

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello everyone, I do hope you are well.

As you may have noticed, two of the new machines are up and working. The drum sander and the bandsaw. We are also expecting another linisher shortly.. These have all been possible because of our Grants team getting these grants through for us.

The Kiln up grade is under way. Kev, Brian and John are building things all the time for it.

As I have said to you , we do need some people for the Miller's Cave, we already have one person offering one day a month.

Pat Kelly is offering to do a bowl turning course. The form is on the board to put your names down for it. The cost being \$10.

Kev is looking to put our flag pole straight with another piece in the near future. The wind was so strong that day.

The tree that was blown over is being left where it is to rot in peace.

We have a few more caps for sale, \$20 each. Mostly gray however a few navy ones left.

Don't forget the Maleny Barung Wood show is on this year. It's the 29th. 30th. April and the 1st. May. We are again in the Cow Shed and have heaps of room. Rick is enquiring about the modem for the eftpos machine. Keep making your beautiful items for sale.

As for the front gate, we are looking into security cameras that work. The gate at this time is considered not to be a decent enough deterrent. Anyone can still get in regardless of the gate. I still think it would keep caravans etc. out but we are the only ones concerned I think.

We still have two large glass doors for sale, if anyone is interested please let me know and make an offer, they will not cost a lot. They will go on gumtree or something very soon.

To those of you that are not well we are thinking of you and wish for the quickest recovery. Phil Lane and Leigh Boynton this goes for you too.

Cheers,
 Julie

The Woodies Toymakers

our TOY BOYS and GIRLS

Every Wednesday morning a group of Woodies get together to make toys for disadvantaged children. This work continues all year until, just before Christmas, the toys are presented to the Salvation Army by the club. When I can I'll add more information about the group and the lovely people who make the quilts, bears and dolls clothes that go with the doll beds made by the group. The toy making group is in need of more participants. If you have any time to give on a Wednesday morning it is for a very worthwhile cause. It is also an excellent way for new members to get accreditation on a number of machines plus practice in using these machines.



The presentation



Toy photos courtesy of our roving reporter Halina Green who also supplied most of our Christmas photos

Shed Managers Report

January 2023

Some good news, some bad news, and some disappointing events this month.

Firstly the good news.

New Equipment

As a result of the diligent efforts of our grants officers, we have been lucky to take delivery of two new machines this month.

The **Harvey Bandsaw**, replacing the old faithful Hafco machine, is installed, and has had a lot of use. It is a very fine piece of engineering. We will eventually put a smaller blade on it, so don't be concerned if you think the 3/4 inch blade is too big for curves. We also have a circle cutting jig for this to come.

The **Laguna drum sander** replaces the old Jet, and while similar, should be a better machine and easier to maintain. It has a few differences to the old one. The belt and drum are on different controls, and need to be both turned off when you leave the machine. It also has a digital height gauge, which is aimed at repeatability, not to encourage its use as a thicknesser. It has the same recommendation for height increments of not less than 1/8 of a handle turn at a time. Rob Otto gave us a good demonstration of the fact that you get a far superior sand with multiple passes at the same height setting.

We are expecting two further pieces of kit next month, being a replacement router table for the cast iron Makita one, and a new linisher. More on those next months. Enjoy all the new equipment.

Maintenance:

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

- The SandFlee had a problem with the coupling on the drive shaft, which required re-engagement. It is now working as usual.
- The Jessem router lift continues to be a problem. The bearings on the lift were replaced, and the router itself has now been fitted with a cup type dust extraction system round the shaft. This is still a work in progress, but is getting there.
- The Makita router table also had an issue with the height adjuster being stripped, presumably from someone trying to adjust with the lock still on. We replaced it from another machine, and will get a replacement fabricated soon.
- The Carbatec thicknesser has overloaded again, and required a cool-down and reset. This machine is by far the most susceptible to overload, and we would ask members to be gentle with it. If you hear it bogging, back it off.

Projects

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

Kiln Upgrade. We have started progressing the air control gate fabrication, and John Holland has given us some advice on a work plan for the roof replacement. We still have a way to go to make full use of the data from the moisture content data loggers, but the principle seems to work.

We hope to have the main working bee for this sometime early Feb.

New Wood Wiz. No further work on this. Concentrating on the kiln at the moment.

MultiPurpose Table. We now have this essentially working, and as Danny Nolan demonstrated last week, it works a treat for repetitive work. The dust extraction system with the mobile Festool bagger system also works well. The idea of this is that the bag sucks up against the screen when working, and then dust and bag drop down after it is turned off. Once again, we encourage members to use this system. It can give incredibly accurate work.

Finally, the disappointing events. The month saw a lot of things that Shed Captains should be getting on top of. Some of the more memorable were:

- Vac on the Festool drop saw left on overnight
- Door to the main shed left open overnight
- Urns and coffee machine left on over the weekend
- Solar system turned off at the AC isolator. (just a note on this for clarification, we know it says in the SC duty sheet to turn off all power, but that does not include the solar system. Please do not touch any of those switches)

Kev Devlin and Brian Harris

BOWL TURNING COURSE with PAT KELLY

I intend to conduct a bowl turning course at the Club commencing on Thursdays the 2nd of February over a period of four weeks, terminating on the 23rd of February, starting at 8am until 11.30am .

I believe that participants can probably achieve a bowl on each of the four days, but they can work at their own pace and finish the piece over the period of a number of weeks if they wish.

We will start the first week by making a bowl of about 200mm x 50 mm, however those measurements don't have to be exact if participants want they can be bigger or smaller. "It is best to start off small". Participants can decide whatever shape they want after that. During the course if you wish we can do some scrolling (Using a Robert Sorby Scrolling tool) and some colouring.

I would require participants to supply their own bowl blanks, (Can be purchased from the club) just be aware that you can only turn a bowl to the size of the lathe you will be using. (e.g if the centre height of the drive shaft is 80cm then you can only turn a bowl of 160 cm.

I have no objection to participants contacting me by ringing 0413 000 196 or at patkelly47@yahoo.com if they require some clarification.

Cost for the whole course is \$10 (tuition fee) and you will also have to pay the club's daily fees

There will be a form on the noticeboard to fill in if you are interested.

Timber Bits from Bruce Chapman

For Sale - A list of the timbers available in each bay.

- 1- Fiddlewood
- 2- Fiddlewood
- 3- Red Cedar
- 4- Red Cedar
- 5- Camphor Laurel (new)
- 6- Silky Oak
- 7- Silky Oak
- 8- Silky Oak
- 9- Mixed western timbers
- 10- Black Wattle
- 11- Tallowwood
- 12- Messmate (type of gum tree)
- 13- Tallowwood
- 14- Fiddlewood
- 15- Fiddlewood
- 16- Hoop / Norfolk Island Pine
- 17- Hoop / Norfolk Island Pine
- 18-Camphor Laurel
- 19- Camphor Laurel (new)
- 20- Camphor Laurel (new)
- 21- Camphor Laurel
- 22-
- 23-

24- Silver Ash slabs

25- Silver Ash

26- Mango

Drying Rack –

NOT AVAILABLE for purchase.

Timber here is stabilised after taken from the kiln. Generally moved to sales area in one week. Please keep the front of this area clear. We need to access the timber here every Friday. Silky oak in rack will be available within a week.

A note from Julie

Those of you who don't come to the Shed on Fridays may not know the work that goes into the timber that we have available to us.

Ron Donald and his merry band slab the timber, move it to various stacks until it then goes into the kiln.

When ready it is then put on the drying rack for two weeks until they move it to the stacks ready for us to use.

You may not also realise that this activity is the main financial engine of the club.

They need more willing helpers.

It really is a case of many hands making light work.

If you can help please come Friday and report to Ron Donald or any of the fabulous crew from the Millers Cave

When you do choose your timber please leave the rack tidy and not all over the floor so we can trip over it.

Some one clearly wanted some Black Wattle, after choosing what they wanted they then left the rest out on the runway.

This had to be re-stacked. Please respect the work this wonderful crew does.

Cheers,

Julie Breen
BRWG President

Who's Who in BRWG Inc 2022-2023

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