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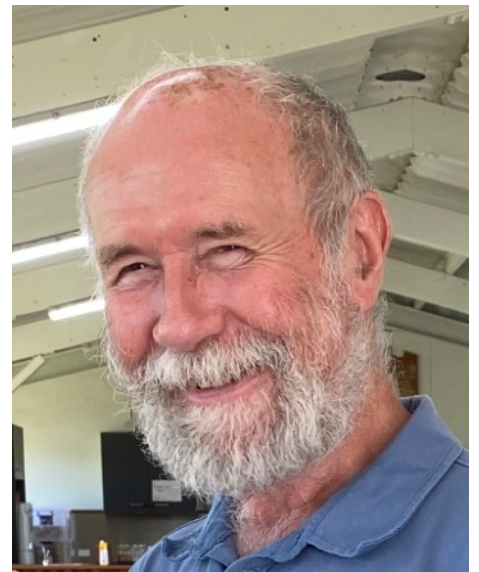
PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Hello Fellow Woodies

I signed in at the Shed one Monday recently. OK, I thought I was maybe a bit early. It was 8am exactly. But there were already ten signatures on the Day Sheet — there's no better evidence, surely, of a keen, healthy and active membership.

How else might we describe the membership? Well, the first paragraph of the Club History talks about the beginnings of the club as the idea of a "few old Range Woodies". I don't know how that phrase strikes you but it sounds to me like a bunch of grizzled old men. Is that how you see the club? I hope not. At the inaugural meeting of the club in March 1996, there were 19 men and three women. The club has never been a men's club. Moving to more recent times, 26 people have joined the club this year so far — 17 men and nine women. We are less and less a men-only club. Not only do we have more women members than ever but they also tend to be younger than the men.



What is this leading up to? The current situation occurs quite frequently after an event such as the recent Sales Day. We have an influx of new members, quite a few of whom have a limited knowledge of woodwork. The Management Committee has decided that all new members must attend an introductory course. The purpose of the course is **not** to provide accreditation on machines. Instead, the aim is to provide a broader picture of working with wood: how a tree grows, how it is milled, and how to select timber; safety equipment; what machines are involved and in what sequence; and much much more. Thanks to Greg McCosker, Rob Otto and Steve Squires for their efforts.

On the subject of thanks, I'd like to report the gratitude expressed to me by the Montville State School for the BBQ tables made by John Holland, Roger Scott, Ian Colpoys and Dave Banister. Two down and four to go.

On a darker note, it's close to the shortest day. I take my puppy out for his pre-dawn walk with my beanie well and truly pulled down over my ears. The dog doesn't seem to notice as he enthusiastically pulls me in all directions. As Tony Gallwey would say, he must be an American breed. He's a bit yankee!

Dave Edmond

Rob Otto's demonstration on finishes

Benefits of Rubio Monocoat

There are many benefits to using this product:

It has no harmful smell and **contains no VOC's**.

One only has to sand to **120 grit**

No sanding is required between coats

It has a **very quick curing time** - only 5 days. It is touch dry within 10 minutes so dust can't accumulate and is therefore not a problem. You can apply a maintenance oil after 8 hours if you wish to. This gives it more shine and makes it more hardwearing.

The cost is \$100 for 400ml but you only need to use a teaspoonful each time. It has a shelf life of 3 years.

(Rob plans to provide another demonstration in a couple of weeks. Greg will notify you when a date and time are confirmed)



A stained Silky Oak Unit finished with Rubio Monocoat that Rob is working on at the moment.

A Critique by Leslie Mott

I was really impressed with the Rubio Monocoat Hard Wax finish Rob Otto used on sanded wood, so I tried it on some practice carvings.

The wax finish went on well with a small brush, although stopping the finish from pooling in deeper grooves wasn't easy. This can be helped by using the brush initially on any flat surfaces before going on to a grooved area.

I found with applying a thin coating, the Rubio maintenance oil was more difficult (which could be the result of my lack of experience). I am prepared to keep trying.



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Decisions of the Management Committee

Dave Edmond to form sub-committee to finalise **Recruitment Procedures**; To be done. It was agreed that subject to discussions with the Recruitment Officers, that the letter of acceptance of membership from the Secretary direct the new member back to the Recruitment Officer who handled their application initially to complete their induction and issue their blue card. It was suggested that all persons inquiring about membership be directed to attend the shed on a Saturday morning, and that a Recruitment Officer be available each Saturday to process applications. In the event a person attended the shed without prior advice, and a Recruitment Officer was available at that time, and it was convenient, the application could be processed at that time. If no Recruitment Officer was available, the Shed Captain shall direct the applicant to attend on a Saturday. It was agreed that ALL new members must complete the "Introduction to woodwork" course, and that the letter of acceptance be modified to include particulars of the course and how the member can enrol. The new member will be advised in the letter to take the letter to the shed to either meet with the Recruitment Officer, or to attend the shed, for verification to the Shed captain on duty. On completion of the consultation process with the Recruitment Officers, a "Recruitment Procedure" will be developed, and all forms revised to ensure compliance with the new procedure, Privacy policy, etc. Greg McCosker is to prepare a new pamphlet to be provided to new members with the Induction Kit to advise issues such as how to achieve accreditation, regular events conducted by the Guild etc.

The Application Form shall be amended to include a questionnaire as to previous woodwork experience, any particular areas of wood work the applicant would like to pursue, etc.

Rex Symonds has agreed to write the history from 2009 to 2020

Management Committee expressed its appreciation to Rex. Max Barranger advised he had the original digital file of the book, and will liaise with Rex.

Members selling / donating goods

It was agreed that if members wish to donate goods to the Guild for the Guild to receive the proceeds, that the member advise the Secretary prior to delivering the goods to the shed. If the goods are accepted by the Guild, they will be marked clearly that they are for sale with all proceeds to go to the Guild. If members want to offer goods for sale to members, they can advertise the goods in the newsletter or place a notice on the notice board in the shed, but the goods are NOT to be held at the shed and the seller can deal directly with the buyer. In the event an urgent sale is required, the member can request the Secretary distribute details of the goods by email, and the goods are again **not** to be held at the shed, and the seller is to deal directly with the buyer.

A By-law is to be developed.

Courses

It was agreed that any member wishing to run a course for members shall submit a proposal for the consideration of the Management Committee, with all courses to be approved by the

Management Committee. The proposal shall include an analysis of how the cost for the course was determined, with reference to items to be included in the fee, such as tuition, timber etc; and what extraneous costs will be incurred by the member, such as payment of the daily meeting fee, payment of daily equipment use fee, payment for consumables, hardware, veneer, felt, finish etc.

A By-law is to be developed.

Drum sander

It was agreed that no further maintenance be undertaken on the existing drum sander, and the Shed Managers will investigate a replacement, possibly a commercial standard dual head machine.

Electricity supply and reticulation

John Isles expressed concern that the existing electricity system may not support additional, more powerful equipment. Advice has been provided in the past that the existing main switch board is at capacity. It was agreed that Greg McCosker approach Gary Phillips, Electrical Engineer, to review the capacity of the cables supplying power to the Guild (which in turn is reticulated to the Tennis Club, toilets etc), and advise what is required to have appropriate reticulation of supply to Guild facilities.

Events

It was agreed that the only event for the remainder of the calendar year will be the October Club Competition and Sales event. The Guild will not be participating in the Montville Christmas Lights event. Rick Vickers is to investigate venues and dates for a Christmas lunch or dinner. It was agreed the Christmas event would be restricted exclusively to members and partners.

It was agreed that Rick Vickers establish the “**Check in Qld**” app for the Guild.



A Rosewood dining table constructed by John Muller. Note the unusual legs.

And a big shout out to all our members and their families, who are struggling with health issues at the moment. We wish you all the very best for a quick recovery. We're all thinking of you.



How do I clamp a beveled glue-up?

Q:

I have 16 pieces of $\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{2} \times 20$ " stock with a 22.5° bevel on one edge. I want to assemble them in pairs to form the legs for two octagonal tables. I need to glue the two beveled edges together, but have a hard time applying firm pressure on the joint to force the slightly wavy outer edges of the bevels to match.

—Tom Dwyer Jr., Niles, Ohio

A:

A roll of reinforced shipping tape will solve your angled glue-up problems, Tom, but your likelihood for success will increase if you use stock that's machined and beveled as straight as possible to do away with those "slightly wavy outer edges."

Butt the points of the bevels together along their entire length. To prevent one of the pieces from popping up and over the other piece, attach clamps over the joint with light pressure. If your clamp's pads don't span the combined bevels, add scraps between the clamp pads and the workpieces. Then attach clamps using just enough pressure to bring the edges together along their full lengths.

Now, stretch pieces of reinforced shipping tape across both faces. Space them about 4" apart, and leave 8" extra tape beyond the edge of the wood. Remove the clamps and turn the assembly upside down. Apply glue to the bevel, and pull the beveled edges tightly together in a 45° angle using the extra 8" of tape as a clamp. After the glue dries overnight, remove the tape carefully to avoid pulling loose any wood fibres.



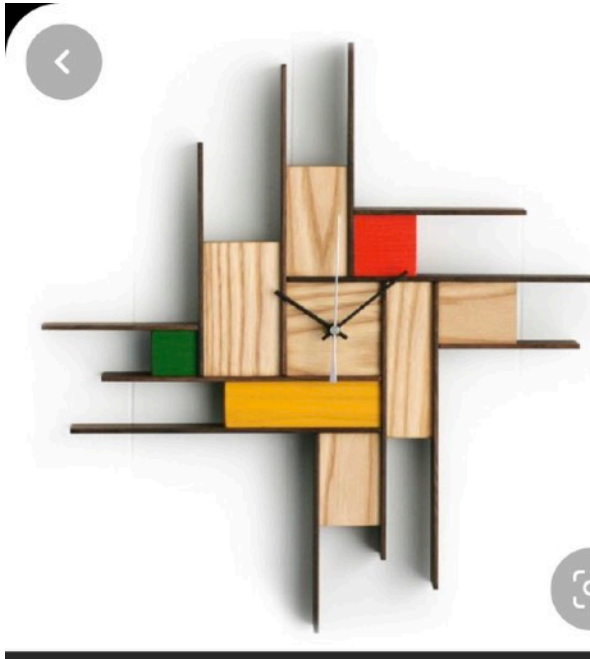
Andrew Rudolf ▸ The Far Side

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Monet: "The Crepuscle, Venice"



What happens in a medical emergency at the club?

Recently I was at the club when one of our members had a loss of consciousness and required an ambulance to be called. When he came to, he was a bit confused and it was difficult to get a history of his medical past etc. This has happened to other members in the past as well. A person who was also present told me that a club he previously belonged to had a system where they recorded members' medical details in case of just such an event.

I therefore put it to the Management Committee that our club does likewise and they agreed. Greg McCosker has kindly formatted the kind of form we envisage for your perusal.

This form would be completed by members on a purely voluntary basis and would need to be kept in a secure place, but one that could be readily accessed during an emergency situation.

It would also help the ambulance officers and doctors in Emergency at the hospital.

We hope that one of the box makers would construct a box to store these forms in and that this would be kept near the defibrillator for easy access.

I'd like your feedback about this proposal. Would you please email me if you have any thoughts about it? My address is pam.mcleod@outlook.com

I've also asked for a yoga mat and blanket for use at times like these because it's very cold lying on a concrete floor and people in this state are usually in shock so we need to keep them warm. These items have already been purchased so I'd like to thank the Management Committee.

Pam McLeod

Medical History Summary

In preparation for the possibility that a member may experience a medical episode whilst attending the Guild premises, members are asked to provide a summary of their medical history, and any medication being used, on a **VOLUNTARY** basis, to assist in their management and to provide advice to attending ambulance officers, particularly in the event the member is unconscious or unable to communicate.

The following information is requested :

CURRENT MEDICAL CONDITIONS:

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CURRENT MEDICATION:

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SIGNIFICANT PAST MEDICAL / SURGICAL CONDITIONS:

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ALLERGIES:

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NAME OF GP:.....**PHONE**.....

I acknowledge that the information I have provided in completing this Medical History Summary will be used in accordance with the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild Inc Privacy Policy, and is provided voluntarily. I hereby consent to this summary being stored in a readily accessible location on the BRWG premises and the disclosure of this summary should an event occur and medical assistance is required.

SIGNED.....**DATE**.....

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Around the Shed



Dave Southern crafted these beautiful bedside tables. What gorgeous grain and colours!

Dave wasn't impressed with my photo of his table last Month, so he sent me a better one which shows the carving he did in a much better way. Sorry about that Dave!





The amazing Sarah has done it again! This is the result of her recent course at the club on River Tables

No battle of the sexes here! Just great camaraderie and a helping hand



These two wonderful men are at it again - Frank Bizley and John Isles. What would we do without them? They are truly valued members of our club.

Timber Tales by Bruce Chapman

Timbers available in clockwise order from the back of the shed:

Pink cedar/Bunya pine/She Oak/Silky Oak(new boards added)/Swamp Cypress/Qld maple(low stock)/Black wattle(new stock added)/Tallowwood(more available on dried stacks outside)/Mango(new stock)/Silver Ash/Camphor Laurel/Jacaranda boards(new)/White Walnut/African Mahogany/LemonScented Gum.

Outside the green shed is wood for turners and some slabs of Jacaranda and Silky Oak.

Drying Rack

Not available for purchase. The timber here is stabilised after being taken from the kiln. It is generally moved to the Sales Area in one week. Please keep the front of this area clear. We need to access the timber here every Friday.

Kiln

Mexican Bean/ Silver Ash slabs and Avocado slabs

Milling

Two new timbers we have never had before: Atherton Oak and Magnolia



Guess who's at the bar he finished at the Tennis Club Opening day?
(You deserve it , mate!)

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