold the item. To separate it afterward warm it with a hairdryer, or if necessary a heat gun (But be careful, hold the gun far enough away not to scorch the wood) Alternatively try freezing it, most glues will fracture easily when frozen.
5. Pencil trick when sanding. Put a pencil wriggle over the wood you are going to sand with an orbital sander or by hand. Start with your choice of a coarse grit (Not too coarse of course) (Maybe 120 or 240) When you have removed the pencil mark you will have sanded it all and no patches will have been missed. Repeat the pencil mark (Don't be too heavy handed with it, it may be difficult to remove with fine grit) and repeat with the fine grit of your choice. Result, perfection!

### Safety Notes

*By Warne Wilson and Dave Banister*



This month I might be getting away from 'Safety' a little, but an idea has been brought to mind by a couple of members who have the welfare of the Guild and the care of equipment at heart. They suggested a list of the 'silly' things members do. But perhaps 'lack of understanding' or even 'carelessness' might describe it better.

1. The Drum Sander: Though the machine and abrasive belt are surviving better since the key has to be obtained from the Shed Captain, some members are not cleaning the abrasive before, during and after use. We all know that glue and wood sap can build up and quickly ruin the belt but some of us seem to be unaware of the cleaning rubber and how to use it.
2. Orbital Sanders: Perhaps the most abused items in the Shed. Would you believe that some members have been known to ruin the Velcro plate by trying to sand without sandpaper or by using old sandpaper which flies off. Expensive new backing plates have to be sourced and fitted.
3. Belt Sanders: Failures (Separation of the glue joint) are well known due to heat build-up caused by
  - A. heavy handedness. When pressure is added to the weight of the machine, and
  - B. Incorrect fitting. All belts have arrows printed on the back which indicate the right direction of travel. Fit it the wrong way and it will break.
4. Docking saw: Members continue to try to cut irregular edged timber by presenting the concave edge to the fence. This sometimes causes damage to the machine when the blade jams in the cut, or actual injury. I remember an incident when a member held the wood in the gap between the concave edge and the fence with his fingers. An injury occurred when the wood let go and his finger was caught against the fence. When cutting warped timber, either use the clamp or preferably use a power saw. Lastly members are often seen to be making a fast, heavy handed feed rate. Please don't bully the machine; it's doing its best.
5. Bandsaws: Blades break under excessive pressure and feed rates. Also, the blades are made to cut in a forward direction. Time after time they are broken by operators trying to correct a cut by moving the wood sideways.

Enough for this month. I will continue with more examples next month. (WW)



## Around The Shed

Last year, we were approached to make a weavers loom; who would want a weavers loom I hear you ask in this day and age?

The request came from two people (Tina Mitchell & William Feez) involved in aged care and specifically of dementia suffers. Tina & William have this novel concept of having a loom with wheelchair access so patients can occupy their minds doing something interesting, and as the design can accommodate three patients at once, they can interact with each other at the same time.

At the end of each weaving session, the loom can be folded away flat for storage.

With the basic concept, we designed the three-sided loom and Robert Otto set to making the finished article. It will be a little while before we learn of the success of the concept however the recipients are ecstatic about the finished product and have already designed a program in the aged care ward at the Bribie Island Hospital.

As soon as there is any feedback from the hospital, we will report back to members.

A great effort by Robert, who at the same time was running a course on making an Adirondack Chair. Below is one of the results made from Camphor Laurel by Max Barrenger.

Another course is starting soon so check the board and get your name on the list. (JM)



Dave Edmond under the tutelage of Dave Southern and Rob Otto has produced a beautiful carved blanket box from Camphor Laurel.



Tony Gallwey combined Red Cedar and Beech in this elegant clock

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## AUSTRALIA DAY EVENT—MALENY SHOWGROUND 7.30am till 12 noon



We will be having a site at this showcase event  
and seek some assistance from members to  
make it a standout display.

If you can help with any of the following please  
give Lionel Tilley a ring on 5429 6629.



Help load the equipment at **3pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>** at the shed.



Help setup the display/tent etc at 7am Tuesday Australia Day.



Provide examples of our craftwork for display—no sales.  
We need a range of woodcraft to show our diversity in the Club.



Help at the display to talk with visitors—wear Club shirt.



Help to dismount the display & return it to the shed from 12 noon.



### Maintenance Report by Graham Bradford



December 2015 - January 2016

Blade guides on bandsaws 1 & 2 renewed.

Blade guide on Wadkin bandsaw modified. New blade fitted due to damage.

Table roller chains on both thicknessers tensioned. Cutter inserts on 380 mm thicknesser rotated.

New Velcro backing plates fitted to all orbital sanders.

Air compressor serviced.

Lathe work light repaired.

\*Please remember to clean the drum sander element before, during and after use.

\*\*It was noted in the green book that a thicknesser was growling. Was it an 'arrgh' or a 'grrrr' or an 'ngghh'. Be kind to the machines and they won't get angry.

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## Toy Handover 2015

Another big year for the Woodies Toy Boys & Girls and the Mapleton Craft Group who together produced well over 800 toys to be distributed to needy kids by the Salvation Army.



Above Don Meredith puts the finishing touches to the boxes of toys before they are loaded into the Sally Van opposite.



Below.....Valerie Zwart from Mapleton Craft Group and John Muller from the Woodies receive certificates of appreciation from John Fidler and Des Abel from the Salvation Army



Maeve Granzella from the Mapleton Craft Group is congratulated by Des Abel from the Salvation Army on hand knitting in excess of 80 soft toys for children.



## Working Bee

We are having a working Bee at the Shed from 8.00Am until 12.00 noon on 23 January 2016.

The mission is to commence a major clean-up of the area outside the Shed. The aim is to get rid of useless timber and old pallets etc and sort what is useable and what is not.

We will have 3 basic teams,

1. To clean up log pile and surrounding area.
2. Clean up the timber stacked at the rear of the shed and storage area
3. Sort and restack the timber racking near the mill
4. Other tasks we have time for.

There will be a chipper on site for all timber that is rejected . If you have a chain saw please bring it along. If you have a ute or trailer these will be handy to do a tip run and maybe take home chips or fire wood.

The Shed will not be available for projects on this day.

A sausage sizzle and lite refreshments will be available on completion.

John Henderson - VP

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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With the additional opening of the Shed on Wednesday afternoons a new roster will have to be arranged for the Shed Captains for those sessions. This was not complete at the time of publication however it will be available soon.

The fee for the afternoon session is still \$3 plus machine usage, however for Woodies starting in the morning and continuing into the afternoon there will be only one fee of \$3. Contributions for use of machinery will still have to be paid on your total time of use.

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Amenity Officer	Pat McDonald	
House Officer	Pat McDonald	
Purchasing Officer	Rob Otto	
Training Officer	Rob Otto	
Librarian	Brian Holdsworth, Max Barrenger	
Timber Management	John Holland, Frank McDonald, Ron Donald, Phil Gibson	

Shed Captain Roster - February 2016											
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1	Dave Banister	2	Tom Black	3	Max Barrenger	4	Spike Bettega	5	TBA	6	Keith Muirhead
8	Brian Harris	9	Bruce Chapman	10	Leigh Boynton	11	Ray Bryant	12	Dave Edmond	13	Graham Bradford
15	John Muller	16	Frank McDonald	17	Rob Otto	18	John Drewe	19	John Muller	20	Warne Wilson
22	Lionel Tilley	23	Phil Gibson	24	Phil English	25	John Holland	26	George Blowers	27	John Henderson
29	Dave Banister										

Shed Captain Roster - March 2016											
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
		1	Tom Black	2	Leigh Boynton	3	Spike Bettega	4	TBA	5	Keith Muirhead
7	Brian Harris	8	Bruce Chapman	9	Max Barrenger	10	Ray Bryant	11	Dave Edmond	12	Graham Bradford
14	John Muller	15	Frank McDonald	16	Rob Otto	17	John Drewe	18	John Muller	19	Warne Wilson
21	Lionel Tilley	22	Phil Gibson	23	Phil English	24	John Holland	25	George Blowers	26	John Henderson
28	Dave Banister	29	Tom Black	30	Max Barrenger	31	Spike Bettega				