

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### CORONAVIRUS:

I feel you are by now “Virused-out”. But it is good news for we are back, under strange new rules of behavior. The plan has been working reasonably well since re-opening with one exception; social distancing. We ask members to observe social distancing and whilst it cannot always be 1.5 M, it would be a good idea to try.

Just as a reminder, below is a repeat of our 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.
- + Stay at home if feeling unwell, even if you only have mild symptoms
- + Maximum in the BRWG premises as at 16/06/20 is 10 members

#### BRWG SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS:

- + Sign-in will be located inside the main roller door to the main workshop.
- + 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.

Please write your phone number as some members have skipped this requirement, myself included. We have asked to have the sign-out time recorded and we know this is not always possible or indeed for the millers, impractical, however a reasonable assumption can be made that if a member signs in at a given time, they will be on the premises for at least the 15 minute time span. That is important.

### **ANNUAL FEES:**

It is that time of the year again; time to pay the annual fees.

Members (single)	\$40.00 per member if paid by 31 <sup>st</sup> July
Member and Partner	\$45.00 per couple if paid by 31 <sup>st</sup> July
Membership renewals after 31 <sup>st</sup> July will be an added \$10.00.	

Please pay through the day sheet and you will require a receipt. Please ask the Shed Captain to write a receipt if you pay at the shed.

Payment can be made via a bank transfer to Suncorp account 450619396, BSB 484 799 and please mark your name for tracing purposes. It would help our treasurer enormously if at the time you do the transfer, you email him advising him of your payment on

<[treasurer@blackallrangewoodies.org.au](mailto:treasurer@blackallrangewoodies.org.au)>.

### **PROJECTS:**

We have several Club projects coming up and of course we need members to assist. If you would like to be involved, there will be notices on the notice board shortly calling for assistance. The projects are:

- ❖ Workbench for the Nambour Hospital Dementia Ward
- ❖ Bus stop for the Nambour Hospital Dementia Ward

There are also requests for the Club to undertake more community projects:

- ❖ Bench seat for Maleny Garden Club in memory of Colin Campbell
- ❖ Picnic tables (2) for the Montville School.
- ❖ An outdoor pantry for the Neighbourhood Centre in Maleny.

### **JULY EXPO & OPEN DAY:**

At the recent general meeting, it was decided that the time available since the reopening of the Guild for organizing our July Expo was insufficient and as well, the school hall availability was “up in the air” due to the Corona Virus State Government restrictions. So, we will skip the Expo and make a combined Expo and Open Day in late September/early October at the Guild premises. The planning for the open day was well in hand when the lock-down was imposed on us all.

It is proposed the Expo/Open Day will include the Club Competition and member’s sales.

### **TIMBER:**

Plenty of timber stock is available for members. The milling crew has asked members to be careful in selecting timber stock to keep the species in the same bays they are stacked in. We seem to have stock bays with a mixture of species, making it harder for newer members to select wood.

The last load of Glulam donated by Hyne Timber is almost all used. Because of the delays in getting approval for the intended use (Nambour Hospital), we have moved some of the stock on to other worthy causes, including our own members. The new men's shed at Booloolo have used some for work benches and John Holland has made benches for the new Men's Shed in the Valley.

We need some photos, John! Showing Hyne Timber how their generous donation of wood has been used is akin to an acquittal for a grant, an obligation on our part.

There is sufficient to do the Nambour hospital projects (for which it was originally donated for). Now the good news; Hyne Timber are again having a clean-up of their Glulam shorts at their Kunda Park operation and we will soon have another 5.5 M3 for members and other club projects.

On the local species front, the millers have good log stock of Southern Silky Oak, Silver Ash, Camphor Laurel and an interesting Casuarina to come from Mapleton. We have also been promised a nice Blackwood from Western Avenue in about a month. This is a true Blackwood, better than some of the other Wattles grown here, I hope.

Members will have noted that we have some timber stock which has "cupped" in the kiln drying process. We have struggled to get the process of drying in the solar kiln just right so in the next couple of kiln charges, we will be trying some varying regimes for exhausting the kiln, hopefully to make the drying gentler. A work in progress.

#### **AROUND THE SHED:**

The Wadkin rebuild is progressing. The wheels have been re-tired and balanced and Frank and John are doing a special job of cleaning the old table and the rebuild. It will be fitted with a new blade and a training session will be needed when it is up and running.

#### **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

The AGM for the club will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> August and the position on the Committee and all other Guild positions will be declared vacant and new committee members elected. The forms for nominations will be on the notice board this week and I ask all members to think seriously about how you can help the management of our Club by getting involved.

I served as President from 2015 to 2018 and again this year. I would like to see members step up and nominate for the roles of President and Vice President, especially with the view that in a year or two, the VP will take on the role of President. Please give serious thought as to "how can I contribute?"

Is it not wonderful to be able to get back to some sort of normality with the shed being open again? You bet!

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

Cheers,

John Muller,  
President

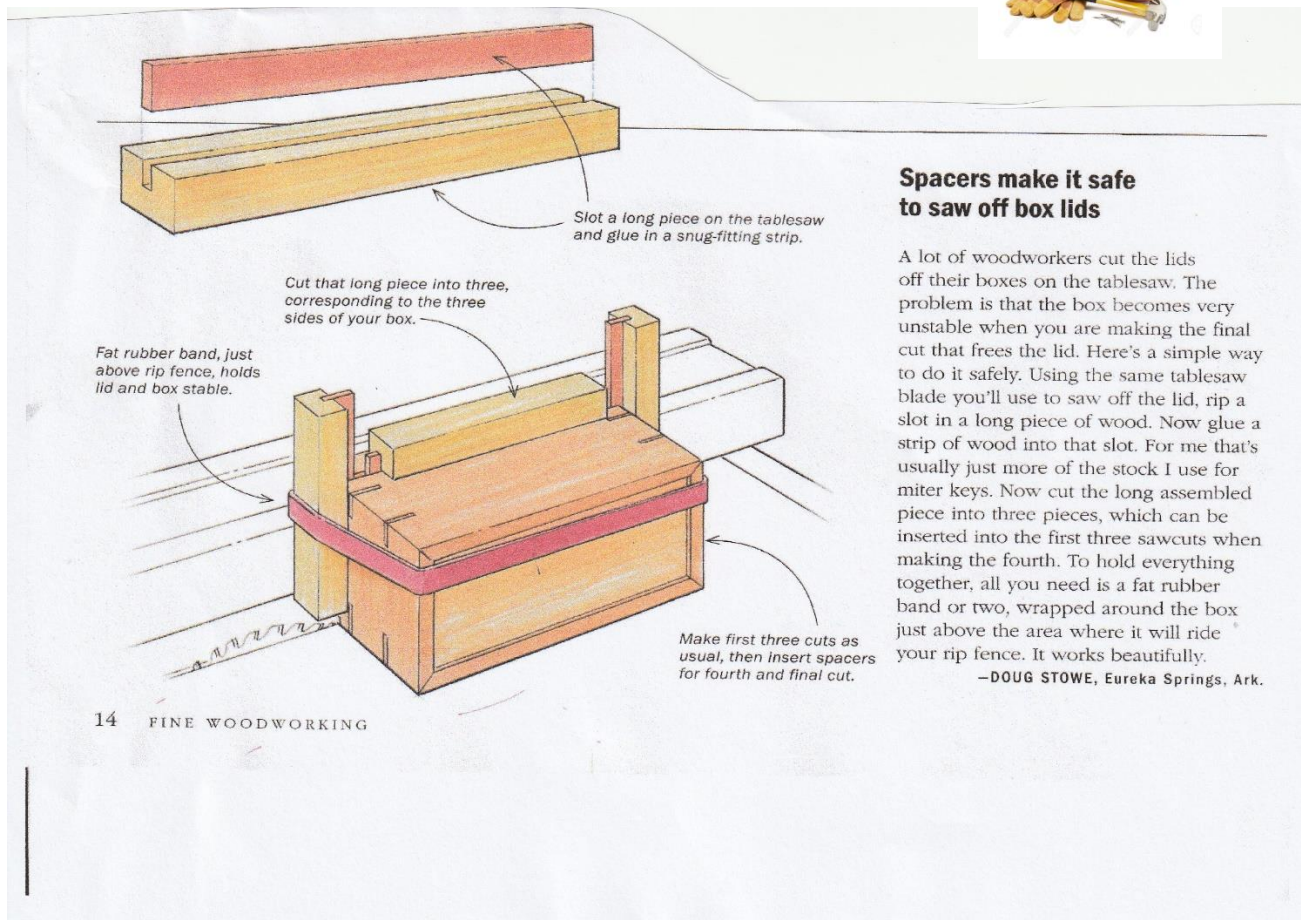
**FOR SALE: Forest Red Gum (Blue Gum) slabs for sale up to 60mm thick, ideal for resaw – (Phone Alf Allen 0455 183 008) available at Caboolture.**

## Shed Managers Report 13<sup>th</sup> June 2020

- Laguna band saw has had a new belt fitted to the bottom wheel. Also has a new drive belt fitted. New blade fitted and all guides adjusted. We need to be more aware and alert when using this bandsaw as the new neoprene tyres have plenty of grip and if we stall the blade these tyres will continue to try and drive the bandsaw and will be destroyed. Timber should not be forced through the cut. If you are experiencing difficulty in cutting timber then speak to the shed captain.
- The newly retired wheels for the Wadkin bandsaw were fitted to the machine blade fitted and test run. There appeared to be some out of balance in the wheels so it was decided that we should get them balanced. Tyres have been taken to Brisbane for Balancing at a cost of \$400.
- Dewalt drop saw to be fitted to work bench in Millers Shed. Tarp cover to be purchased for saw.
- Suggest that some training be arranged for the correct use of bandsaws.

John Isles

### *Tips and Tricks*



**Some examples of the amazing talents of our Woodies!**



Carved Red Cedar table  
by Dave Southern.

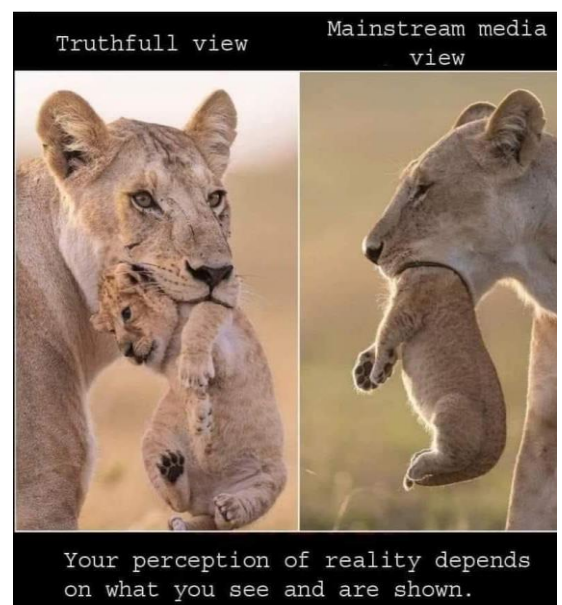
Wall Carving by  
Dave Southern.



**"Covid Carving"**  
by James Parsons.



And.....





Cornhole is a game introduced to me by my son who visited Tampa, Florida, hence the Tampa football stickers. The idea is to throw a small sack of corn kernels into the hole at the top of the board, and build your score. A great outdoor game, with a drink in one hand and the corn sack in the other. Just like Finska!. Just be sure to toss the corn sack and not the drink!



Two interesting trees in Derby.



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

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

Note:

*MIGHTY HELPFUL*

**MITRE 10 TIMBER and HARDWARE**

**MALENY**

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