



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'day all Woodies.

Too much good food, too much good company and too much frivolity, too often, is Christmas and new year, so we are now into 2018 and reality sets in. I hope everyone had a wonderful festive season and is ready to face the new year with renewed enthusiasm, purpose and energy. I am, I think!

Always at this time of year, we typically trot out the usual old "new year resolutions", (lose weight, more exercise, spend more time with the family etc.); well this year, I am ignoring those fallacies which never really eventuate. I will enjoy 2018!

THE NEW SHED:

This topic has been the centre piece of my report now for some time and has occupied our energies big-time. Well it is standing but there is a lot of work to still do. Walls to be built, doors to be fitted, a kitchenette to be installed, benches to be built and so on.

It is very gratifying to see the responses each time help is needed during construction. The tasks needed in the immediate future are:

Building walls; redesigning and fitting a kitchenette; plumbing both water supply, waste and stormwater; machining and fitting paneling; painting; building benches. Some tasks must be completed before the installation of our new lathe section is undertaken.

In sourcing materials for the building, we have been fortunate to receive donated timber for the framing, hardboard for the wall sheeting and a significant volume of Glulam beams (6.5 M3) which will be ideal for making the benches.

Where can we store 6.5 M3 of beams?

Sundale, who own the land on which the original BRWG shed stands in Western Avenue have allowed us space in the shed to store the beams until we need them. One small catch ! The shed is full of rubbish so it will need a reasonable clean out before we take delivery of the beams. We will need a few trailers, utes, trucks etc to do this, so those members who can help, please keep this in mind for February.

Whilst there is a lot to do to finish the building, we would like to hold an official opening in late March / early April and we have asked our Patrons to confirm a suitable date. It is hoped we can make this a public event such as an "Open Day", open to the public.

CONCLUSION:

To all members not feeling the best, we wish you well and look forward to seeing you at the shed soon. Take care!

John Muller
President.

P.S. Dave (Banister) had a fall at the Club on 23rd and will be recuperating for a while. Get well soon Dave; we miss you already.



Maintenance Report *by Terry O'Con-*

1. Out-feed rollers have been fitted to the Docking Saw
2. The weather protection wall in the timber storage annex has been completed by John Holland and his Thursday Team.
3. The Jess-Em Router has been out of action due to a large build-up of sawdust that stopped the rise and fall action as well as the top bearing. We successfully cleared all the debris and lubricated the bearing. A new maintenance schedule will be drawn up for this machine.
4. A successful demonstration of the Woodman Docking Saw was held and the members were pleased to discover a new and safer way to cut rough-sawn timber, particularly if it is warped, by avoiding the problems of kick-back and blade-jamming which are common on the Mitre Saw.
5. The compressed air system throughout the shed has quite a few air leaks which causes the compressor to cycle unnecessarily. We will take the opportunity to rectify these when we are building the new dust extraction shed. The compressor needs an air dryer / cooler to be installed in line to extract the excess moisture that is currently filling up the pipe work.



This month I have detailed the specifications of the four new Vicmarc lathes which have been delivered and are awaiting installation. An exciting plan has been formulated by Rob Otto and Greg McCosker which will entail weld mesh enclosures, one for each lathe for safety, with a new dedicated dust extraction system specifically for the lathes area (this will also reduce the load on the main extraction system and increase its efficiency). There are two VL 150s, one VL 200 short bed lathe, and one VL 240.

VICMARC VL150 BMs

The VL150 Bench mount lathe has thread sizes compatible with large size machines, with features such as 6 speed pulleys designed for single phase 1400rpm motors, 24-position indexing head, hollow tailstock spindle with 65mm travel and headstock spindle equipped with taper roll bearings. The VL150 has an optional bolt on extension facility.

VICMARC VL200 SHORT BM 6 SPEED

The VL200 Bench Mount is designed to mount onto a bench and gives capacity to turn large work pieces. The lathe comes with a 6 Step motor pulley. Specifications

Centre Height 200mm. 400mm Swing Over Bed. 400mm Distance Between Centres. 336mm Work Height (Bed Bottom to Spindle Centre). 24 Indexing Holes. No. 2 Morse Taper Headstock & Tailstock Spindle. Taper roller spindle bearings. 6 Speeds 240, 534, 832, 1317, 1815, 2916 rpm. 30mm tool rest post diameter. 15mm hole through headstock spindle. 10.5mm hole through tailstock spindle. 75mm quill travel.

90kg net weight. 1150x400x620 Length x Width x Height (mm)

VICMARC VL240 ASM EVS HEAVY DUTY

The VL240 Heavy Duty ASM Swivel Head Lathe is a versatile machine because of its 90 degree swivel head facility and solid cast iron construction. The VL240 Heavy Duty has an electronic variable speed drive that gives up to 200% torque on low rpm with a powerful 1.5kW motor.

The Variable Speed Unit for VL240 is contained inside a strong steel enclosure and can be mounted on the wall behind the machine.

The lathe is mounted on an adjustable stand which is made from 6mm and 4mm thick plate steel. It has been designed with a 700mm wide footprint for stability and rigidity and the adjustable legs allow you to customise the height. This model also includes a knee stop bar as standard.

The VL240 lathe comes with 3 step pulleys which provide 3 ratios; 1:1 for small to medium size work, 1:1.5 for medium to large work and 1:3 for large work. For extra torque, simply change the Poly V Belt to the 1:3 ratio. Also included is a digital speed readout, located on the headstock that displays the actual spindle RPM regardless of which ratio the belt is located on.

Another great new feature on this lathe is the indexing pin safety switch. This prevents accidental startup while the indexing pin is engaged.

Centre height 240mm. Swing over bed 490mm. Distance Between Centres 600mm. Work Height (Stand Bottom to Spindle Centre) 1070 -1370mm.

Indexing holes 24.

Headstock & tailstock spindle No 2 MT. Spindle bearings taper roller. EVS 10-3000 rpm 3 speeds. Tool rest post diameter 30mm. Hole through headstock spindle 15mm.

Hole through tailstock spindle, 10.5mm. Quill travel, 75mm. Net weight 260kg. Length x Width x Height (mm) 1270 X 710 X 1280

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All of these lathes are packed with features which will aid your turning efficiency. Please save this issue of F & C so that you can refer to the information when they are installed and ready for use. The little lathe we haul around to expos is a Vicmarc, which we bought about 20 years ago when we were working in half a shed in Western Ave. It is the first lathe the club was able to buy. It has done a lot of revs and it is still a favourite for pens and small jobs; it remains a testimony to the quality of Vicmarc. Safety with the new lathes will be a major demonstration subject when installation is complete.

Safety Notes

by Warne Wilson and Dave Banister



This is the type of month we love to see; no incidents of injury or near misses, and no matters of concern with respect to the use of any of the machinery. Therefore, Warne and Dave have taken the month off, and have not produced a report.

However, from the Editor, you will have seen that the docking saw is now in use, and Shed Manager Terry O'Connor gave up two mornings recently to demonstrate it's safe use. Whilst the attendance was good, there are still a lot of members who do not know how to operate the saw. There is a high probability most members will not have used such a complex machine (or indeed even seen one), and therefore instruction is necessary. The machine has a very large concealed blade, and air operated safety clamp, so it is highly effective, but different to other saws.

Given the numbers who did attend the demonstrations, some Shed Captains will not have had instruction, and those are urged to seek tuition, as supervision of the use of the saw may fall to the Shed Captain.

Club Events Calendar



We are yet to finalise the date of the official opening of the new shed (we are confirming dates with dignitaries), however it will most likely be late March or early April, so stay tuned.



The Australia Day event at Maleny Showgrounds was a great success. Thanks to those who assisted with the set-up and take-down, and demonstrations.

Around the Shed



Terry O'Connor demonstrating the Woodman docking saw, so kindly donated to the Guild by Bunnings.

Marco from Vicmarc handing over the new lathes to President John, with Rob Otto looking very pleased with himself.



Is Dave trying to fly ? or maybe just painting the roof ??



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Not only is Ron a great builder (and joint project manager for the new shed), he is also rather adept at demolition as well.

Very capably assisted by Otto, who has done a fabulous job salvaging all the timber from the shed packing crates.

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Timber Tales by Bruce Chapman

The kiln is currently loaded with the first of the blue quandong and a small amount of silky. The kiln will be unloaded within the next 10 days, and after resting, the timber will be available to purchase.

Mainly Quandong and some Silky oak timber will be loaded into the kiln at that time.

The last of the Quandong was milled recently. It has kept remarkably well and yielded nice looking timber.

The logs yet to be milled are predominantly Camphor Laurel and Silky Oak with a small amount of Jacaranda and two logs of Black bean.



One of Dave Southern's latest pieces. Great work Dave.



Tony Gallwey's beautiful table is at the assembly stage and will be taking pride of place at home in the near future. Well done Tony.



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Did you know ????

the difference between complete and finished ?

No dictionary has ever been able to satisfactorily define the difference between "COMPLETE" and "FINISHED". However, a Linguistics Conference was held in London and attended by some of the best linguists in the world.

Samsundar Balgobin, a Guyanese linguist, was the presenter and was asked to make that very distinction. The question put to him by a colleague in the erudite audience was this:

"Some say there is no difference between 'Complete' and 'Finished'. Please explain the difference in a way that is easy to understand."

Mr. Balgobin's response was this: "When you marry the right woman, you are 'Complete'. When you marry the wrong woman, you are 'Finished'. And, if the right one catches you with the wrong one, you are 'Completely Finished'.

His answer received a five minute standing ovation.

Supporters

Clubs would not survive without supporters, which come in many shapes and sizes. For example, Local and State Governments provide generous grants, and then there are the local small businesses who provide materials at a cheaper rate (or some for free, thank you Hyne Timber). The latter are most welcome, particularly when we have a project the size of the new shed, and costs keep going up, not down. Small businesses face many challenges, so in return for their generosity, it behoves members to support such businesses in return. Those who have assisted thus far are :

***The Bunker, Beerwah;
Maleny Town & Country;
Range Mitre Ten Maleny;
Mid Coastal Painting Service;
Hyne Timber;
Britton Timbers;
A2P Timbers.***

Also, do not forget to provide your CBC (Community Benefit Chest) number when shopping at Maleny IGA, as a percentage of EVERY sale go to the Woodies.

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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

Shed Captain Roster - February 2018

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
						1	John Muller	2		3	Don Lear
5	John Muller	6	Tom Black	7	AM Ron Fishwick PM Terry O'Connor	8	John Holland	9	Dave Edmond	10	Keith Muirhead
12	Lionel Tilley	13	Bruce Chapman	14	AM Max Barrenger PM Keith Carter	15	Ray Bryant	16	Dave Edmond	17	Graham Beaumont
19	Dave Banister	20	Dave Southern	21	AM Leigh Boynton PM Warne Wilson	22	John Drewe	23	Don English	24	Warne Wilson
26	Brian Harris	27	Greg McCosker	28	AM Rob Otto PM Terry O'Connor						

Shed Captain Roster - March 2018

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26	Brian Harris	27	Greg McCosker	28	AM Rob Otto PM Keith Carter	29	John Muller	30	Closed Good Friday		Don Lear