



# Flitch 'n Chips

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## Presidents Report

WOW how time flies.

I seem to have just been elected as President and now it's time to do the newsletter.

For those who don't know me, I have been a member of the club for about 4 years having retired to Landsborough 5 years ago. I had a timber furniture making business in Chinchilla for about 30 years.

A big thanks to John Muller for his hard work and dedication over the past 3 years as President. I'm sure I'll need plenty of his help in the future. For those who don't know, John's wife Lorraine has been working quietly behind the scenes and has done a marvellous job sorting out the Clubs records and files.

### THE NEW MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Rob Otto	President
Catriona Chalk	Treasurer
Don Lear	Secretary
Terry O'Connor	Shed Manager
Micheal Brosnan	Shed Manager.

The Management Committee had its first meeting together after the AGM and some important decisions were made.

1. It was decided to have monthly general meetings on the second Saturday of each month. The first of these meetings will be on the 13th October. We feel it is important that members attend these meetings if possible as they allow all members to put their ideas and opinions forward which helps the Management Committee make important decisions concerning the Clubs future.
2. We approved to have new lighting fitted to work areas in the Old Shed. This should make it safer and enable us to see the dust more clearly thus we should be able to have better clean ups.
3. We approved the purchase of Brian Harris's shed. This shed will be placed near the toilet block and provide shelter for timber drying. A big thank you to the members who helped with the dismantling and relocating of the shed.
4. We approved the decision to level the soil behind the toilet block thus improving the timber storage area and providing a level area for the new shed.
5. It was decided to accept the commission to make 'the coffin'. This should be an interesting project and provide skill building experience to those who participate. John Muller has had a meeting with the client and has drawn up a plan so now we have to form a working crew so if you think you may be interested please put your name on the list. You never know, as John is away you might learn how to do "pocket hole joinery".

As you can see we have had a busy start off.

We had a great demonstration of the Tormek Wet Sharpening System during the month. Michael and Jeff from Promac came up one Tuesday and gave the machine a good workout. On the following Tuesday Jeff came back again and presented a demo with the machine on Woodturning tools. It was good of them to give us so much time. They are a great machine and I think some members are very interested.

Lastly over the coming months we hope to be able to come up with a better accreditation process thus enabling a safer environment and hopefully better and safer equipment use.

I know it may be difficult but I think a serious effort should be made to clean up the equipment after use as it seems to have become the norm to leave the clean up to someone else.

Thanks to everybody for your best wishes and support and I hope to meet up with other members over coming weeks.

Rob Otto  
President

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# 2018 SANTA SHOP

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December

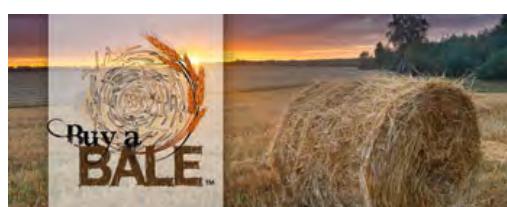


## At St Mary's Hall, Montville Green

Together with the Lighting of the Christmas Tree, Montville School, and of course Santa will be visiting the children...Village Green Sat 1 Dec from 5.30 to 7.30 pm.

Its time to get working on items to be sold at our Santa Shop. Items should be aimed at the Christmas Present market.....eg

Hand-crafted items –  
Toys of all types, platters, jewellery boxes,  
and other  
decorative tableware



Thank you to all BRWG members who kindly donated \$1675.00 to this worthwhile cause. Combined with the Club donation of \$1000.00 a total of \$2675.00 has been forwarded to Rural Aid.

I have to make another payment to Rural Aid at the end of this month so if you missed donating and wish to do so, there is still time.

Catriona Chalk  
Treasurer

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A beautiful finish will add richness and warmth to your latest project. However, there are so many finishes available and methods of applying them that it is difficult to reach a decision and to discover a dependable way to achieve the finish you are after.

Basically, there are several categories of finishes: Oil finishes, Waxes, Polyurethane – such as Estapol and Cabathane, Cellulose lacquer, the excellent water based newcomers to the market, and finally, French polish.

Depending upon the appearance you want; remembering always that wood is a very tactile substance and most people cannot resist running finger tips over a finished article, the finish you choose must provide for this.

After sanding with grits down to the smoothness you require, there are more steps to consider – you may have to use a grain filler if the wood has an open grain like cedar – and you might consider using a stain to highlight a beautiful grain.

Most hardware stores have a row of spirit stains from light to dark; my favourite is Walnut, the darkest of them, which can be thinned to simulate a range of natural Australian woods from colonial pine through mahogany and oak, to black wattle and darker.

Spirit stains can also be mixed into most finishes for spraying and brushing.

Like stains, wood putties are also available at the hardware store in a range of wood colours, they are usually water based. Many woodies carelessly push them into an imperfection and sand them off when dry; but it pays to:

- A. Put a seal coat on the wood first, (This prevents the halo from the colour in the putty which soaks in around the application on raw wood, and is obvious even after sanding)
- B. Leave the putty a little proud of the surface to allow for shrinkage and carefully sand off when dry without sanding through the seal coat.
- C. It is always best to use a putty which is darker rather than lighter. Darker tends to be acceptable, but lighter will stand out, (We have all seen old wooden floors sanded to reveal white putty in the nail holes)
- D. Putties can be mixed to get the right colour, but you may need to experiment on an offcut as many times as necessary to achieve it. Putty dries lighter than the finish coat will darken it; it is a pest I know, but testing on an offcut is worth the end result. I have seen well-crafted projects spoiled though inattention to this fact.

Anyway, all of this may make you realise that there are more points to the subject of finishing than an echidna has spines. If you would like to ask for more detail on any of these subjects, please contact me, [warnew@bigpond.com](mailto:warnew@bigpond.com) I will be happy to answer your query and I will expand on that subject next time.

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A sharpening demo will be held for the box making group on Wednesday September 26th at 9am. This demo will be helpful and well overdue and all members are welcome to attend.



### Solar Power Inverter.

For some reason the main switch seems to be “tripping” and has to be reset.

If the red light on the inverter is flashing it means attention is required.

This switch is located on the wall with the other switches above the router table.

Michael is going to install clearer labels to this switch making it easier to locate as we are not exporting power while the red light is flashing.



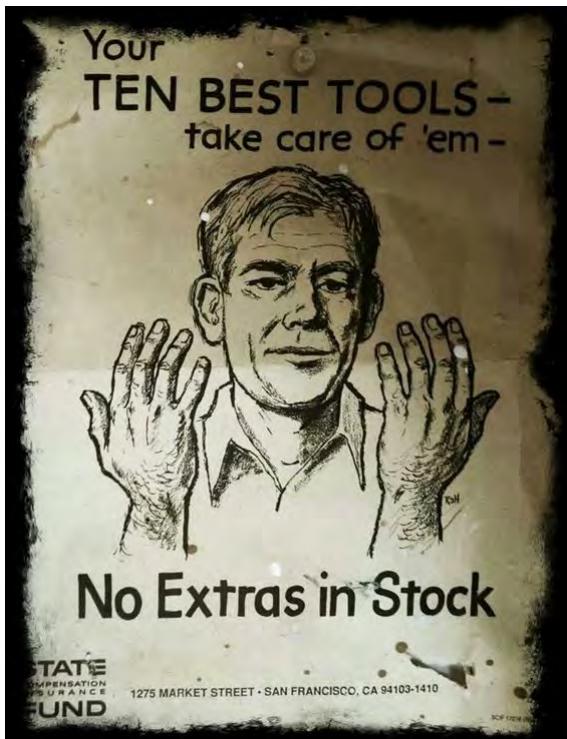
### Docking Saw

The docking saw out the back, so kindly supplied by Bunnings, should be used for all rough cutting of timber rather than the drop saw. The drop or compound sliding saw should be reserved for more accurate cutting.

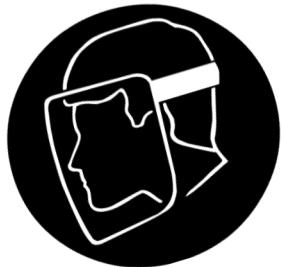
If you aren't familiar with the docking saw, please talk to the Shed Captain.



Mystery items on the Mezzanine floor.  
Does anyone have information about  
these pieces of furniture that are  
sitting upstairs???????



## Safety Notes by Warne Wilson and Trevor Jorgensen



A few safety reminders this month;

We have quite a big organisation compared to many Woodies Clubs; to ensure its smooth working, it is important that we are all aware of Club Rules. From time to time over the years, accidents and incidents have occurred which have caused the committee to lay down decisions about Shed routines and safety practices.

This month we have listed four of the rules to refresh your memory of them:

1. Stout shoes or boots should be worn in the Shed. Wood is heavy and a hazard when being handled; footwear that offers little or no protection to sensitive toes is not permitted in and around the Shed. We had a case once where a member badly injured a toe when he dropped a heavy slab.
2. Many of us like to watch the Holland Saw team turning logs into slabs and milled timber. It is a fascinating sight, but remember to stay behind the witches hats defining the working area, they are put there for a reason – in the event of a catch or a blade break; bystanders, or someone walking through the perimeters instead of walking round, could risk serious injury.
3. The drum sander: We have ongoing maintenance problems with this machine caused by members overloading it and presenting glue lines and resinous timber which quickly ruin the wrap of heavy, expensive, sanding cloth. Keep the advances at no more than an eighth of a turn and use the cleaning rubber before, during and after use. A five-minute refresher on how to use this machine is easy – just ask the Shed Captain for the day, he will be pleased that you asked.
4. Pre-used or recycled timber is not permitted to be put through our machines. Paint and other finishes will gum up blades and sanders and hidden nails, screws, and sometimes bolts can do expensive damage.
5. Let the machine do the work! Never overload a machine; not only because of the damage which the machine could suffer, but because you could suffer too, the wood you are working with can kick back like a projectile, and if you are in the way – well? The writer once saw a piece of wood ejected forcibly from the drum sander; fortunately it missed the operator, and it is not unusual for wood to kick back from the Hammer table saw; stay out of the line of flight! (A member 20 feet away was once hurt by a flying piece of wood from this saw)  
Machines will tell you when they are overloaded, they slow down and sometimes emit loud squealing noises, or the overload switch will stop an overheating motor.

Newer members may not understand that the Shed and its wonderful range of machines has been worked for and purchased across some twenty two years of shows and sales and raffles. Sure, we have had some grants but most of what you see is the result of hard work. The few members who are left from the original formation of the Guild will attest to the fact that we started with absolutely nothing. Please respect the dedicated work of many members over the years by using our precious machines carefully.

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## Maintenance Report by Terry O'Connor

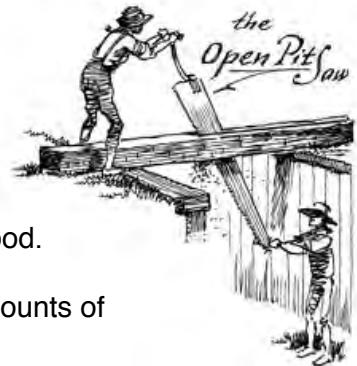


1. Micheal Brosnan put his clever laser cutter to good use by making a new off switch for the Hammer Table Saw out of durable plastic. Thanks Micheal for your donation .
2. New Jessum Router has been installed and is working well.
3. Both the Carbatec and the Hammer Jointers needed recalibration following the fitting of new spiral cutters and are once again accurately machining a strait edge on boards.
4. The intermittent problem of the Woodman Table Saw mysteriously cutting out, proved to be loose wires in the electrical cord connection and it is now repaired and back in service.
5. The sliding table on the Hammer Saw was very stiff in its operation , and required a major overhaul to clean and lubricate the bearings. Thank you Micheal for your fine work in fixing this important piece of machinery .
6. Two of the ceiling mounted dust filtering machines have been cleaned and serviced . The remaining 3rd unit will be done as soon as possible.

## Timber Tales by Bruce Chapman

The kiln has been emptied and refilled, the timber is removed is currently being rested to allow its moisture content to stabilise and will soon be available in the racks. Its mainly Camphor Laurel and Silky Oak with a small amount of Fiddlewood.

We loaded our mainstays of Camphor and Silky into the kiln along with small amounts of Quandong, Jacaranda and Black Bean.



At the mill we have cut the very large Silver Ash and the Beech along with more Camphor and these are air drying outside.

A couple Quandong and more Camphor logs are waiting to be sawn.



The Etiquette Of The Blind Carbon Copy - there are times when emails are being sent to multiple recipients that for privacy and security reasons the "other" recipients names and email addresses should not be sent to everyone.

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