



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Wow! A leap year so we get one extra day. What will you do with the extra day?

Use it wisely, I say.

2020 will be a big year for the BRWG because we are now fitting in an open day at the Guild premises but first, there is Australia Day at the Maleny Showgrounds. Dave Southern is the coordinator and this is an event which highlights the Guild to the Range Community on this special day. It is a promotion, usually hot and steamy but a venue to showcase what we do and canvas for new members.

Dave will be looking for items to show so if you have pieces of woodcraft that you are particularly proud of, please bring to the Club on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> or deliver to the stand at the Showgrounds between 7.00 am and 8.30 am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>.

We intend to wheel out the new cart as a promotional item as well, as the decorating will be completed then. Thanks to the two artistic members doing the painting, Pam and Glynis.

### OPEN DAY:

Some of our members who have been around for a long time will be pleased to see the return of the BRWG Open Day. Originally held in March to coincide with the anniversary of the birth of the Guild (in March 1996), it was an event to again showcase the Guild, its facilities, its work and raise much needed funds via raffles and the Chocolate wheel. March proved to be very unpredictable weather-wise so it was then moved to September and of course, September proved on occasions to be just as wet as March.

So, it has been abandoned in later years until now, thanks to the initiative of Vicki and Julie with an idea of a car-boot sale to sell our excess timber and members' old tools. Vicki and Julie are the joint coordinators for the event. Quite a challenge seeing they have no blueprint to follow now after all these years. Thankfully there are those among us who do remember.

It is back and planned for 21<sup>st</sup> March; mark your diaries please.

The concept has grown since that initial idea of a car-boot and timber sale. The first planning meeting was held this morning with a lot of great ideas coming forth. It is a comprehensive return to the old format of the open day plus more.

The plan is as follows:

- Make it a day to showcase the Guild and its facilities
- Sell our excess timber stock
- Members can sell their excess tools, both electric and hand.

- Make it a sales day for member's woodcraft the same as the Maleny Wood Expo, our July expo and the Santa shop
- Sausage sizzle, hamburgers and drinks
- Coffee van
- Raffles
- Demonstrations

The event will need lots of volunteers to make it happen:

- Parking marshals
- Help on the food stall. Jacki Porteous has put her hand up for that but will need assistance.
- Demonstrators for pyrography, scroll saws, carving, turning and the millers.
- Sales people to attend to taking money, wrapping etc.
- Raffle sales. (not sure about a chocolate wheel?)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March is set up day to arrange the sales area, demonstration areas, food facility etc.
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March Open the Shed for business 9.00 am and finish at 1.00pm or when the crowds thin if later than 1.00 pm

Let's make this a memorable day for the BRWG.

## PROJECTS:

There are several projects on the go at the moment.

- Blackboard for the MVA Hall. This project is on the notice board awaiting a project leader to start it and other members who are keen to help. **No starters yet!**
- The replacement bench seat for St Mary's Church. Thanks to John Holland with his crew and Dave for the painting. This is complete now, awaiting delivery.
- Decorating the cart. Just about finished.
- Wootha Prize competition entry. Notice on the board requesting a team to design and make our entry.
- Stepping boards for the Maleny hospital. This being organised by Rick and Lionel.

## TIMBER SUPPLIES:

The miller's Cave is nearing completion and is back in business as of last Friday. It seems their cabinet-making exercise for their cupboard has been put on the back-burner in their haste to cut the QLD Maple. As I mentioned last report, in the past, slabs were cut and stripped out to dry and generally were wasted as there seems little demand for slabs in our club. The top log from the QLD Maple was cut into slabs which will be ideal for small natural edge table tops when dry, and of course that will take about twelve to twenty months stored in the right conditions.

These slabs are in strip in the Western Avenue shed. If any member is interested in earmarking one or more for themselves, please see one of the management committee to arrange it. Knowing how unpopular slabs are in the BRWG (low demand), we will be offering these slabs for sale at the open day, of course advising potential purchasers of the MC at the time of sale.

The Red Cedar is yet to be milled and should be next cab-off-the-rank.

## CLUB COMPETITION:

Only two names so far for the 2 x 4 competition; come on, that is not a competition, is it?

First and second prize guaranteed! As per the last F & Cs, the competition runs like this:

- The Guild purchases timber in the form of 100 x 50 x 2.4 M in a single species.
- Participants in the competition purchase a board
- They then make a piece of woodcraft out of that one board. No other wood can be added
- Hardware can be added as needed
- Pieces are judged (separate to our Club Competition) at the July expo.

## EVENTS:

Our events coming up in the New Year are:

- January: Australia day at the Maleny Show Grounds.
- March: Our Open day at the shed.
- May: Maleny Wood Expo.
- July: Our Expo and competitions.
- August: AGM.

## GENERAL MEETING:

Our next general meeting will be on 8<sup>th</sup> February so please mark that in your diary. This is your chance to have a say in the running of the Guild.

There will be a resolution to debate regarding the annual dues and the meeting will be followed by a sausage sizzle at 11.00 am.

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

President.

## Maintenance Report *by John Isles & Brian Harris*



- The Dust Deputy was purchased and installed on the Kapex Saw
- New cutters were fitted to the Wood Wiz
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- New tyres were fitted to the Laguna band saw and all the guides adjusted. Please seek assistance if adjustments need to be done. Also you need to make sure that the area around the bottom guides is kept clean. Thanks to Frank Bizley for this work.
- The chucks on 2 battery drills were repaired. Thanks to Kev Devlin
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- The Mitre sled and Cross cut sled have been completed. Ready for members to use. Thanks to Frank Bizley for making these sleds.

Work in progress

- The flashing still needs to be fitted to Millers Cave
- The dust filtration unit is on the floor in the workshop. I have stripped the motor down and found that the windings have shorted and will need to be replaced. I rang Carbatec and they have a motor in stock (\$324) but are not sure that it will be a replacement for our unit. They no longer deal with Jet filtration units. The Carbatec filtration unit looks to be a replica of the Jet. I should be able to call into Carbatec next Friday and check the motor out.
- The input and output roller tension on the Carbatec 15" Thicknesser needs to be checked.

John isles

## Tips and Tricks *by MARK SPAGNOLO POPULAR WOODWORKING*



**If I had a dollar for every girl that found me unattractive, they'd eventually find me attractive.**

Author of Hybrid Woodworking

It's an age-old question I hear uttered hundreds of times a year: what hand tool should I buy first? Without context, the question is impossible to answer. Most times, I fire back several questions that help people understand why I can't give them specific recommendations yet. What tools do you already own? What do you want to build? Do you want to mill lumber and will you use hand or power tools to do it? The trouble is, most new woodworkers don't know the answers to these questions, and therein lies the difficulty. Tool-buying decisions depend on what the user plans to do on his or her woodworking journey, which is something probably unknown at the outset. Assuming you are interested in the hybrid method and you already have a complement of power tools, here are a few recommendations:

## A Sharpening System

Yes, I realise it's anti-climactic to recommend sharpening equipment as a first purchase. It's like telling new teenage drivers that before they can have the keys, they have to learn how to change the oil. But just like a car, hand tools can't function without regular maintenance in the form of properly sharpened blades. If you don't have a rudimentary understanding of sharpening, your hand tools will be nothing more than cool-looking paperweights. For years, I avoided hand tools primarily because I never had good results. My block plane seemed to have a ferocious set of teeth that would bite aggressively into the wood surface. The heart of the problem was with the tool, but the fault was all mine. If I had taken the time to learn how to sharpen the blade, the tool would have performed well enough to encourage me to use it more, which would have driven me deeper into the world of hand tools. This is why I think acquiring sharpening skills is the first step in anyone's journey into the hand-tool world

## Chisels

A set of chisels is an absolute requirement for woodworking. Most woodworkers already own a set, even if they only use them as can openers. Chisels are assets for not only making joints, but also for general multi-tasking. There are many times during a project when something needs trimming or shaping and the chisel is the only tool that can do the job. Once you know how to wield them, chisels will become your solution to a lot of random problems.

## Router Plane

I never knew I needed a router plane until I had one in the shop. When it comes to cleaning up tenons and grooves, the router plane is my weapon of choice. Because it has a controllable depth setting, it is user-friendly and probably the easiest tool for power-tool users to wrap their brains around. The router plane is the perfect transitional tool, bridging the gap between hand tools and power tools and setting the woodworker up for early hand-tool success.



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## Safety Notes *by Russ Middlecoat & Rick Vickers*



**Hello woodies. I'm pleased to report another incident free month. At least none reported. I would like to reiterate the importance of reporting any injury incidents and completing an injury report form. (Located in a box on the safety notice board) This is an OH&S requirement.**

**Following on from last month's report on damage to the table saws rip fences I have included an article written by Phil Lane. Thank you Phil for your contribution.**



I looked at the most recent newsletter and there was mention made of damage to the fence as well as advice to avoid future damage ie use of a sacrificial piece of wood between your strip and the fence. As such my words following recognise this but build on it:-

"Further to the observation of the damage to the fences on both table saws mentioned in the December Newsletter "Safety Notes" it is obvious that the damage has been caused by either gross ignorance or careless use on both table saws. This has resulted in both fences on the table saws being deeply scored by the respective blades. This damage means that along their length where they have been scored and are no longer perfectly smooth along their entire length a potential "sticking point" has been created when applying lateral pressure to the fence. This can contribute to kick back of the piece of timber to be cut and adds an element of risk to the task.



If there is a need to cut a narrow or several narrow timber strips of the same thickness there are a number of ways of doing this. Recently the manufacture of a shop built jig at our club will allow for the safe cutting of such strips with no possible risk for damage to the fence. For instruction on how to use this jig please see Phil Lane.

**Here is a photo of the jig that Phil Lane constructed.**

A simple stopper system can also be used enabling strips of the same dimensions to be cut whilst the wide part of the board to be cut abuts the fence. Again if anyone would like instruction on how to do this, see Phil.



Here is the end result! All strips can be cut at exactly the same width.



The end of the jig can be adjusted to determine the width of the piece of wood you wish to cut.

## Around the Shed



Dave Banister did a great job painting the 2 seats for Maleny Hospital. I'm sure they were really appreciative of your effort Dave.





This is the first log that was cut in the new Millers' Cave and it was Queensland Maple. Well done guys!

Club Events Calendar *From Rick Vickers*



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-Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water.



## Timber Tales *by Bruce Chapman*

A group of members got together and gathered some wood for you all from a container in Caloundra. It is currently in the lean-to next to the Millers' previous location. If you find something you wish to purchase take it to the shed captain for pricing.

Also see the President's report for more information on available timber.

## Show and Tell



**Do you believe in miracles?  
Well I think Graham Mesken does.  
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him now! I wonder what his secret  
is?????!!!!!!!**

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## Did you know ????

Fire can't beat our Woodies products  
A young lady, Katy Brooker, a member of the Woodies a few years ago crafted a letterbox of which she was justly proud. A move from Maleny about 8 years ago saw her settle in Cobargo where devastating fires have recently created havoc. As the photo shows her fine woodwork managed to beat the ravages of the fires & stood proudly as all around it burned to the ground.

Surely a testament to the quality of the woodcraft produced by the 'Woodies'!!  
(from Lionel)



## CURRENT COURSES

PHIL LANE has started another box-making course.

KEV has started a second wave-topped stool course. His first course was fantastic and many of us have our own fine stools on which to sit. Thank you so much for all your patience and expertise Kev.

LEIGH BOYNTON will be running a course on How to Use a Wood Lathe in February.

MICK DALY will be giving a 1 day talk on the Festool Domino Machine at a date to be determined.



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