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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OPEN DAY:

Well plans are well under way for our next major event, the open day on 21st March. Now some of us know what happened to the original "Open Day" in March. It was always so wet and some will remember the bag-pipes playing mournfully in the rain while everyone else sheltered in the workshop. So, let's get this rainy weather over before the 21st March.

Vicki and Julie have the planning in hand and now they will need helpers. I understand there is a form on the notice board for you to nominate your assistance and remember, it is only for 5 hours apart from the preparations and clean up after.

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 and drinks
- Coffee van
- Raffles
- Demonstrations

Please contact Vicki and Julie if you can help and put your name up on the notice board.

Remember these dates:

- Wednesday 18th March for a working bee to clean up the site. This will involve mowing, trimming, weeding of gardens etc.
- Thursday 19th March, all woodworking in the main workshop will be stopped and the building cleaned up and made presentable for the open day
- Friday 20th March is set up day to arrange the sales area, demonstration areas, food facility etc.
- Saturday 21st March Open the for business 8.00 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. Thanks to John Holland, our expert joiner. John, the ply and castors are here for you to finish the project.
- Decorating the cart. Just about finished. Thanks to Pam and Glenys for their artistic endeavours. Sorry about the damage on Australia day; hopefully there is paint left over to repair it. More care will be taken next time. John Clarke is going to spruce up the wheels to finish it off.
- Wootha Prize competition entry. Notice on the board requesting a team to design and make our entry. More about that later.
- Stepping boards for the Maleny hospital. Completed thanks to Lionel, Rick and Dave.
- Renovation of the Wadkin Bandsaw. John Isles and Frank Bizley will be heading up this project.

TIMBER SUPPLIES:

The miller's Cave is all but complete and is back in business.

We are milling the Tallowwood from Buderim now and there is more to be brought from the farm. It is all Tallowwood, Blue Gum and Yellow Stringybark. All these species are most suitable for external structural work and outdoor furniture so the millers will cut these logs in 40 & 50 mm boards for that purpose.

We have very little log timber on offer at the moment however with the wet weather and perhaps some wind coming, the phones may still run hot with offers of fallen trees.

CLUB COMPETITION:

We now have 7 starters for the 2 x 4 competition. Yesterday I ordered the wood, initially Bunya Pine the same as the first and second competition we held. Today, I was informed the Bunya Pine is still wet so darn, we will have to settle for Blackwood. This comes at a premium but much nicer than Bunya Pine.

- 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.

WOOTHA PRIZE:

I have raised this previously and talked to members at the club; so far, no member has come forward to be involved in this project.

Let me explain. The Wootha prize is the prestige event at the Maleny Wood Expo with a significant prize value. It attracts the best of the best in our woodcrafting endeavours and gets substantial press Australia wide. As an individual a couple of years ago, I thought I had created a piece worthy of entering but it was knocked back. I respected the organisers' judgement and moved on, tail between both legs.

This year, because of the significant help we (BRWG) offer as a club to the running of the event, the organisers have asked us, as a club, to put an entry in. I consider this to be a recognition of our standing in the eyes of the organisers, so I feel it is indeed an honour to be asked.

I have advertised this offer in my past two newsletters seeking help, with no response from the members to be involved. I consider this a real opportunity to show off the ability of the Club in a broader sense than we have done previously.

So, here is the plan so far:

We have had donated a piece of very special NG wood called by a common name "Bok Bok" which in Pigeon English mean "lump, lump." The size of the slab lends it to be used as a coffee table. It had a split and at some time in its life was stained in a very dark mahogany stain. Philippa has at long last returned from Canberra so I asked her to look at a potential design. The Wootha prize usually has a theme and this year it is "dovetails". This can be interpreted any way you like - i.e. as a woodworking dovetail or a Dove's tail.

With the natural split in the board, we can use a dovetail connector to stop it cracking further, hence providing the theme requirement. This can be in a contrasting dark coloured wood to match the stained wane edge. Legs have been designed by the design team and all we need now is some skilled highly motivated woodies to create the finished article.

The notice is on the board so if you can help, please do so. Some of us find there is only 24 hours in a day, otherwise it would not be a problem.

EVENTS:

Our events coming up in the New Year are:

- 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 11th April so please mark that in your diary. This is your chance to have a say in the running of the Guild.

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.

-I find it ironic that the colours red, white, and blue stand for freedom, until they're flashing behind you.

-I changed my password to "incorrect" so whenever I forget it the computer will say, "Your password is incorrect."

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Maintenance Report *by John Isles*

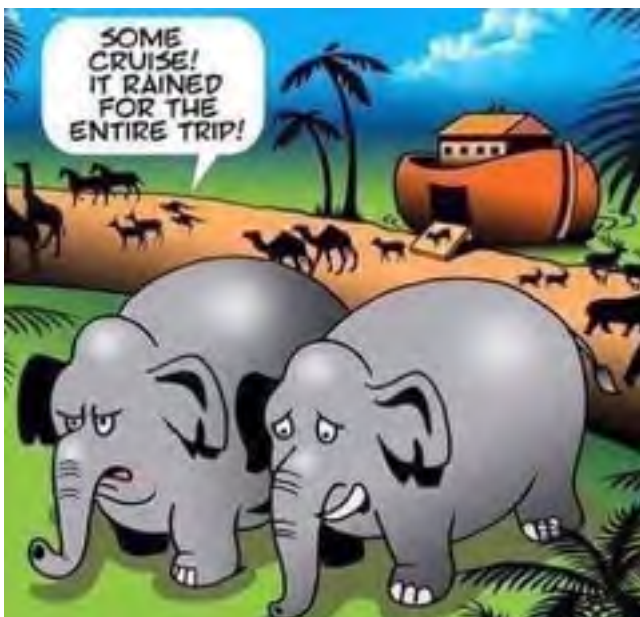
- The Laguna band saw bottom tyre had come off. I suspect a blunt blade caused forcing of timber, which jammed the blade and this caused the tyre to be dislodged. I refitted the tyre and adjusted the drive belt. I replaced the blade. If you need to apply a lot of force to timber for the bandsaw to cut, then stop and think what may be causing this. Get the Shed Captain to check the blade.
- The Woodman table saw wouldn't start. I found a build up of dust around the centrifugal switch on the motor. The switch is used to start the motor running.
- The Hammer table saw had a broken drive belt. A new belt was sourced from Hammer and fitted and adjusted.
- I fitted a new brake pad to the Laguna bandsaw.
- I fitted a new motor to the dust filtration unit and it has now been reinstalled in the workshop.

WORK IN PROGRESS:

- Flashing is still to be fitted to the Millers Cave. To be completed I require another short piece of flashing.
- The Jessem Router was removed for repairs. It looks like a bearing failure. The router is at Gregory's. The cost of a new motor is \$359.00. This is to be discussed at the next meeting. This is the second failure in 5 years.
- The millers need some modification done to the winch and the log bed.
- The Wadkin Bandsaw machine needs to be prepared for members to be trained to use it for re-sawing large pieces of timber. Members will need to be accredited.

Some Good workshop ethics

1. Are you accredited for use of the piece of equipment you want to operate? If not do something about it.
2. Before starting a machine for your work, stop and think about what you want to do.
3. Check the machine is in good operating condition
4. Make sure your work area is clear and unimpeded
5. Make sure the dust extraction is on
6. When you've finished with the machine make sure it is turned off and has stopped before leaving
7. Clean up the machine. Don't leave it for someone else to clean up your mess
8. If you see any damage report it.



-I'm great at multi-tasking--
I can waste time, be
unproductive, and
procrastinate all at once.

Tips and Tricks

by Woodmagazine



Body Mechanics: Jointing a Board

Moving a board across a jointer seems simple enough: Just hold the board down while moving it forward, right? While that gets the job done, it's the nuances of your movements that get the best results. Here's how to correctly joint a workpiece to flatten one face and then square an edge to that face.

First, stand just behind the cutter head with your left foot forward and your weight balanced. Grip a push block in each hand. Place the push block in your right hand near the end of the board or the infeed table, whichever is closest. (A hook at the heel of this push block helps move the workpiece forward.) With the workpiece clear of the cutter head, switch on the machine.

Push the workpiece forward at a rate of about 2" per second, exerting little pressure downward. As your left hand and push block reach the outfeed table, exert only enough downward pressure to prevent the board from chattering, *below*. Allow the board to slide under your push block, if it will; otherwise, let your hand move forward about 8–12", then reposition it again just past the cutter head. Shuffle-step forward as needed to feed the board past the cutter head until the guard closes over the cutters.

Move the board forward with your right hand, keeping the left hand near the cutter head.

Use a similar procedure to joint the edge of a board, but also press the jointed face against the fence as you advance the board across the cutter head, *below*. A push block to move the board forward isn't necessary for boards more than 4" wide, if you keep your hands along the top edge of the board.



Joint an edge square to the freshly jointed face by pressing that face against the fence with your left hand while moving the board forward with your right.



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Safety Notes *by Russ Middlecoat*



TIPS FROM AN EXPERIENCED WOODWORKER ABOUT OPERATING IN A WOODWORKING CLUB.

People don't use machines all the time in this environment so we can become forgetful of important safety and operational issues regarding woodworking machines. Therefore a recommendation to all members prior to using any machine:

- Prior to using any machine pause for a minute and think about what you are about to do.
- Am I accredited to use this machine? If not I need an accredited person to supervise me.
- Even though you might be accredited you might have forgotten or become unsure. Please, in this situation do not second guess yourself. Take a minute to ask the Shed Captain for some clarification on what you want to do.
- Do I have to turn the dust extractor on? Most machines in the Club have some sort of dust extraction so you must make sure that the blast gate to the machine is turned open, an easy one to forget.
- Is the power on?
- Take your time in setting up for the procedure you are about to carry out and focus on the job at hand. It is easy to become distracted in a Club environment. In these moments of distraction is usually where mistakes and risks to your safety can occur.
- Please do not interrupt or talk to a member while they are using table saws, bandsaws, routers or other machines. Wait until they have safely finished, then approach.
- Do I need to check the relevant settings are correct for what I want to do? In a Club environment the machine might have been set to do another function and not returned to the default setting. Always, after use, return to the default settings. If you are not sure what that is please ask the Shed Captain. Have I cleaned up the machine after use?
- Have I got the relevant safety gear on?

In other words, we need to be mindful and focussed to avoid problems.

Not to brag, but I just went into another room and actually remembered why I went in there.

It was the bathroom, but still....

-Doesn't expecting the unexpected mean that the unexpected is actually expected?

Television may insult your intelligence, but nothing rubs it in like a computer.

Around the Shed



Before and After



Men at Work





This is the new bench seat for St Mary's Church. Thanks to Dave Banister for single-handedly painting the seat and Keith and Raoul for the installation.

This is the Bok Bok timber to be used in the Wootha Prize Competition for the Maleny WOOD Expo



Club Events Calendar *from Vicki Schuley*

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

BRWG OPEN DAY Saturday 21st March 8am. - 1pm



Next month we are holding our first Open Day for many years and naturally we would like it to be a great success. That success depends on many factors, some of which we cannot control (like the weather) . However, the most important factor is membership involvement and that we can do something about. We would like to say a big thank you to those members who are already volunteering their time in the planning and logistics of this event. However, more volunteers are always needed and you will find the LIST up on the notice board so please help out if you possibly can.

Let's make this a hugely successful day to show off what Woodies do and the pride we have in our organisation . Secondhand tools and timber items will be on sale in the John Henderson Shed and there will be woodworking demonstrations in the main Shed. All items will be sold in the usual way (more detail on this a little later).



So seek out any old tools you have both hand and power tools all power tools are in working order,

#. Woodcraft, whatever you can spare from your stash!.

Let's make this a hugely successful Woodies Open Day. Vicki and Julie

If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

PLEASE NOTE:

John Muller will be giving a demonstration on how to use Moisture Content Meters on Saturday 22nd February at 9a.m.

A promotional banner for Timbecon. It features a large '10% OFF' in the center, with 'For BRWG Members' below it. Above the discount, it says 'Extensive Range Top Overseas Brands*'. To the right, it says 'ONLINE ORDERS Code BRWG10'. The Timbecon logo is on the right, with the tagline 'Everything to get wood working'. At the bottom, it lists the website 'timbecon.com.au' and contact information for WA, VIC, and NSW. Small text at the bottom left states '* Some products excluded' and '** Minimum order of \$10. Further conditions apply'.

ACCREDITATION NEWSFLASH: by JOHN MULLER

It has been brought to the attention of the Committee that the rules for our very important accreditation process are not being followed strictly. As well, the committee has reviewed some aspects of the rules and updated them.

For the purpose of refreshing all member's memories of the rules, we have published the revised rules in this edition of F & Cs. Please familiarise yourself with them and note the changes detailed below.

- The renovation of the Wadkin Bandsaw has been approved and will be progressing. It will be restored to being a basic bandsaw and will then be moved into the Orange group of machines for the purpose of accreditation. Members wishing to use it will need to be accredited in its use, but fundamentally, it will be just a big powerful bandsaw and not be used for the function of breaking-down tree trunks and limbs.
- Pop-Up Docking saw has been added to the Orange Group.
- The appointment of Accreditation Officers has been amended to reflect current and past practices.
- The Committee have introduced an Accreditation register which will be kept on all accreditations being carried out in any one month. This is a management tool for the Committee to monitor the progress of members being accredited. Accreditation Officers need to complete the register each time they accredit a member on the Guild's equipment.
 - The previous document stated that the first Saturday of each month would be dedicated to accreditation with many Accreditation Officers in attendance. This practice has not been carried out for at least the last 15 years to the writer's knowledge so the clause re Arranging Accreditation has been amended to reflect current practice.

The rules about the Guild's accreditation process is simple: It boils down to a simple fact, "If you are not recorded in your personal accreditation record as accredited on a Guild machine, you should not use it unsupervised."

The committee feels so strongly about this matter, they have instigated an audit of our records, so in the near future, we will carry out that audit. It will help all concerned if you can check your record and see if it is up to date. Please help.

It has also been highlighted that the reduction in the number Accreditation Officers has not helped when access to Accreditation Officers is made more particularly difficult for new members. Those Accreditation Officers who were taken off the list recently have been invited to undertake these

duties again and I am pleased to advise all (but 2) have agreed. This will no doubt alleviate the shortage we are currently experiencing.

John Muller
PRESIDENT &
LIFE MEMBER

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MACHINERY ACCREDITATION

The BRWG workshop contains several types of woodworking machines which, if not operated properly, could cause serious injury or death to the operator or bystanders. The Guild has a duty of care to protect members or visitors to the workshop from harm. The most effective means of meeting this responsibility is by ensuring all machine operators are competent in the use of machines are fully aware of the associated hazards. The method used by BRWG to achieve this is by insisting on a BRWG code of practice known as the Machinery Accreditation System.

All BRWG members are to comply with the Machinery Accreditation System described below as a condition of membership. All applicants for membership are required to give an undertaking in writing that they accept and will follow these rules. A form of the undertaking is also at the top of each member's sheet in the Accreditation Register and each member must sign it.

Accreditation Basic Rules

NO person is to operate BRWG specified machinery without direct supervision unless he/she has been formally accredited on that machine.

A person is deemed to be formally accredited on a machine when he/she has passed a test administered by an authorised Accreditation officer *and* that Officer has signed the appropriate section of the member's Accreditation Sheet.

Even when accredited, members are expected to seek the help of an experienced operator:

- as they gain experience of the type of equipment or the particular machine,
- when they wish to use a technique with which they are not familiar, and
- when they have not used a machine recently and might have lost some proficiency.

Specified Machinery

BRWG Machinery requiring accreditation is grouped as shown below:

- **Yellow Group Machines.**

These are powerful machines with potential for most serious injury. To limit the opportunity for accident and ensure competency levels remain high, only a selected few members are to be authorized to use these machines and accreditation testing is to be strictly controlled by relevant Accreditation Officers. These machines are:



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PLEASE NOTE:

We still need someone to volunteer to frame the Thank You Certificates the Club receives. There must be someone out there willing to do this????

- Wadkin Bandsaw (about to be moved into the Orange group when renovated and **Red Group Machines**.it's use redefined as a basic bandsaw.)
 - Holland Horizontal Bandsaw
- Chain Saws

- **Red Group Machines.**

These are machines with potential to cause serious injury that would not usually be found in a home handyman's toolkit or workshop. Accreditation Officers are to conduct individual testing of Group 2 machines. These machines are:

- Table saws

- **Orange Group Machines.**

- Band saws
- Compound mitre saws
- Jointers

- **Purple Group Machines.**

These are machines and tools with potential to cause injury, but which are commonly used by home handymen and with which many people have become familiar. Accreditation Officers may choose to conduct group testing on these machines, or to test individually depending on the experience level of candidates. They include:

- Circular saws
- Electric drills (including cordless drills)
- Hand-held routers and trimmers
- Biscuit jointers
- Belt and orbital sanders, including multi-disc orbital sander
- Angle grinders

- Scroll saws
- Domino
- Trimmer guillotine
- Pyrography burner

- **Green Group Machines.**

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Accreditation Officers

Accreditation Officers are appointed by the Committee of Management and act on behalf of the Guild. They can be appointed in two ways:

- **Trade Appointment** - The Committee appoints selected members to be Accreditation Officers in recognition of extensive trade experience.
- **BRWG Mentor System** - The Committee can appoint a member to be an Accreditation Officer after a period of guidance and assessment by a Mentor. A Mentor is an Accreditation Officer with considerable experience with a particular type of equipment who has been appointed by the Committee to assist in the development and assessment of Accreditation Officers.

The Committee appoints Accreditation Officers by accessing competence and acknowledging their appointment on the list of Accreditation Officers.

Accreditation Register

The Accreditation Register contains details of the accreditation status of each member. It contains a copy of this policy, together with an Accreditation Sheet for each member. Each Accreditation Sheet contains the following details:

- Member's name
- Undertaking to comply with the Accreditation System (to be signed on joining)
- A list of the Specified Machinery
- Columns for the date of successful testing for each machine, and the signature of the Accreditation Officer who conducted the test

It is a joint responsibility for the member and the Accreditation Officer to ensure his/her accreditation sheet is correct and up to date.

It is also the responsibility of the Accreditation Officer to record each new accreditation in the central register of accreditations. Such register shall be tabled at each Management Committee meeting and noted in the minutes of that meeting.

Accreditation Monthly Summary Recording:

To monitor the member's accreditation progress, it is required that each accreditation achieved during the month shall be recorded in a central register, kept in the office adjacent to members records. Such record will be monitored monthly by the Management Committee in accessing the effectiveness of the process. The completion of this record shall be the responsibility of the Accreditation Officer.

Direct Supervision

When a member has not yet undertaken an accreditation test on a particular machine, he/she may be permitted to operate that machine under the direct supervision and guidance of an Accreditation Officer or other authorised member. This is good preparation for the formal accreditation process. The term 'direct supervision' means that the supervisor is present throughout the setting up, conduct and completion of the operation, including resetting the machine to nominal settings afterwards if required.

Arranging Accreditation

A member can approach an Accreditation Officer at any time to arrange ad hoc accreditation, subject to mutual agreement. If an Accreditation Officer is not available, arrangements should be made by the member with an accreditation Officer for a time mutually agreed on.

When seeking accreditation on a machine, members should:

- Prepare by reading the Operators Manual and BRWG Equipment Training Package for the machine, and watching VCR/DVD material to gain a good understanding of the machine, with particular attention to hazards and safety measures
- Observe experienced members operating the machine, and ask questions
- Make an appointment with an Accreditation Officer for the machine and discuss previous experience

The Accreditation Process

The Accreditation Withdrawal Process:

In certain circumstances the Guild may deem necessary one of the following actions with regards to a member's accreditation status:

- a) The withdrawal of specific accreditation held by a member;
- b) The withdrawal of all equipment accreditation held by the member;
- c) Temporary suspension of a nominated time frame of equipment accreditation.

Such action will be deemed necessary if:

- The member is using machinery while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs.
- The member is continually using equipment in an unsafe manner and has prior instructions to desist.
- The member is continually using equipment in a manner, which could result in damage to the equipment.
- The member is in a state of impairment that he/she may cause injury to themselves or other members.

As the Management Committee comprises six members, a majority vote will be required in favour of withdrawal of accreditation or temporary suspension.

The Management committee is responsible for determining the pathway for the member's reinstatement if deemed appropriate.

The member shall be notified in writing of the Management Committee's decision.

The member has the right of appeal to the Management Committee. An appeal by the member should be in writing and will be dealt with at a special meeting of the management Committee with the member in attendance. The member will be required to demonstrate to the Committee sufficient why the decision should be reversed.

Form 20 Amended 13/02/20.

DON'T FORGET JOHN MULLER'S DEMONSTRATION ON MOISTURE CONTENT METERS ON SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY AT 9AM
AND ALSO MICK DALEY WILL BE DEMONSTRATING THE DOMINO MACHINE ON MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY (all going well)

Who's Who in BRWG Inc 2018 - 2019

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