



# Flitch 'n Chips

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'Day to all Woodies,

### MALENY WOOD EXPO

You may have noticed in my recent correspondence with members that I have always referred to the most recent Maleny event as "Barung Chain-saw to Fine Furniture Expo". Well the event has now morphed into the "MALENY WOOD EXPO", and is fast becoming the premier wood show in Australia with potential exhibitors clamouring to be a part of it.

Our Guild was asked this year to do something extra, in concert with the Maleny Men's Shed to organize a workshop for children....a hands-on event to introduce kids to the wonders of working with wood. As usual, a lot of members stepped up to the plate to make this happen and by all measures, the workshop was an outstanding success.

Before the event, there was a lot of work done in preparation of the projects and a special thanks to John Henderson and his team in accumulating about 250+ projects. More were needed during the event but really, it was a very special effort. Thanks.

To the volunteers working on this stand, your efforts were outstanding and a very special thank you is warranted. In observing how members worked with the kids, I feel some may have missed their vocation as their teaching skills, patience and kindness shone through.

Our sales stand in the "cow" pavilion was a success with the weather being kind, the crowds excellent and a few people putting their hands in their wallets to make our efforts financially beneficial. Our Chancellor of the Exchequer (Brian) will provide the results in due course however on initial numbers, the result looks good for consolidated revenue.

Thanks to all members who helped with setting up, manning the stand and dismantling it. As usual, the event seems to just happen, but the organization was terrific with Sarah (and Nigel, on the Friday) acting as coordinators.

Before leaving the subject of the Maleny Wood Expo, several important issues are being investigated.

- We need more room for the sales and we are in discussions with Barung to hopefully achieve that for next year. Several factors influence that outcome but rest assured, we are trying.
- The eftpos machine's ability to operate in the shed is limited and a real bug-bear for those closing sales. An approach is being made to the Show Society, Barung and other stall holders in the building to jointly finance an additional Telstra antenna on the building.
- The success of the Children's workshop has inspired Barung to want it to be a feature in future Expos so they have asked the Woodies and the Men's Shed to continue running it. With the experience of hindsight, this will be bigger and better next year.



A few photo's from the Kid's Workshop at the Maleny Wood Expo



Presidents Report continues....

### JULY EXPO & COMPETITION:

The next big event is our July Expo and Competition. With lessons learnt at the Maleny Wood Expo, there will be some minor changes to format for this expo so watch this space. Hopefully, we will have more space to display our wares.

Please do enter your best pieces in the competition and remember, the format will be the same as last year; entries in on Thursday June 29th at the Expo venue - **Montville State School**.

Set up for the Expo will be on Friday 30th. Also please think about putting your hand up for the role of Coordinator. Just ask Sarah how much fun it is!

### HOLIDAYS:

Lorraine and I are taking some holidays, unfortunately leaving the Range probably at the nicest time of the year. Off to Queenstown at the moment and then, with the caravan hitched up, off to Broome on 1st June, so see you all probably early August. John Henderson as VP and the very competent management team will look after the Guild during my absence.

To all Woodies not feeling the best, look after yourself, get well and keep creating in wood.

Cheers  
John Muller  
President.

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## Maintenance Report *by Graham Bradford*



Blade guides on Wadkin saw modified thanks to Ted Martin.

New blade and blade guide fitted to Laguna bandsaw. Broken blade repaired.

Compound sliding saws changed for maintenance on Makita model. New blade guard fitted to Bosch machine.

General check on lathes, bandsaws and saw benches.

All members, and in particular, Shed Captains, please note:-

It is Guild policy that old hardwood timbers such as rail sleepers and fence posts must not be milled on Shed machinery.

Additionally, all other timber brought in by members which has not been slabbed by the Guild must be checked by the Shed Captain with the metal detector prior to milling.

**Club Projects.** We have received an order for one blanket box, and another will be made for sale/raffle at the December expo. This is an opportunity to learn new skills so please register your interest on the notice board.

G. Bradford  
Shed Manager



## Tips and Tricks *by Warne Wilson*



One of the most frustrating experiences in woodworking can be a stripped screw hole. There is no universal solution to this problem but the first step would be to think whether a longer or wider-diameter screw would solve the issue; a bit more bite might solve the problem without altering aesthetics, but often this isn't a viable option. If a larger screw is not the answer, the next thing would be to look at the type of wood you're dealing with.

If you're working with pine or a similar softer wood, you may be able to tighten the hole with a small strip or two of the same type of wood. Simply carve off a few little spikes, dip the tips into wood glue and insert them vertically into the hole then gently drive the screw home. Your problem should be solved.

You can take the same approach if the stock is a hardwood, but use pieces of similar hardwood. If you don't have any of the same stock, there are other methods for tightening the hole which might suit. Depending on the size of the hole, split match sticks will work, (This is particularly true when patience testing trouble occurs with hinges and tiny brass screws in a jewellery box lid. By the way, when fitting hinges with little screws put your battery drill away and pick up a screwdriver, battery drills can easily cause a screw to strip the hole, you must use a careful approach and a hand held screwdriver will give you a much more sensitive feel when the screw is tight. Hardwood dowels might be another option with large holes. (Again, based on the type of wood being repaired).

Sometimes woodworkers use epoxy or even builders bog to fill holes and blemishes, but avoid these chemical fixes. The reason is that wood is flexible, and will expand and contract based upon weather conditions. Hardened chemical solutions will not have the pliability of wood, and as such, may cause greater problems with cracking or splitting later. In cases where the stock expands with the weather, the plug carrying the screw could even fall out.

One final note: in the stain aisles of local stores you'll find a range of wood fillers. These products are designed to help fill holes before (or after) applying a finish. They are for aesthetic purposes and are not appropriate for fixing stripped screw holes. If you use a wood filler for structural purposes, you're likely to be disappointed, and right back to square one relatively quickly.

### Did you know ????

February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.

In the last 4,000 years, no new animals have been domesticated.

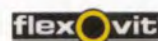
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**Don't Close Your Eyes to the Square**  
**By Christopher Schwarz, Popular Woodworking, April 12, 2017**

When people injure themselves in the shop, their first reaction is to grab the wound and refuse to look. Sadly, this is the same attitude many woodworkers take with the squareness of their components; they refuse to look and hope things will work out.

While there are lots of areas of woodworking where squareness doesn't matter (stick chairs, for one), if you are going to build rectilinear boxes and hope to fit rectilinear boxes and doors inside your boxes, you have to be willing to probe every component with a try square and deal with the results.

Today I'm building a complex and mechanical table base using lots of machine operations. But before I set up my mortiser to cut the 60-odd mortises, I checked every wooden component to ensure their ends and edges were square.

I didn't always do this. When I began woodworking in the early '90s, I trusted my machines and jigs to keep things square. If the machine could cut a test piece dead square, that was good enough. If you've been woodworking for a while, you know this is folly.

Workpieces can slip slightly during the cut (yes, even with a stop block). A bit of dust trapped between your work and your machine will throw things off in crazy ways. In other words, it's not square unless the square says it is square.



Which brings me to my squares. While I have a combination square that I use for a lot of tasks, I don't trust it enough to pass judgment on components and joints. For that I have a fixed-blade try square (mine is from [Chris Vesper in Australia](#)) that has been infallible and is treated like an honoured guest (i.e. don't drop your guests on the floor).

After I check each part, I'll correct it if necessary. I prefer to use a shooting board, though any sharp plane can do the trick. After I correct a part I then compare it other parts that are supposed to be the same length to ensure I'm not making things worse.

In the end, all this fussing is worth it when building complex assemblies. Yes, it slows things down, but it also reduces the number of rhombus boxes coming out of your shop.

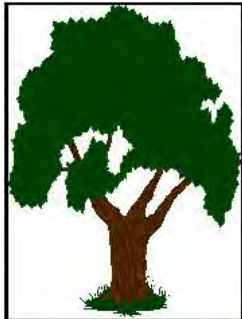
— *Christopher Schwarz*





Once again this year We are holding a Raffle to be drawn at our Expo at the beginning of July. The prizes are shown below and tickets will be distributed soon to all members for pre-selling before the Expo.

With all proceeds going to our building fund please encourage your neighbours, family and friends to get behind this years raffle.



## ***Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild Mid Year Raffle 2017***

***Tickets \$2 each.***

***First Prize - A “Woodies”  
Squatters Chair, handcrafted  
from local Camphor Laurel.***

***Valued at \$450***



***Second Prize - A Pair of locally  
designed and made Side Tables  
produced from local Silky Oak.***

***Valued at \$375***



***Third Prize - A rustic styled Coffee  
Table produced from local Mango  
and Bunya Pine timbers.***

***Valued at \$350***



***Raffle to be drawn at 3pm on Sunday 2nd July at the BRWG Expo  
at Montville State School.***

***All proceeds go to the Woodies “New Building Fund”***



## Safety Notes by Warne Wilson and Dave Banister



Two incidents to report this month; one was a small injury when a member cut a finger on the slide of the Hammer Saw. The finger came in contact with a sharp edge on the right underside of the slide.

The second was caused in the storage container when a piece of equipment fell on a member's hand, breaking the skin and causing bruising. Accidents can happen with everything we do at the shed, and usually without warning, please be vigilant and aware of possible danger at all times.

Safety and care of our machines is also important. One report recently was that a thicknesser height adjusting wheel was difficult to turn. It was found that the height lock knobs were tightened and the operator had been forcing the wheel.

The Audio Clinic demonstration and hearing tests were a great success recently and all who attended picked up knowledge about the necessity of hearing protection in the shed. However, we are still noticing members using high decibel emitting power tools without any form of protection. We have a few pairs of ear muffs in the cupboard and these are free to use; there are also ear plugs in a display box in the smoko room, these are quite effective and easy to use.

A reminder to everyone about the club rule that thongs and sandals are not allowed to be worn in the Shed. Substantial footwear is required. A piece of wood dropped on a bare foot can cause a nasty and painful bruise.

On another matter, the writer noticed a member using the jointer with the dust extractor gate closed. In a shaft of bright sunlight I noticed the mist of dust mites surrounding the member and then, of course, the closed gate; it is easy to forget to open the gate and we have all done it, please have respect for your own pulmonary system and avoid working in dust as it is a proven carcinogenic.

## Club Events Calendar from Rick Vickers



**Timber & Working With Wood Show**  
Brisbane - May 26 to 28

**Woodturner's Society QLD Open Day**  
Greenslopes - June 10 & 11

**BRWG July Expo**  
Montville State School - July 1 & 2



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## Around the Shed



A great turn-out of enthralled members for Rob Otto's demonstration of the new router table.



A pair of side tables, built to John Muller's design (almost) by Rob Otto and his fabulous helpers, was gifted to Barung as a raffle prize at the Maleny Wood Expo.



And another large turnout of members for free Health Checks

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Purchasing Officer	Rob Otto	
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Librarian	Brian Holdsworth	
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Monday	General Activities
Tuesday	Turning & Carving
Wednesday	General Workshop & Toys
Thursday	Furniture & Joinery
Friday	General Activities
Saturday	General Act. & Demo's

## Timber Tales by Bruce Chapman

The kiln was unloaded last week and that timber has already been racked.

The new timbers include some Silky Oak and Hoop Pine as well as a lot of short but well coloured Camphor Laurel boards. A small amount of Dutch Elm and Black Wattle was also racked. These timbers are down the end on the left hand side of the racks.

More Dutch Elm and Black Wattle has been placed in the kiln for next time.

Outside, the new stocks waiting to be milled include some Crows Ash and Bumpy Ash along with more Silky Oak.

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5	John Muller	6	Dave Southern	7	AM Max Barrenger PM Warne Wilson	8	John Drewe	9	John Muller	10	Warne Wilson
12	Lionel Tilley	13	Greg McCosker	14	AM Leigh Boynton PM JohnHenderson	15	John Holland	16	Nigel Cundy	17	John Henderson
19	Dave Banister	20	Tom Black	21	AM Rob Otto PM Keith Carter	22	Ian Colledge	23	Hamish B/wick	24	Keith Muirhead
26	Brian Harris	27	Bruce Chapman	28	AM Max Barrenger PM Warne Wilson	29	Ray Bryant	30	Dave Edmond		

Shed Captain Roster - July 2017											
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10	Lionel Tilley	11	Greg McCosker	12	AM Rob Otto PM Keith Carter	13	John Holland	14	Nigel Cundy	15	John Henderson
17	Dave Banister	18	Tom Black	19	AM Max Barrenger PM Keith Carter	20	Ian Colledge	21	Hamish B/wick	22	Keith Muirhead
24	Brian Harris	25	Bruce Chapman	26	AM Leigh Boynton PM JohnHenderson	27	Ray Bryant	28	Dave Edmond	29	Graham Bradford