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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Taking on the role of President was indeed unexpected as I am sure it was for the VP and Secretary. As this was unplanned, I ask all members to bear with the new Management Committee while we get our act together. It is great to have continuity with our Treasurer Dave staying on; thanks Dave. Welcome to John Isles as a Shed Manager and welcome back Brian Harris, Graham Beaumont and Warne. And thank you to all the members who have taken on responsibilities as part of the management team.

Our first communication to members was the survey request and we have received back a substantial response. Thanks to Rick Vickers who has put his hand up to collate them and produce a report.

Speaking of Rick, our Events Coordinator, it is important that we get the coordinators for the Barung Wood Expo appointed as planning needs to be underway in October with the first strategy meeting planned by Barung. Next year, we will need at least three coordinators; one for the main pavilion display, one for the SES sales site and one for the Children's Workshop. Barung have also asked us to think about running a workshop for teens, similar to, but certainly not as complicated as the canoe building. This would be a fourth activity.

Please consider volunteering for these very important positions. These events will run smoothly with many hands assisting. It should not be left to just a few to do the hard yards. Rick will provide very up-to-date run sheets for all volunteer coordinators.

In our thinking for the year, the open day has been talked about. A driver for this is the excess dry wood stock that the efficient millers have created for us. When we took some to our July Expo, it was the one item for sale which sold out. A reasonable comment was that it was too cheap but it sold and we did not have to pack up left-overs and carry them back to the shed. The original open days were held in March and 4 out of 5 were extremely wet days so that prompted a move to hold it in September in the following years. September and even October is too soon so the thinking is now March 2020. Let's hope we have fine weather?

We plan to have a car-boot sale of excess member's tools and equipment, timber sales, a barbeque and of course show case member's woodcraft. To be a success, publicity will be a must so John Andrews, our publicity man, you can start planning.

The Wishlist project for the Dementia Ward at the Nambour hospital is still in the planning stages, awaiting approvals from the health department. Greg Hiley has drawn up plans for a workbench and a bus stop and both have been submitted. Greg also made a scale model of the bus stop which can be seen in the sign on room.

The School Captain from the Montville Primary school wrote to us requesting the Woodies assist with some woodcraft courses in their fourth term. I met with the headmaster and Rebecca Blaxland, the School Captain recently. Their enthusiasm rubbed off on me and the Management Committee had a brief meeting on 21st where it was agreed the BRWG be involved.

The plan is as follows:

- ✓ Grades 5 & 6 will attend the BRWG on Thursdays for 3 consecutive weeks and be taught to make a child's jigsaw, using patterns, pyrography and colours.
- ✓ The sessions will be from 1.15 pm to 2.45 pm on Thursdays, commencing 17 October to 21 November.
- ✓ While one grade is doing the jigsaw, the other will be taught to prep the basket for pot plants we do at the Maleny Wood Expo and the dolphin key hangers. These will be taken back to be used by years 1 to 4.
- ✓ All articles made will be featured in their annual art show at the end of the school year.
- ✓ Each group visiting the BRWG will be accompanied by a teacher and at least three parent volunteers.

Of course, we will need some helpers from the club. More about that later.

Just a couple of notes to all Shed Captains.

The daily maintenance and cleaning of equipment was never meant to be physically done by Shed Captains alone. For example, cleaning out under the panel and table saws is scheduled for Mondays and can be done by any member attending, not just Shed Captains. A good idea is for shed captains to call for volunteers at smoko to assist. Again, many hands make light work.

The operation of the wood turner's dust extractor has been a problem; one which may be operational and not the fault of the equipment. The way all cyclones operate is under a vacuum so the collection drum must be sealed under the cyclone. The rubber seal on the cyclone is not generous and the lid must be lowered accurately onto the collection drum to create the necessary vacuum. It has been reassembled and is ready to go; just be aware when the drum is emptied and replaced, it must be seated correctly.

Now our Treasurer is back from his holiday in WA, the issue of payment of accounts has been raised. I found an invoice from Maleny Paint for \$39.00 in the suggestion box with a payment receipt and no name as to who the Club owes \$39.00 to? Also, what was the paint for?

Our MYOB accounting has been reconfigured with a new chart of accounts so we would like to get the new year off to a good start, especially considering our auditor is insisting on supporting documents for all transactions.

Any member authorised to purchase goods and services needs to present the invoice, payment receipt if applicable and a reimbursement form completed showing what the goods or services were for. This way a correct allocation to the accounts can be made. Without this info, reimbursement will not be possible. I could make a suggestion that the suggestion box is not the place to put invoices for reimbursement; how about the Treasurer's box in the office?

As mentioned previously, our timber supply is very good. We were given a Tallowwood tree which is now stored at the Image Flat farm along with a Yellow Stringybark and a big Blue Gum which we were not intended to get. These logs will supply us with a good source of exterior durable hardwood for a long time.

Herman Schwabe, an old member has also donated some Bunya Pine slabs to us. These are bark-to-bark slabs in varying thicknesses and are available at \$1500/M3. If any member is interested in them, please see the shed captain to arrange a visit to the Western Av shed where they are stored.

Our policy in accepting logs from the public has always been "we do not pay for timber". It is usually a win/win because if the logs are good, we save them money. In the past, if a donor wanted a little piece of sawn wood from the log, we would always try to assist, however this policy can be put to the test when eventually, the requests gets larger and larger. Generally, out of hand.

We are recommending in the future such requests from potential donors will mean we walk away from the log donation.

I know this has been a lengthy missive and I promise in the future, my reports will be shorter.

To all those members who are not feeling their best, get well soon and we look forward to seeing you back at the Guild.

Cheers,
John Muller

Maintenance Report *by John Isles & Brian Harris*



1. Compressor has had an oil change and filters cleaned
2. The filters for the dust filtration for lathes have been cleaned. These need to be done on a regular routine. Lathe operators should check these filters before starting the filtration system and report condition thereof.
3. The Technatool lathe has had the motor removed and the drive pulley realigned. Motor reinstalled and pulleys realigned. Operators please check the drive pulleys before operating the machine.
4. The filters for 2 of the overhead Jet Air filtration have been replaced and now back in operation. The Jet Air Filtration System above the Hammer and Woodman table saws has been removed for repairs of motor.
5. The majority of the outside timber shelves has been removed ready for groundwork for the new slab for timber mill. Thanks to the mill boys for their help.
6. The 15" Carbatec thicknesser repairs carried out to the chip chute which had an adjusting bolt missing. This should eliminate the clunking noise which had been reported.
7. The Woodwiz filtration system has had the dust collection bag replaced. All the new bags have a hole in them. The holes have been taped over with duct tape to see if this will work. The state this room has been left in leaves a lot to be desired. Why operate something that isn't functioning as it should. If you make the mess clean it up don't leave it for someone else.
8. The Laguna bandsaw had a damaged blade which had been replaced and the damaged blade dropped off at CK&S to see if it can be repaired.
9. The winch motor for millers winch has been removed repaired and reinstalled.
10. Fire extinguishers scheduled to be inspected and tagged.

General

Shed cleaning. I think all members should be taking an active part in the cleaning the shed. This includes cleaning the nominated machines on their day and also the general cleaning of the workshop. It should not be left for the shed captain or manager to do this cleaning.

I would encourage shed captains to raise with the members present at the morning tea break which machines need cleaning on that day of the week.

John Isles

Tips and Tricks *by The Editor*



Avoid Damaging Finish with an Electric Polisher and Lamb's Wool Pad

By: **Bob Flexner** |

I got a call from a piano refinisher who had damaged the new finish he had applied by getting it too hot with an electric polisher. It turned out that he had polished finishes for years without this problem, but this was the first time he used nitrocellulose lacquer. He had used lacquer because his client requested it.

What to do now?

No finish is perfect. All have upsides and downsides. With nitrocellulose lacquer one of the upsides is that it's the easiest finish to repair. It's the most forgiving finish (though shellac is close). One of the downsides is that lacquer (and also shellac) are the easiest finishes to damage with heat. So by getting the finish so hot with the polisher (he said the finish was too hot to touch), he softened the finish and smeared it. There were even some air bubbles introduced.

With all finishes, the ultimate repair when you damage them is to strip and refinish. But in the case of lacquer (and usually shellac) the easier repair is to sand the finish back to below the damage and apply more lacquer. In this case, because of the bubbles, more lacquer will probably have to be applied first, then sand the finish back. It may take several coats to get the film built back up.

The reason this is so easy to do with lacquer (and usually with shellac) is that it's an evaporative finish. It dries entirely by the evaporation of its solvent and each coat dissolves entirely into the previous coat. So the repair described can be made invisible.

– Bob Flexner

Safety Notes *by Russ Middlecoat*



Now the new committee year is well underway we would like to bring you up to date with a few changes.

Firstly, the existing notice board in the main workshop office has been dedicated to notices pertaining to club safety. We would encourage all members to check this board at sign in for updates. Also attached to the board is a plastic wallet of incident reporting forms. We encourage all members, especially shed captains, to complete a form regardless the type or degree of injury. Return the completed form to the wallet where it will be collected and reviewed by the safety officers for appropriate action, vis. Amend SOP's, training, repairs etc.

Shortly to be installed are hand held air horns (4 clearly marked locations) to be used to attract attention and assistance in the case of fire or serious injury.

The horns are attached to a gas cylinder (air) and activated by pressing a button on top of the horn assembly. The horn noise is rated at 115 db. loud enough to be heard over the noise of any of our machinery.

The gas cylinder is a rechargeable high pressure cylinder, 100 PSI, type hence it should not be exposed to high temperature or risk of damage. Inspection and test of the horns will be included on the equipment maintenance schedule. Recharging of the cylinder is accomplished with the use of a small hand pump via a Schroder valve located on the base of the cylinder. Demonstrations will be carried out during the morning tea break on various days over the next month.

A survey of the workshop was carried out earlier in the month and a few deficiencies noted. These were passed on to the appropriate people for action. Should any members see or perceive any safety issues, please draw it to the attention of the duty shed captain who will notate the matter in the day book.

I noticed a damaged blade from the Laguna band saw in the main workshop office. This is a substantial blade obviously damaged through inappropriate use. If you have any thoughts regarding the task at hand please consult the duty shed captain. Among other things, that's what they are there for.

Another safety issue for woodies is timber toxicity. To help you all to keep abreast of the adverse effects of timber dust, sap, splinter wounds, etc. a comprehensive list will soon be attached to the safety notice board for your reference. However, should you desire a list for your personal records I will be happy to email you one. Email me: rmiddlecoat@gmail.com

Finally, we are pleased to note nil reports of injury, serious or otherwise, over the last month.

'til next month "think safety, be safe".

Russ Middlecoat. Safety officer.



Around the Shed



We recently made two stands for Montville School, from laminated pine kindly donated by Hyne Timber, for waste from meals times, segregated into recycle, compost and landfill, as colour coded.



As shown in John's report, we have been given some lovely Bunya pine, which is for sale at the club price of \$1,500 per cubic metre. It is unusual to have such an opportunity, so grab it while it is available.



A beautiful pedestal made by master carver Dave for a customer using Tasmanian Myrtle. Lovely work as always Dave.

Great to see to see our sick-listers Tony Gallwey and Allan Heaton back in the shed. We have missed you, and great to have you back.

Frank Bizley has not been too well, and we wish him all the best and speedy recovery. We need your smiling face in the shed Frank.

Club Events Calendar



The next General Meeting is 9am Saturday 12 October, 2019. Come along to see what is happening in your club.

The Santa Shop will be held Saturday 7 December and Sunday 8 December 2019.



Timber Tales by Bruce Chapman

We have an abundance of sawn timber in stock, so buy up for your projects with the Santa Shop coming up.

Milling has slowed considerably as there is no room for more stock, with the last load yet to be removed from the kiln.

We have received tallow wood, blue gum and stringy bark logs, which are being stored at Buderim awaiting milling.

The timber of Stringy Bark (*E. obliqua*) is highly prized. It was used by Indigenous communities, as scars on some surviving trees indicate, and its fibrous bark could be used for making fibre and in fires. Today, it is a fine quality hardwood that can be used for building house frames, furniture making or, of course, for wonderful Tassie oak wooden floors.

It is not the densest or hardest eucalypt timber, but is hard enough to make beautiful and durable flooring that polishes to a rich honey or golden colour. Properly installed and maintained, these floors can remain in good condition for well over a century and many Australians will have fond memories of dancing on them.

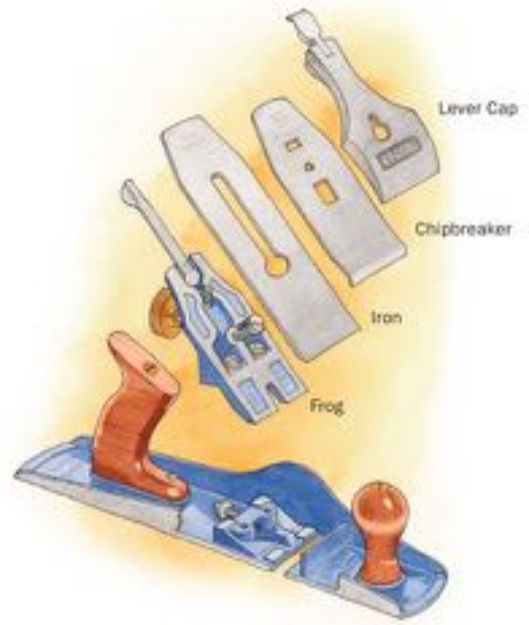
Messmate stringy bark is one of the great trees of Australia for a variety of reasons. It has links to Captain Cook, is an economically important timber species, and is a great survivor in the harsh Australian environment. With its wide distribution and adaptations to fire and other stresses, it is a species likely to cope well with climate change. After all, it is as tough as boots.

Did you know ???

how the “frog” in a plane was named ?

Just Plane Trivia: Why Do They Call It a Frog?

By Elizabeth Knapp, Jun 02, 2011, Fine Wood Working Magazine



Just because this is FWW, we need a nice drawing so you can see exactly what it's safe to say that in the six-plus years I've been roaming the sawdusty halls of *Fine Woodworking*, I have read and copyedited dozens of articles about hand planes. But until last week, it never occurred to me to ask this question:

Why the heck is that nifty doohickey that supports the blade assembly on a hand plane called a “frog?” If you stare at it long enough, it kind of *looks* like a frog. Could this be why? I put it to my esteemed colleagues.

At first, my question was met with deafening silence. “It keeps the blade from hopping around,” said Tom McKenna.

The always helpful Ed Pirnik replied: (To be read in a “Cliff Claven” voice) “Well, ya see there, ahh, Liz, back in Roman times, they, ahh, used the oil secreted by the ahhh, acanthus frog to lubricate the simple plane irons they were usin’ back then. And, err, so over time, it became, ahh, known as a ‘frog.’”

“It’s because it’s in the throat of the plane,” Matt said.



Matt asked Deneb Puchalski of Lie-Nielsen, who said he thinks it harkens back to the definition of “frog” as a depression imprinted in the upper surface of a brick. “This describes in some ways the function of a frog in a plane,” he said. “There may be a connection. Anyway, we call the bedding point for the frog the ‘lily pad,’ just because.”

“Because it vaguely resembles a crouched frog.....really....I’m not kidding!” said Rollie Johnson. Since this is what I had originally thought, I was going to go with Rollie’s answer. It made sense, and it made me feel smart. Everybody wins.

But then Mark Schofield chimed in, having consulted Ernie Conover . And here is what Ernie said:

“I had somehow thought that it was because a Bailey frog looks like a frog. I looked through a lot of books to get a definitive answer. The most exact, and convincing, reason is found in Rodger K. Smith’s *Patented Transitional & Metallic planes in America 1827 -1927*.” He sent along a copy of the page.

I’m going to paraphrase the book because it does go on. It says the first inventor to use the term “frog” in reference to the hand plane was Justus A. Traut, who worked for the Stanley Rule & Level Company in the late 1800s. Apparently Traut and his co-workers started calling the thing a frog because it is just behind the throat—and harkened back to the saying “I’ve got a frog in my throat.” Stanley didn’t start using the term publicly in their documents for many years.

As much as I hate to admit it, Matt Kenney appears to have been right. Drat.

Now on to my next question: Why do they call it a mill bastard file?

A promotional banner for Timbecon. The background shows a person's hands working with wood. The banner features a large "10% OFF" in white text on a dark background. Above it, in a red banner, is "Extensive Range Top Overseas Brands*". Below the discount, it says "For BRWG Members". To the right, in a yellow banner, is "ONLINE ORDERS Code BRWG10". The Timbecon logo is in the center, with the tagline "Everything to get wood working" below it. At the bottom, the website "timbecon.com.au" is listed, along with addresses in WA and VIC, and phone and email contact information.

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