



Fitch'n Chips

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello Every one, enjoying the cooler weather?

Firstly I know we have some very ill members and we send our best to you.

It's the end of the financial year already and our SUBS are due.

I'm pleased to say we have not increased our fees so \$40 is to be paid by the end of June.

If you are paying by transfer, could you PLEASE put your name on it so our treasurer knows who has paid and who hasn't.

THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.

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Others paying at the Shed please put it in the membership column. I have spoken to Danny, our treasurer and because it is on the day sheet there is no need write a receipt unless some one requires one.

A reminder if you go into the Shed for ANYTHING you must sign in AND pay the \$3. This was spoken about today at the general meeting and reinforced that this a very important requirement. Some of our shed captains have noticed that some are coming in to do things and not signing in or paying. You are not covered at all by insurance if this isn't done.

Don't forget the Glulam is for sale and extremely cheap for our members. Fabulous for work benches and tables. This was very kindly donated by Hyne Timbers.

I'd like to remind you all about bringing in your STUFF that you don't want and think some else might want.

Unfortunately if you don't want it no one else does either so please don't bring it in to the Shed.

Out the back is a very old wash basin stand, broken and full of nails, if you brought it in please remove it, also there is a small table up on the mezzanine that someone has brought in, please remove it.

The mezzanine is for storage of club items not for individuals.

We are again short of Shed Captains on Saturdays, we cannot to open the Shed if we don't have a SC. If you feel you can help out in any way please let us know.

The Millers Cave is really needing help on Fridays.

Today they could not unload the kiln because there weren't enough people there to help.

That then means they can't mill because there is no room to store it.

We certainly enjoy the ability to buy timber at very reasonable prices and to do that more volunteers to help out.

The Millers do such a fantastic job and for the sake of OUR club we need to help them.

Our next meeting will be the AGM where all executive positions will become vacant. Please think about what you can do.

Attendance at our GM today Saturday 17 th. June was very poor, I thank the people who did come very much. I urge you to please come to the meetings. It is a completely voluntary club which means every one needs to to be a part of decision making and events that are held.

Cheers

Julie

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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SHED MANAGERS REPORT

A satisfying month from some aspects, and disappointing in others.

Maintenance:

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

- Woodman Table Saw No 1 had a major issue when someone was removing the riving knife, and omitted to tighten one of the screws. As a consequence, the knife came loose, came in contact with the blade, and damaged both the blade and the knife. Please only remove the riving knife if you have a legitimate reason, and be sure to put it back correctly. This is an expensive fix.
- The older drill press had an issue with the return spring for the spindle. This was able to be adjusted to fix.
- The guard on the Festool compound mitre saw has had a bit broken off. We will get a replacement, but in the interim, if you are having trouble lowering the saw, don't force it, see one of the Shed Managers.
- The compressor tripped out a couple of times on overload. Upon examination, the issue is air leakage, not a problem with the compressor per se. Thank goodness. We are working to improve that, but in the meantime, you may notice some of the air connections are disconnected. If you need air from those outlets, feel free to connect them, but disconnect them when you are finished.
- Security

Another ordinary period for security. Better than the previous months, but still a couple of occasions of urn and coffee machines being left on. 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.

Kiln Upgrade. This is now just about done, and we have the first load of timber currently drying. We still have to get on top of the control logic, and from the records so far, we have a little more thinking to do on the air baffles. It is drying better though

Millers Shed. Also nearly complete, with only the roller door (s) to go.

The Office. Also nearly complete, bar some eaves work and trim painting. Looking very sharp now

Some other ongoing projects are:

Timber Storage Shed and Bigger Woodwiz. The Management Committee have approved this project to progress, but we are also examining the possibility of some Council funding.

Laminated Beams. One of the major events this month was the arrival of a very big load (93 beams) of Laminated timber. These are now in storage at Western Av. This will be a major resource for the Club going forward. If you have a use for some laminated timber, see the Shed Captain.

Power Upgrade. No further progress on this to date.

Kev Devlin and Brian Harris

ROB OTTO DEMONSTRATING ON THE TABLE SAW (with encouragement from Julie)



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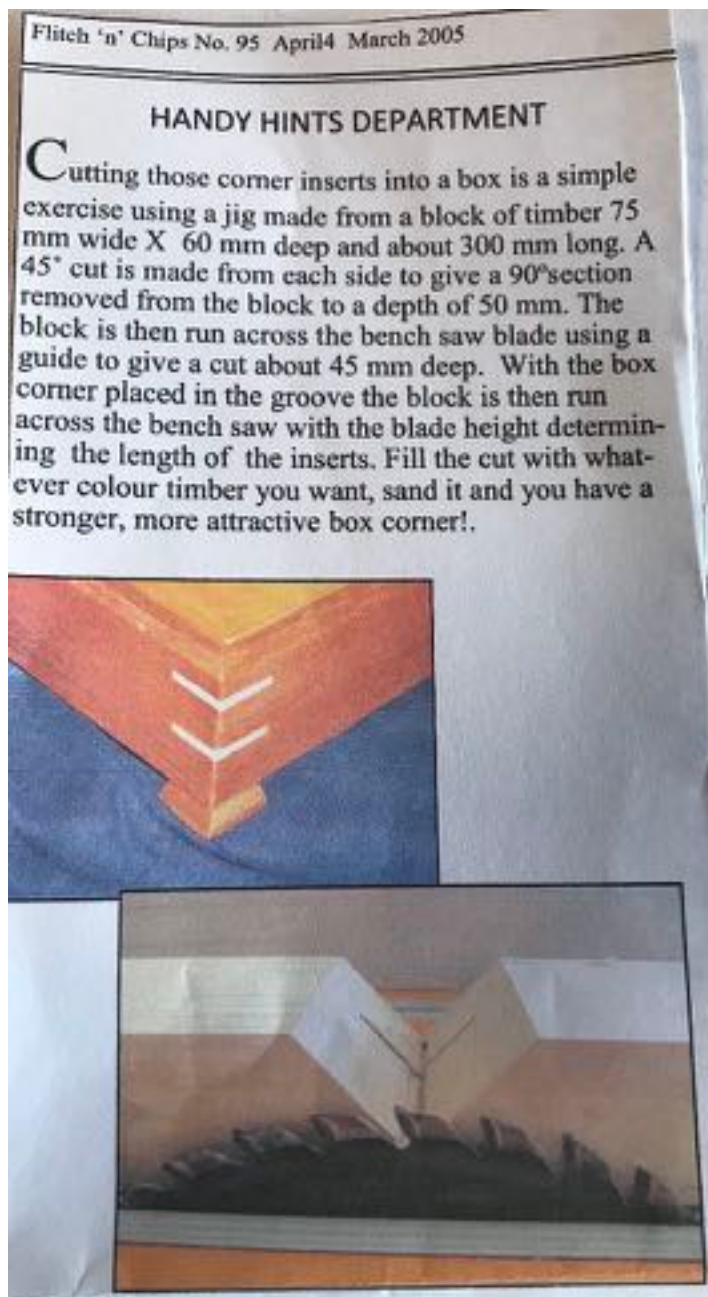
A BIT OF HISTORY

Lionel Tilley was our second Newsletter editor and produced about 115 issues!!!!!!! in the pre-internet era.

He writes

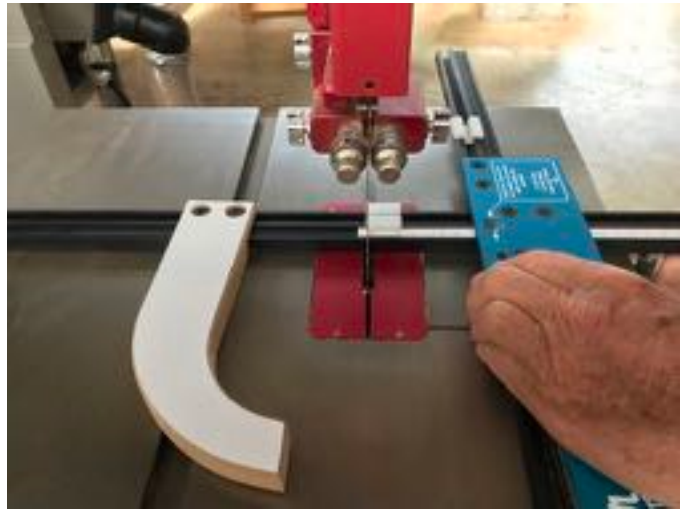
I would write using Publisher then get it printed in Maleny as an A3 sheet. Most times we went for a 6 or 8 sheet issue. The next step was folding and enveloping each Newsletter. The envelopes were addressed and then the lot posted at Maleny Post Office. Took a fair bit of time but was enjoyable.

A HANDY HINT FROM ISSUE 95



AROUND THE SHED

Colleen using the jig to cut circles on the bandsaw - with Kev Devlin's guidance



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

Timber bits from Bruce Chapman

On most Fridays the milling team is still shorthanded. Last Friday we did not have sufficient people to unload the kiln let alone reload it. This impacts on our ability to provide timber out back. Stocks are limited at present because of this on going issue and due to the kiln being out of action for a few weeks for the upgrade.

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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