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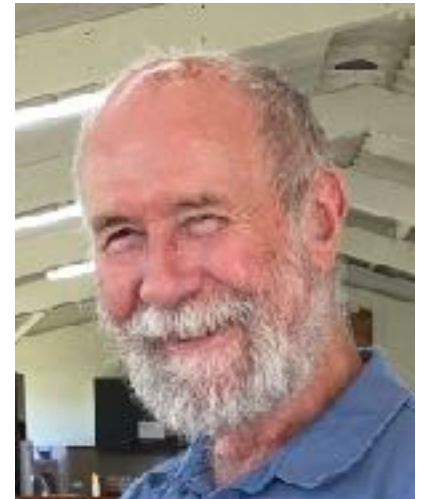
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Fellow Woodies

Well, there have been a few changes since the last report. I have agreed to take over as President for the time being. I'd like to thank Graham Beaumont for taking over as Vice-President and Greg McCosker for taking over as Secretary. As for Max and John, all I can say is that you will both continue to be well-respected and well-liked members of the Guild. My only other comment is that members being prepared to stand for office on the Management Committee or run an event or be Shed Captain, for example, are essential for the Guild to continue to prosper. Furthermore being involved in this way will strengthen your feeling for the club and the satisfaction gained by helping it operate.



Continuing on: as most of you are aware, Barung has cancelled the Maleny Wood Expo. The expo is a significant achievement and attraction for visitors to the hinterland. In its absence, the Management Committee has decided to hold a "Sales Day" at our premises on Sunday 2 May 2021. We plan to offer members' woodwork and Guild timber for sale. We will also run a BBQ and the milling crew will do demonstrations. We have also approached Barung to see if they want to participate, which may be a way for them to promote next year's event.

It was also decided that the traditional event on the first weekend of July proceed, as an Open Day, at the Guild premises - for the Club Competition, sale of members' wood work, sale of Guild timbers, milling demonstration, BBQ, and an invitation to third party vendors. Consideration will also be given to having live entertainment and a coffee van, as with the last Open Day, and the number of days over which the event will be staged.

Finally, a few words about recruiting new members. First, has been brought to the Guild's attention that, until approved by the Management Committee, an application for membership is incomplete. Therefore the person involved is not covered by insurance. So, the option for someone to come to the club, join up and start woodworking is not available — (not, in my opinion, a very good idea, anyway). Joining the Guild is something that should be taken seriously — by the club and by the applicant. Quite a few new members sign up, never get accredited on any machine, and are never seen again. The Committee has decided on two main actions.

- (1) A recruitment email address will be provided on our website, and the main sign-on forms will be available for inspection. This should allow people to think about what joining entails beforehand.
- (2) More introductory courses will be provided to try to ensure that every new member can be sure of

enrolling in some kind of woodwork course as soon as their application is approved.

All the best

Dave Edmond

Member Welfare

We'd like to let all members who are having health challenges at present, as well as their carers, that our thoughts are with them -in particular, Phil and Linda Lane, Dave and Vicki Slatter, Keiran and Catriona Simpson, Ron Fishwick and his wife, Alan and Pammie Heaton, Sharon and Keith Carter and Frank Bizley.

If you're unable to do woodwork at the club, don't forget there is always a friendly welcome for you at Smoko.

Wishing you all the best for speedy recoveries.

Maintenance Report *by John Isles*



- The Carbatec 20" Thicknesser has had the spiral head cutters rotated
- The Carbatec 15" thicknesser has had the spiral head cutters rotated
- The Carbatec CTJ-300 Jointer has had new cutters fitted to the spiral head cutter.
- Please respect these machines and do not overdo the adjustment of cutters. **Take smaller cuts so we get the maximum use out of the cutters**
- The old Hafco bandsaw had a bearing housing flogged out on the speed adjusting pulley. We have fitted a new pulley arrangement to this bandsaw.
- **When using the Hammer Jointer, please make sure that the table is wound down to around the 200mm mark when in jointing mode.** This will enable the dust extraction system to function more effectively. When using this machine in the jointing mode and you notice a build-up of chip under the infeed table then check where the table is parked. It will probably need adjusting.

Some events that have occurred over the past couple of weeks

- 2 Broken router bits were found in the Makita Router Box. If it is broken, please report it. If it is reported, we can then replace it. **Don't return broken items to their storage place.** Give them to the shed captain so he can enter it in the daybook for reorder.
- The Carbatec CTJ 300 (8") jointer has had the height adjuster locking screw broken
- The Laguna bandsaw has had the locking screw on the fence stripped and the height adjuster for the bandsaw blade guide found loose and not operating.
- The Hammer bandsaw has had the height adjuster for the blade guide stripped

When using bandsaws, it is the user's responsibility to check the machine before using. Make sure the blade is tensioned, guides are in correct adjustment. Make sure you unlock the height adjuster before winding it up or down. If unsure ask someone that can help you.

When tightening a locking screw on any piece of equipment they do not need to be super tight to be effective. Just firm. Think of the next person who has to use the equipment.

I don't understand what some members don't understand in this statement

***** **If you use a piece of equipment clean it up after you use it and before moving on** *****

***** **Clean Machines = Happy Shed Managers** *****



These tips put you on solid footing



Frame of mind matters Don't go into the shop when you're tired, in a bad mood, or distracted. At best, your woodworking results will be mediocre; at worst, you'll injure yourself.

Eyes, ears, and lungs need protection

Always wear eye and hearing protection—anything with at least a 22-dB noise-reduction rating (NRR)—when using power tools. Of course, a common dust mask protects your lungs better than nothing, but a respirator with a rating of N95 works much better. For spray-finishing, use a respirator with a P95 or P99 rating.

Seek help from others

Most woodworkers gladly share their expertise and tips. A few minutes spent with a peer or neighbour can turn a complex process into an enjoyable and simple one. Also turn to the multitude of woodworkers on the *WOOD* Online® forums at woodmagazine.com/forums.

Keep a well-stocked shop

Always maintain a good supply of these shop necessities: painter's tape, double-faced tape, orange-based hand cleaner, tweezers with a magnifying glass, first-aid kit, and fire extinguisher



You can't be too organised

Buy or make cabinets, shelves, or parts bins to suit your needs. Once things are in order, you'll work smarter, be happier and spend less time searching for tools and supplies.

Always make extras

Machine additional project parts when dimensioning stock, and use these test pieces instead of your project pieces to check and adjust tool setups. Use other leftovers to test stain colours and other finishes to get an accurate representation of how they will look on your project.

You don't have to pinch every penny

It's okay to be frugal, but know when to say when. Wood *does* grow on trees, so you can get more if you mess up a piece. Sandpaper wears out in 5–10 minutes. Glue has a shelf-life (usually about a year or two). Finishes **with a tough skin over them in the can should be tossed.**

Life's too short for a crappy workbench

Whether you build or buy one, make sure your workbench is sturdy, flat, and has at least one beefy vice.



Don't expect perfection

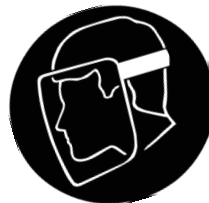
Trying for a flawless project can be paralyzing: It's nearly impossible. So don't sweat the mistakes you'll inevitably make. Instead, learn how to repair them—and how to avoid them in the future.

Invest time in jig-building

It's worth the hour or two it takes to build a jig for a 5-second cut because jigs make operations safer, more precise, and repeatable.



Safety Notes *by Russ Middlecoat*



Many of us who are accredited on club machinery and may not have used a particular machine for some time should think about reacquainting themselves with these machines. It is in your interests to do so for your own safety and care of our machines.

This raises another issue, as reported by our shed managers, and that is **the excessive use of force when tightening machine locking devices**. Finger tight is usually adequate. The safety point is - an injury, although minor, may occur when an overtightened device suddenly releases, eg. nicked knuckles etc.

A reminder to all members to please make use of the incident reporting forms which are located in a box at the bottom of the safety notices board. All incident reports are investigated by a safety officer. Even the follow-up of a minor incident may reveal the potential of a more serious accident.

Finally, new building evacuation signs will be posted in the next week. Would you all make yourselves familiar with these procedures?

'till next month, think safety, stay safe.

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Around the Shed



Some of the "Tuesday Mob":

David Pringle and John Muller hard at work.

Ray Mellifont making a band-saw box



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Left: Dave Purcell, busy as usual at the lathe and

Right: a most unusual sight - Two table saws not being used!!!



Grumpy Old Gits 15 March at 10:00 AM



Club Events Calendar *from Vicki Shuley*



"Sales Day"
Sunday 2nd May, 2021
8am to 3pm

We need volunteers for the set up, running of the day and the clean up afterwards. The volunteer lists will be going up on Wednesday 31st March in the main shed. Now don't be backward in coming forward. The sales sheets will be available next Wednesday as well. We especially need someone to volunteer to help out with the raffle, the sausage sizzle, set up on Saturday afternoon and clean up on Monday morning.



Art: @name is Gabi Rices.
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Timber Tales *by Bruce Chapman*

A good supply of Silky Oak and Swamp Cyprus have been added outback for sale. There is no Camphor available and very little is in the system. There are some Jacaranda slabs still available. Currently the kiln is full but drying very slowly in this weather. It contains a range of nice timbers, some Silver Ash, Qld Maple, She Oak and African Mahogany. We have recently milled a lone Camphor log as well as a Quandong and some more SilkyOak. Our current stack of timber to be milled is mostly Silky Oak.

Turners check the new section beside the green shed for available blanks. There are two shelves of Camphor and Silky Oak blanks.

This is a stack of milled Blue Quandong that will be transported to the shed at Western Ave for drying before going into the kiln



The Answer to Last Month's "What is it?"



WHAT IS IT-----the contraption bottom left on the second last page is a drill sharpener - I have one, use it at will and can demonstrate it if needed

Ron Turner

Bridge for Beginners Learn to play Contract Bridge



Where - Kureelpa & Dulong Community Hall,
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Peter MacBeth in the process of turning a little lady as in the photo on the right.



John Bruce has crafted this beautiful box with hand made dovetail joints. Very clever!



Pauline Amor with her two handy helpers/ teachers, John Muller and John Drewe. Making an outdoor bench.
Three heads are better than one, hey Pauline.

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