

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I want to thank all of our volunteers who helped at the Expo. What an effort by our wonderful members. Especially those who did it for the Club and didn't have anything else to be there for, apart from perhaps a few tool purchases.

A HUGE thank you to Ray Bryant and his merry team and Ron Fishwick for the absolutely fabulous RAFFLE prizes, it was so popular.

The Raffle ticket sellers , you were amazing and sold over \$2000 worth of tickets. The recipients of the prizes were so thrilled.

Thank you for the beautiful items you made and sold. It was terrific. I hope it was worthwhile to you all. You are all so diverse and the array of items was spectacular.

To our sales table and wrappers, you guys didn't stop. Thank you and thank you for using up the RECYCLED bubble wrap.

THE KIDS WORKSHOP. What a success again, we ran out of everything there. Keith, Russ, Dawn and every one that helped, can't thank you enough. I don't think we burnt out the pyrography machines either and you all have your fingers intact, fabulous.

Now I would like to ask you all -

- 1) what went well for everybody?
- 2) What didn't go so well?
- 3) MOST of all, What do you suggest we can do to improve the whole experience?

PLEASE TELL US WHAT YOU THINK .

We are already working on getting an antenna for the eftpos signal in conjunction with other businesses that were in the Cow Shed.

Brian is working on that as is Rick, as we will need permission from the Show Ground Committee.

It was a great weekend , a lot of fun, plenty of coffee, hot chips etc.

As for our next open sales weekend, the long weekend in October will probably be the best time and there will NOT be a SANTA shop at this stage.

Cheers, and thank you all.

Julie

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Jim Butler at his display





Two of our raffle winners

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Thank you Danny for getting all of the sales sheets done.
This is the summary of the sales.

NET TO CLUB.

Raffle.	\$1,905.10
Donation.	\$ 461.45
BRWG Sales.	\$ 669.00
Donation from Sarah.	\$ 36.00
Sales commissions	\$1,543.90
TOTAL	<u>\$4,615.45</u>

The Children's Workshop

I got permission from the parents and the children before I took any photos. Lesley



OUR WORKING BEE

What a day!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped .

It was so good to see John Holland back checking on the kiln update. John and his helpers put up the original one. One of his helpers was John Clarke and we don't know the name of the others.

Millers Cave has changed around and next week they will put up their roller doors. That will keep it a lot dryer, We can't do without the mill or the kiln, these really are imperative to our club.

There is something about our working bees, we have fun as well as working very hard. Lots of laughs.

Mac your barbeques are delicious, thank you. Not only the cooking but all the shopping as well.

Thank You all again very much.

Cheers,

Julie Breen



Working on the kiln upgrade



Working on the Millers' cave



Clare finishing off Dave Banister's painting of the office.



Even the gardens got a facelift .

Vicki at work



A fantastic BBQ to finish the morning.

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

Shed Managers Report

May 2023

We seemed to have published the previous month's report in the April newsletter, so I will also include some items from April in this report. I do note that no-one noticed the error though.

Maintenance:

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

- 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.
- The vertical spindle sander was overtightened in the taper, and required much work to remove. Please do not overtighten this. It only needs gentle pressure. That machine does not have great bearings, so any noise is not a loose taper.

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 and the 18inch thicknesser. The former is pretty quiet, but the latter makes a hell of a racket. Please turn things off.
- Kickbacks are still happening. During this period, we had one on the Woodman No 1 saw, and one on the drop saw. Please think about your cutting, and use the correct equipment.

Security

Another terrible period for security. I won't list all the things that have been left open, as there are just too many of them. Please check the place over before you leave

Projects

We have a number of projects underway on upgrading BRWG facilities, and the following is a progress update for members. The big progress happened on the working bee weekend, and it was really great to have over 30 enthusiastic members come along. We got a lot done. Major items were:

Kiln Upgrade. This was where the major progress was made. The roof replacement is now complete and only the electrical hook-up and one more opening remains for that work to be complete. It should work a treat.

Millers Shed. This got a fair bit of additional work also on the working bee. Cladding finished, and the cupboard and bench moved to more appropriate places. The cupboard has also been lined at the back, which should keep at least some of the wildlife at bay. Outstanding work remaining is the roller door, and the flashing.

The Office. This also got a new coat of paint (although Dave Bannister was a bit hard to keep off the job, and it was mostly done before the working bee). We still need to replace the northern fascia board, and some soffit lining.

Some other ongoing projects are:

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 (using Rob Otto's hinges). 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

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

A list of the timbers available in each bay.

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

Drying Rack

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 the rack will be available within a week.

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