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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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CORONAVIRUS:

I am pleased to advise all members that the Committee met on 16th May to discuss the Queensland Government's Roadmap to Easing Queensland's restrictions and the implications of opening the BRWG facilities.

The decision was taken to keep the shed closed for Stage 1, meaning we could open on 16th May with restrictions of only 10 members at any one time. As our daily attendances exceed that number, control of attendances of 10 and under (which would include a Shed Captain) would be unmanageable. A serious consideration, should the numbers accidentally exceed 10 members, would be the potential for 10+ members receiving a hefty fine.

The decision was taken that opening on 13th June as per Stage 2 of the plan would be acceptable with a maximum of 20 members in attendance. To open, we need a COVID 19 Plan to operate on the premises when we open. Below is the proposed plan:

BRWG SAFE WORK PLAN – COVID 19.

GENERAL:

- ✚ Wash hands with sanitiser regularly
- ✚ Practice social distancing always; 1.5 M
- ✚ 4 M3 per person indoors
- ✚ Respiratory hygiene is to be observed at all times i.e. sneeze or cough into your elbow or use a clean tissue which you immediately dispose of .

- ✚ Sign-in will require the recording of arrival and departure time. It is essential that both times are recorded.
- ✚ In signing in, members are required to record their mobile phone number adjacent to their name in a column they will not be using during their visit.
- ✚ Work indoors will be based on social distancing at all times. As some machines are not spaced at 1.5 M spacings, such as the bandsaws, members are asked to delay specific machinery use until it is clear that social distancing is practical.
- ✚ Paper cups are available to be used . However members may bring their own cup for morning tea. This is to eliminate washing up.

Further to the signing-in process, this will act as a declaration that the member agrees the following:

- ❖ They have no sign of the symptoms of a cold or flu-like illness at this time and
- ❖ They have not knowingly been in the presence of any person diagnosed with Covid 19.
- ❖

If these rules are followed, we can be back at the shed on 13th June.

Of course, this plan to re-open is subject to whatever happens between now and the 13th June. If there are serious outbreaks or new clusters of Covid 19, it could all change.

Naturally, a new shed captain roster is needed and this is included in this newsletter. The roster follows on as previously and should any rostered shed captain have any concerns about the re-opening, they of course can decline to take part. However the same rules should apply; if you cannot make it, please organise a substitute shed captain.

I am sure everyone is looking forward to getting back and so am I.

To all Woodies not feeling the best, stay clear of others please! Get well soon of course.

Cheers,
John Muller
President

Profile of BRWG Member

Graham Beaumont BRWG Secretary

Born in 1977 in Hull, East Yorkshire, Graham is the eldest of two boys and a girl.

Hull, at one time being the largest fishing port in Europe, Graham's family has a long tradition of trawler men from both his mother and father's side of the family.

By the age of fifteen Graham had already completed two trips to sea on trawlers his father was skippering.

First the "Idena" where he spent two months shovelling ice and gutting fish in the North Sea, landing in both Scrabster, Scotland and Lerwick in the Shetland islands





The second trip on the “Southella”, a large freezer, fishing off the coast of Norway, where he first witnessed the Northern lights.



Following these trips, he was discouraged to follow in the footsteps of his ancestors, due to the diminishing fishing fleet in Hull so decided to pursue a career in the Royal Navy.

He spent the last few years of school in the historical Trinity house naval school where he was made to dress in full Naval uniform and learnt the core skills of seamanship.

After leaving school before joining the navy he decided to start further education in engineering where he spent three years training to become a qualified toolmaker through a company making plastic injection mouldings and die-cast products for the kitchen industry.



Whilst tempted to remain in the comfort of the workshop, the sea was calling and at the age of nineteen he departed for HMS “Raleigh” in Torpoint, Cornwall to become a marine engineer mechanic and eventually serving for a short time on HMS “Ocean”.

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After deciding the Navy was not the place for him Graham left to pursue engineering back in sunny Yorkshire and picked up a gig in a commercial glazing company, designing and project managing high rise glazing structures. Some of his designs form part of the skyline of cities such as London, Leeds and Manchester, including the redesign of the very college he trained as an engineer.



In the December of 1998, his first and only child, Kimberley, was born and in the summer of 2000 Graham was married to his wife and mother of Kimberley, Maria.

Following the return of his brother in law from a year's working holiday in Australia, Graham and Maria had the idea of migrating away from the grey drizzly days of the East coast of England. The problem was Graham had eyes on Quebec, Canada and Maria on Australia.

It is safe to say "happy wife, happy life" prevailed yet again and, in the year of 2008, they landed in sunny Canberra as sponsored migrants of the ACT government.

Leaning on his design experience Graham soon landed a job in the historic SMEC engineering company which was the company formed by the government and sold to the employees following the design and build of the Snowy hydro scheme. Starting as a humble drafter Graham rose through the ranks to CAD manager and then onto Group CAD manager, looking after the technicalities, custom features and accounts administration of all the design software consumed globally by SMEC.

In 2011 just after the floods of Brisbane, Graham had had enough of the cold winter months in Canberra and decided to seek the golden beaches and long summer days of the Sunshine Coast that he had been dreaming about back in England. He transferred from his office in Canberra to a more comfortable outlook in beautiful Birtinya where he enjoys wetting a line on the beach or from a charter boat.



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Living up in Peachester on a couple of acres, Graham has two dogs- an Aussie cattle dog and a Bull Arab- two Chooks and a diabetic cat.

Shortly after arriving on the Sunshine coast Graham was watching a turning demo by our very own Warne Wilson at one of our Montville shows and took a pamphlet. The very next weekend he was a fully fledged member of the guild with dreams of hand crafted Christmas decorations and dioramas. Starting behind the lathes Graham spent the first few years as a turner, making bowl after bowl after pen after pen with a persistent itch to learning hand tool crafts when he found carving through our very own David Southern.

Now an avid student carver Graham can be seen with his long tool roll of many chisels, keenly sharpened and of quantity unknown by wife Maria. After seven years at the club in various roles, including secretary and newsletter editor Graham is ironically yet to make a Christmas decoration but has started talking about it with David... Maybe after finishing a few already started projects it will happen!



Graham is also a dedicated home-brewer, having an extensive array of equipment- brewing beer from grain and following the old practices of grinding, mashing, boiling, fermenting, and kegging his beers. He got into brewing after finding out the huge difference in the cost of a carton in Australia compared to back in the UK and quickly found that he could make commercial quality beer from sacks of malted grain for a portion of the cost.

Fishing is his last passion and he spends a morning or two a week stood on Birtinya beach flicking lures or drifting strips of mullet in the surf.

Graham is now back studying to meet the demands of the changing environment of the engineering world. A student at the Sunshine Coast University studying digital visualisation and software development.



Having just earned his first pair of spectacles, he's starting to wonder when he should start slowing down and doing more woodworking!

Some quick facts!

Favourite timber -	Red Cedar.
Favourite Woodworking -	Carving second to just hanging around chatting at Dave's or the club.
Favourite Food -	Curries, love them all.
Favourite Drink -	Laphroaig Select peated scotch.
Favourite Band -	Arctic Monkeys, rock band from Leeds England.
Favourite place -	York, formerly occupied by the Vikings, surrounded by castle walls.
Favourite films -	Godfather trilogy\Bladerunner\Apocalypse now.
Favourite TV shows -	River cottage\Big Bang theory.

Shed Captains' Roster for June

Shed Captain Roster - June 2020											
	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday
										6	
										13	Ron Turner
15	Keiran Simpson	16	Dave Southern	17	AM Max Barringer PM Keith Carter	18	Ray Bryant	19	Phil Lane	20	Graham Beaumont
22	Dave Banister	23	Steve Squires	24	AM John Isles PM Russ Middlecoat	25	Don Lear	26	David Slatter	27	Keith Muirhead
29	Garry Astill	30	Greg McCosker								

Shed Captain Roster - July 2020											
	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday
				1	AM Julie Breen PM Terry O'Connor	2	Kev Devlin	3	Sarah Odgers	4	Warne Wilson
6	Greg Hiley	7	Bruce Chapman	8	AM Max Barringer PM Russ Middlecoat	9	John Drewe	10	Michael Brosnan	11	Ron Turner
13	Dave Banister	14	Dave Southern	15	AM Leigh Boynton PM Terry O'Connor	16	Ray Bryant	17	Phil Lane	18	Graham Beaumont
20	Keiran Simpson	21	Steve Squires	22	AM Russ Middlecoat PM Keith Carter	23	Don Lear	24	David Slatter	25	Keith Muirhead
27	Garry Astill	28	Greg McCosker	29	AM John Isles PM Julie Breen	30	Kev Devlin	31	Sarah Odgers		

Note: Soccer home games (to be confirmed) - put out 'No Parking' signs

Around the Shed at Home

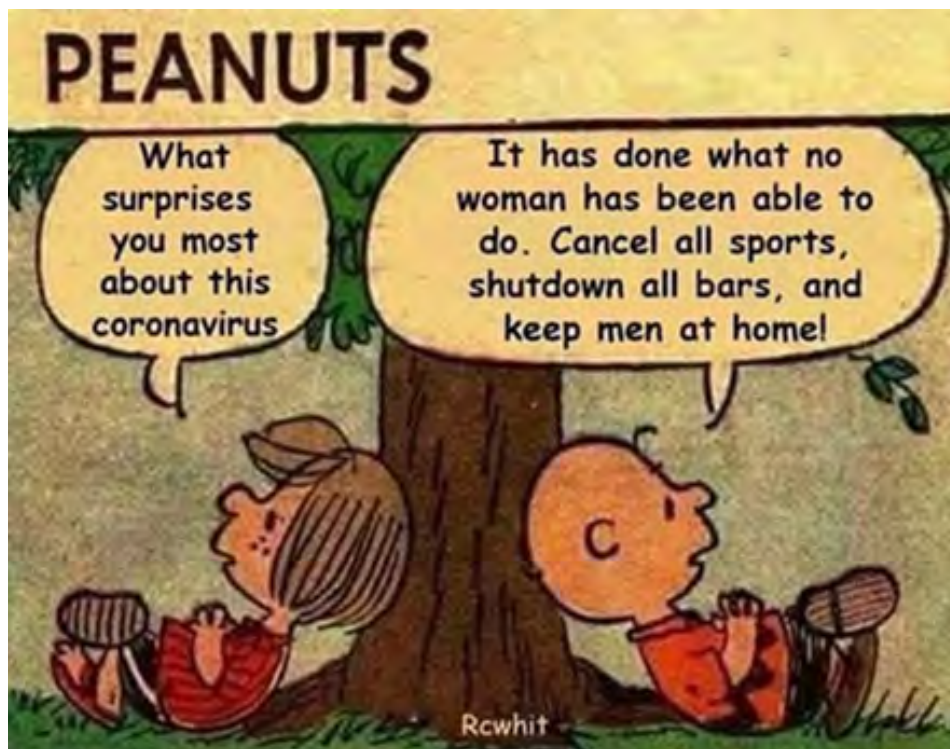


Here is what I have been up to during the lockdown. Three of Kev's stools with through dominos, A model of the yacht we sailed around the world on and a pair of bedside tables. Who said you couldn't enjoy yourself during the plague! Cheers Greg Hiley





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What does one do during lockdown? Well this is what John Muller does.



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Tips and Tricks by Wood Magazine

Ding-free Dead-blow Mallets



These handy helpers offer powerful persuasion with a gentle touch.

If you've ever tried to "nudge" a tight joint together with a hammer only to end up denting the wood, you learned the value of a dead-blow mallet. This indispensable striking tool features a one-piece, moulded polyurethane plastic head and handle. Metal shot or sand fills most of the hollow cavity inside the head. As the mallet head strikes a surface, the filler material "sloshes" forward inside the head, providing a punch without rebound.

Pick your power

Mallets come in a variety of sizes and weights, *photo below*, so you can pick the power of persuasion that fits the job. They also come in various colours. The bright-orange model in our shop is easy to find on a cluttered bench.



This set of three matching mallets comes in weights from 1 to 3 pounds to provide fine-handed finesse or brute force.

Use it, don't abuse it

Besides seating dovetail joints, a dead-blow mallet can help align carcass pieces once you have clamps in position, *photo below*. They also help you break apart a glued joint, such as a tenoned chair-leg spindle.

With wet glue acting as a lubricant, a few taps from a dead-blow mallet help bring clamped-up carcass pieces into alignment.

However, avoid using the soft, non-marring surfaces for driving nails or punches. And although they work for driving chisels, the small striking surface requires a careful aim; that concentration would be better directed at the chisel's cutting end. A wooden mallet, *photo below*, makes more sense when it comes to chisels.



A wood mallet with a large head requires less precision when striking a chisel, so you can concentrate on making the cut.

Other no-mar options

Some tools similar to dead blow mallets include mallets with soft rubber heads, *left* in the photo *below*, that provide soft blows, but lack the impact of dead-blow mallets. The non-marring rubber won't damage wood, but can pick up grit and dirt that can leave marks. Reach for this tool and a scrap of wood to close cans of finish or move stubborn shop fixtures or tool fittings.

Mechanic-style mallets, with plastic and rubber striking surfaces on the same tool, at *centre*, work well with punches and other metal tools. The tips can be replaced if they become damaged or dirty.

A third option uses a tightly rolled piece of dried rawhide for the head. Often used by jewellers, they provide a delicate touch, such as when assembling small box joinery.



A moment of tension in Vatican.
If the bishop moves forward the
queen can take him.



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