

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We've had a busy month with the Santa Shop.
Sadly sales were not great however everything ran very smoothly.
A big THANK YOU to Rick Vickers and Keith Carter for coordinating the weekend.
A few changes will be made for the next one.



As you know we had that big wind that blew the tree over but did you look at our Flag Pole?
It's bent too, we were very lucky we did not sustain any damage.

The working bee we had to move the wood racks was very successful.
I can't thank you enough, it was a big job moving the big rack, with plenty of hands on deck and just a few whispered curses the job was done

The grants team of David Friend and Peter Rich have been very busy and successful in obtaining grants for us. You will see a couple of new machines arriving shortly.
The new bandsaw arrived yesterday and is working well.
There is also a drum sander to come. Thank you Dave and Peter.

The soccer club has been given a large grant to fix the road and they are getting quotes etc.

Those who came to the Club for our Christmas lunch, could you please give me some feedback?
I'd really appreciate your thoughts on it. Do we keep having it at the shed or go back to restaurants?
Did you enjoy the food?

The President's award this year went to Dave Pringle.
He never stops helping others and always offers support to whoever may need it.

To those who are not well, keep your chin up and get better asap.

Have a very happy and safe Christmas and a wonderful New Year

Julie

The highlight of the December working bee was a group of woodies impersonating Ancient Egyptians, moving a very heavy timber stack with only rollers and plenty of slaves. Foreman Dave Pringle doing a good impression of the required slave driver. Well done all. Some pretty sore muscles were reported the following day.



A lucky escape for our poly tank and toilets!



Some humour from Greg McCosker

Some of our members enjoying the Woodies Christmas Lunch



The genesis of the Maleny Community doors project was the awarding of a Federal Grant for a complete makeover of the Maleny Community Centre. There was nothing special planned for the entrance way, so an idea formed that perhaps some form of local artistic feature could be embedded into the front of the premises. Rick Vickers recalls that the process began with discussions in Rotary board meetings, exploratory talks with the architect, more talks amongst the Woodies members, specifically Dave Southern and John Muller, and the management committee of both years 2011-12 and 2012-13. Then finally agreement in about March- May 2012 that it "seemed like a good idea".

In a joint collaboration, a donation of \$3000 from Maleny Rotary for the cost of the beautiful timbers (red cedar panels, New Guinea rosewood frames) gave the Woodies a start point for the designing, sawing, carving, sanding, gluing and finishing touches to create a modern masterpiece that will be around hopefully for generations to come. Hundreds of hours of creative energy have gone into hand crafting the central focus point for the entrance to the renovated building.

The fact that both sides of the doors were to be carved turned this a mammoth project.



Dave recalls he next considered who he would like to have involved as a 2IC and he immediately thought of John Muller who he considered to be a guy who produced high quality work and also had a good working background in structural timber engineering.

John agreed and Dave says at that these doors would not have been made if it weren't for John's input. John also produced the working drawings for the builder.



The Cedar boards were first run over the jointer and then glued together to form the blanks required for carving the forest scene.

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The next challenge was how to transfer the door design onto the large sections of timber required for the construction of the doors. Dave found someone who could print the scaled up drawings onto large sheets of paper that could be glued to the full size timber sections.

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It was then that we really needed the other members of the club to get involved, and having sent out the request for assistance, the turn out was great with everyone wanting to be part of the project.

A very brief overview of some of the work carried out to complete the doors.





Shed Managers Report

December 2022

Maintenance:

Damage to equipment has again not been too bad this month. Some exceptions have included:

- The **Laguna Bandsaw** needed a blade change, not an unusual event, but disappointing to be only 3 weeks after getting a new blade. If you are using this machine for big work, please think about whether the Wadkin would be more appropriate. It is cutting well at the moment.
- The **Router** on the Jessem lift had to have new bearings fitted. When disassembled it was chock full of fine dust, so we have purchased a few bits to upgrade the dust extraction from this machine. Hopefully by the time of the next report, we will have this greatly improved.
- The **Panel Saw** had new handles fitted. These are a big improvement on the flimsy plastic ones.

Projects

We have a number of projects underway on upgrading BRWG facilities, and the following is a progress update for members.

Working Bee. This was a fabulous turnout and we got all the planned works done, plus a bit of other work. You will see the sheeting starting to go up, and the crew is now thinking about the roller door installation.

Henderson Roof. We have had some rectification work carried out on the roof, so we are getting closer to a satisfactory job. Pleasing to note in the last lot of rain, that we are now completely watertight.

Kiln Upgrade. Slow progress on this project this month. We received the data logger, and John Isles has started experimenting with this. Milos has completed some machining for us on the air control gates.

New Wood Wiz. The timber stacks have been moved, and John Holland has started planning the slab and roof for the new timber storage area.

MultiPurpose Table. All fittings and tools now here. Some further work underway to get the dust extraction working as a bagless system. It now just remains for members to use it all.

Kev Devlin and Brian Harris

Woodman Table Saw as found on Thursday 13th December 2022



As you can see there is a build-up of resin or glue on the blade. This build up is in effect removing the kerf of the blade. The kerf on the blade is the angle the teeth are set to so as to remove wood chips as it is cutting.

Whoever used this machine can you tell me what type of timber you were cutting. This is not the first instance of this occurring. In the past couple of months, I have had to clean this blade several times because of this build up.

This is the blade on the Laguna band saw as found on Thursday 14th December 2022



This is the state the blade on the Laguna band saw was left. Again, I would like to know what type of timber was being cut and what type of cut. Again, this is occurring too regularly on this machine. Leaving this amount of build-up on the blade only leads to a shorter life of the blade. This blade has only been on this machine for 1 Week.

Here are some photos of how the 15" thicknesser was found on Monday morning 12th December. There were comments written in the daily log from Saturday 10th December about thicknesser not working.



You can see the build up of chips and sawdust on table

With the dust tube removed you can see the chip/dust chute on the thicknesser all clogged up

Who's Who in BRWG Inc 2022-2023

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