

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hi Everyone,

We've had a busy time at the shed. Most of you know of the new machinery that has arrived, thanks to our wonderful Grants officers.

We had a great demo on all the new machines by John Isles and it was so informative, thank you John.

We've had a changing of the guards with our wonderful Toy Maker , Hugh McKenna, deciding to sell up and move away.

Russ Middlecoat has agreed to take over the toy making and retire from the safety officers position in which case Max Barrenger has agreed to be Safety Officer.

Thank you for filling these positions so quickly

As you all know we had an incident on the 20 inch thicknesser on Wednesday, this will be discussed at our management meeting on Saturday to see what we can do to negate this happening again.

We would appreciate people not bringing in recycled timber even if it is for the toy boys.

It's not worth the trouble it makes. It's a very time consuming and expensive exercise for the cutters to be removed, turned or replaced. The Shed managers are always fixing things for us so they are constantly busy.

You may not have noticed yet but Kev and helpers replaced the FlagPole, so once again it stands straight.

We have put blinds on the office, the difference is amazing taking the sun off the windows.

Thank you Kev for putting them up.

Our snake still looks for the back of the seat which we had to cut off to make way for the blinds, however he or she still stretches out on the seat.

As you probably know, on the 25th January, at the inaugural meeting of Sunshine Coast Council in their new chambers we had the honour of presenting The Sunshine Coast Council, with a beautiful gavel in an equally beautiful box made

by one of our wonderful members. In appreciation of their support in giving money towards some of our most important repairs and upgrades.

The Mayor did try it out and it sounded fabulous.

So thank you to the member who made it.

These are made of Mahogany Rosewood.

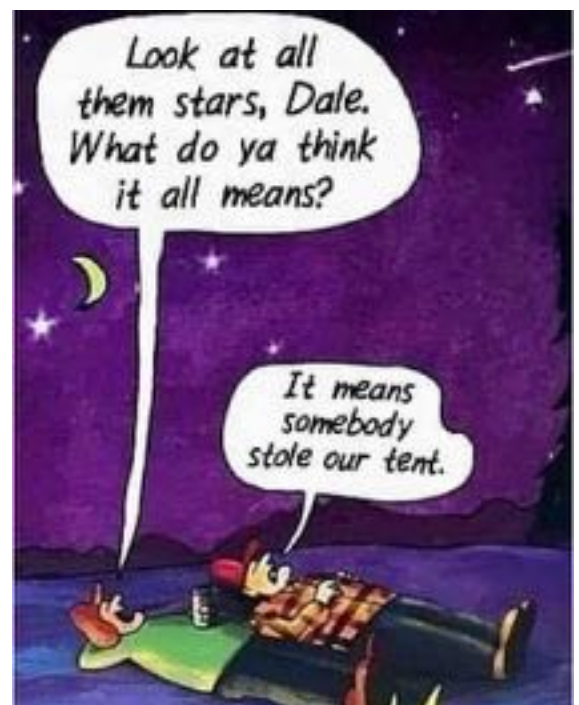
Another little reminder is the people using the lathes are not leaving the area clean and not returning chucks etc. to their rightful places. So please make sure you clean up all of your saw dust on the lathe

To those of us who are not well, take care and we are looking forward to seeing you back here causing a stir.

Just to add a bit more, if anyone goes into the club, they must sign in and pay their \$3.

If something was to happen to anyone going in they would not be covered by insurance.

Julie



New Machinery Demonstrations



Shed Managers Report

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New Equipment

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

The Sherwood Linisher replaces the old one, and while similar, has a couple of important differences. The platform lifts mechanically with a wheel, rather than the manual adjustment for the old one, and the end wheel sanding is at the other end. This involves rotating the dust extraction out of the way, and fitting the stand, which lives in the underneath cupboard.

The Sherwood router table replaces the old Makita based one. This has a number of differences to the old one, and can probably seem a bit intimidating at first. Persist with it though, as it is a very nice machine. It is based on a water cooled spindle, with a Variable Speed Drive. The way it is set up at the moment requires two separate on-off switches, one for the water circuit, and one for the VFD. Height adjustment is on the right hand side, and the lock for that is in the middle of the table. Tools for the lock, and for the bit collet are on the front of the stand. The controls will be amended sometime in the future, but it is very usable now. The dust extraction works at the back of the fence, and past the motor. You don't have to adjust any of that, just ensure it is switched on.

We have installed two new guides this month.

The Jess-Em guide on the ripping Woodman saw is the most important one. This performs two functions simultaneously. It pulls the material being fed against the fence, and it also prevents kickbacks. It should make this saw much safer to use. Correct tensioning of the wheels is by setting the height to the black metal bits near the wheels. Just lock it at that level, and all is sweet.

The Harvey Bandsaw came with circle cutting jig, which is now operational. It is a bit fiddly to fit, so ask your Shed Captain for assistance if you want to use that one.

A big thank-you to John Isles for the introduction to those machines and guides on Sat 4th Feb. This was well attended, and we hope it has the effect of meaning those machines will be well, but correctly used. If you need further assistance on any of the new stuff, see John, or Kev

Maintenance or Brian Harris.

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

- The Festool Drop Saw continues to give problems with accurate cutting, due presumably to the kick back episodes mentioned in prior reports. The backing guide was machined to correct the misalignment that was previously causing inaccurate cutting, but this only exacerbated issues with the guide extensions that had been partially replaced previously. This machine is now out of service until a new back guide can be sourced. We have replaced it with the DeWalt, which has one interesting characteristic. It gives a big kick up when started (no soft start for that machine), so perhaps best to power on when in the up position, and then lower. Seems counter-intuitive after using the Festool, but best for now.

- The Jessem router lift is now fully operational. It has a cup around the top of the motor, and so far that seems to be capturing the majority of the dust. Should lead to much longer lasting bearings. There are now two different spanners to undo the bit collets. The smaller one goes down the hole to the bottom nut, and the un-modified one for the top. Please only wind this up so the top of the collet is about 25mm above the table. In that way, we don't damage the dust cup.
- The flag pole has been replaced, much to the delight of the Thursday crew who like to

Projects

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

Kiln Upgrade. This has been progressing pretty slowly, as it has been a bit hot for work on that building. We have been concentrating on the actuation of the air valves, and now have the componentry for that. Next job is to put additional apertures in the top of the container.

New Wood Wiz. The Committee has decided to apply for a grant for the building work for the shed extensions for this project, and a detailed estimate was worked up this month. We shall see how we go.

MultiPurpose Table. This is getting a bit of work, which is great to see. Don't be afraid to get it out and see what it can do.

Kev Devlin and Brian Harris

Mitre 10

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Ray still used the old style fence for sentimental reasons.

Members' projects



Dave Southern's tables



Geoff Coughlan's drink trolley



Phillipa's pyrography demonstration

Japanese Minimalist Design by Kento Takahashi

Wood master Kento Takahashi advocates minimalism and simplicity. His simple designs highlight the natural appearance of the Ziziphus jujuba wood he uses.



Ziziphus /'ZizIfas/(31 is a genus of about 40 species of spiny shrubs and small trees in the buckthorn family, Rhamnaceae, distributed in the warm-temperate, subtropical and tropical regions of the world. The leaves are alternate, entire, with three prominent basal veins, and 2-7 cm (0.79-2.76 in) long; some species are deciduous, others evergreen. The flowers are small, inconspicuous yellow-green. The fruit is an edible drupe, yellow-brown, red, or black, globose or oblong, 1-5 cm (0.39-1.97 in) long, often very sweet and sugary, reminiscent of a

So now you know - if the bowl or goblet you turn is minimalist in design you are following in the footsteps of a Japanese master craftsman.

Timber bits from Bruce Chapman

For Sale - unchanged from last month

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

NOT AVAILABLE for purchase. Timber here is stabilised after taken from 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.

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