



# Fitch'n Chips

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



### President's Report

Just a bit of news.

Firstly, out of respect for our service men and women,  
We have decided to CLOSE the shed on Tuesday, April 25th

The shed is closed on Saturday 29th. April, so you can all attend the Maleny Exp.

We have an all day working bee on Saturday the 20th May.

There are heaps of jobs that Kev would like to see done and some others completed. We will have a barbecue for lunch for every one who can come and help.

Kev will have it all listed for us.

Barung Expo is upon us next week. Brian, Rick and Keith have it all in hand. Thursday we will need plenty of helpers.

A few of our members and their spouses are very unwell at the moment. Keep your spirits up and we look forward to your health returning rapidly

See you all at the Expo.

Cheers, Julie

# Shed Managers Report

April 2023

The short form report for this month is Machinery – Good, Security – Rubbish, and Projects – Fair progress.

## Maintenance:

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

- The Festool Drop Saw continues to perform as it should, so we seem to have fixed the lowering problem. Please treat it well.
- The Sandflee and the new drum sander both had new paper fitted. In both cases, the wear on the paper was acceptable for the time on the machine. The bobbin sander also had new paper on a couple of spindles.
- The Laguna bandsaw blade got very gummed up from some Cyprus pine, but great to see the member doing a good job of cleaning the blade. Well done, we want to see more of that.
- The smaller of the Magswitch Featherboards was found to be broken from someone forcing the handle beyond the 'on' position. If you have to use more than two fingers to turn one of these, you are doing it wrong. Please be gentle with these, they are not that robust internally, and assume that you will look at the arrow.

## Safety

Couple of worrying incidents this month.

- The new linisher bit one member when a piece being sanded slipped out of his hand. We have course paper on this machine, and it cuts really well. However, that also means that it tends to exert a bit of force on the piece being sanded. Keep a firm hold please. Also, great to see some members using the John Drew circular jig.
- A few machines have been left on when members walk away. The new bandsaw, the 18inch thicknesser. The former is pretty quiet, but the latter makes a hell of a racket. Please turn things off.

## Security

A terrible month for shed security. By my count, the following were left open or on:

- Front bar not locked,
- Henderson Roller door not locked,
- Office Door open,
- Toilets left open,
- Compressor and dehumidifier left running,
- Main front door left open.
- Lights and one overhead filter left on.

Shed Captains, we are looking at you. We can do better.

## Projects

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

**Kiln Upgrade.** The hot weather seems to be over, so we will be getting serious about this now. The data loggers are producing great info, and we now know what it happening inside the kiln. We just have to work out how to control it now. We will be circulating a request for help with the main kiln rebuild shortly.

**MFT Table.** You might have noticed that we have reworked the large bench closest to the table saws into a large MFT table, at a more suitable height. This table is for the use of anyone using the MFT equipment, and of course, the Toy Boys on Wed. We have ordered a hinge system to support the guide, but the system is right to use now. See your Shed Captain or Shed Managers if you need assistance. You will love the accuracy.

**Power Upgrade.** We have been doing some investigating into whether a battery to supplement our existing solar system would provide a necessary upgrade to our incoming mains capacity. The first step will be some monitoring of the existing usage. We will keep you informed.

Kev Devlin and Brian Harris

## *Multifunction Table*

The first ~ 50 holes going in the permanent multifunction table

John, Greg, Kev and Rob

Just another 100 holes to go

Pilot, 20mm followed by manual reaming

Or is that 300 to go.

Photo by Don Lear



**Mitre 10**

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## Our Millers at work .

Recently I watched our amazing milers, Bob Rothwell, Ron Donald, Kev Devlin and Bob Pratt, tackle a massive log - all so we would have good wood at a very reasonable price with which to work. These guys mill logs every Friday and could really use some volunteers to help out - even one Friday a month. Our millers are volunteers too. If you think you would have a bit of time to spare I know they would appreciate the help. By the way - most logs are not as massive as this one so don't let the photos put you off. Lesley





Trimming excess so the log would fit through the mill



The old chainsaw mill

## The Thirty Year Anniversary Project – Initial Call for Contributors

2026 will mark the thirtieth anniversary of the establishment of BRWG and a planning committee has been formed to produce by that time an updated history of all aspects of this club. We need your help! If we start now and share the written contributions amongst many of us, this will not be a mammoth effort on the part of just a few. SO ... take a look at the categories listed below and if you have experience and/or expertise in one of them, please send us (David Friend) your offer to write an outline of that area of activity. Don't worry if you are a shocking speller or were told at school that your talents were not in written English! All offerings will be edited.

Photographs coordinator – find representative photos of activities

Carving

Toy making

Furniture making

Machinery use accreditation

Community contributions (seats, lecterns, doors, fake bus stops ....)

Box making

Timber acquisition and milling

Hand tool use and maintenance

Introduction to timber

Raffle prize making

Old furniture restoration

Scroll sawing

Woodturning

Financial history – including grants received

Personal profiles of individual members

Social functions over the years

Competitions and wood shows participation, open days

# Around the Sheds

Tony Gallwey's boxes



Dragon fly box

Rose mahogany Veneer ( pepper wood)  
White strips and partitions are quandong  
Dragon fly body is hairy oak and the wings are carved from white beech



***Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild Inc has recently received grants of \$12,500 from Sunshine Coast Council for an upgrade of its solar powered drying kiln and for two new pieces of woodworking equipment. These grants will assist Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild Inc to continue to produce first class woodcraft for its members and continue its long-established reputation for donating woodcraft to non-profit organisations on the Sunshine Coast.***



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## Timber bits from Bruce Chapman

**For Sale** - unchanged from last month

There is new stock of Camphor, silky oak and red cedar but all are in the same location as listed below.

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

**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.

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