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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello Everyone, time for another report.

IMPORTANT. An update on the AGM. The date is now the 26th. August as the audit won't be complete.

Welcome to our new members, you are very welcome.

We are sad to know that one of our long time members, Alan Heaton, has passed away. He was 96, our love and condolence go to Pam and family.

During our discussion this morning it was suggested we all do a couple of Fridays helping out at the mill.

It certainly shows you what goes on and what timbers we get. The work that goes into getting our timber. There are easy jobs as well as heavier ones that we all can do, even if it's sweeping up the sawdust.

Congratulations to Rick Vickers on your award for volunteer of the year, what a special award.

It's time for us to start thinking about where we will have our Christmas lunch this year. If you have any ideas please bring them to the AGM.

Grahame Bradford would like some help with the blanket box he is making as a raffle prize for our open days. There is a sign on the board and he usually comes on Friday.

One of our members, who was a safety officer, is resigning from the club so if anyone can help out with that job, please put your name on the nominees list.

It is so great to see Phil Lane back at the shed making boxes after such a monstrous battle.

Sarah noticed today that a lot of the timber for the 4x2 comp. has been taken from the Henderson Shed, if you have taken it please contact Sarah so she knows who is in the comp. Otherwise it's not to be sold unless you are doing the comp.

Keep well and stay safe,

Cheers,

Julie Breen

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBER RICK VICKERS

Empowering Others Through Volunteering

The canny knack of being able to empower others is the gratifying secret behind Rick Vickers' approach to serving his community. It is a rare skill that has recently earned him the Sunshine Coast's Volunteer of the Year Award, presented by the government-backed organisation, Volunteering Sunshine Coast.



A query from David Friend.

I wonder how fast this ostrich was going when he hit the fence!





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TIMBER AND HARDWARE, MALENY *For all your

Hardware needs"

Phone 5494 2466 The new roller doors installed on the millers' cave



SHED MANAGERS REPORT

Another reasonably satisfactory month.

Maintenance:

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

- Woodman Table Saw No 2 had an issue where the push tool designed to go under the JessEm roller guides has somehow gone over the saw blade. Not the extension that was designed to go past the blade, but the whole tool. It defies explanation how this happened, but it did. We will fabricate another one, but please think about what this is for.
- The Hammer Jointer/Thicknesser continues to get chipped cutters, and we gave up and rotated these to a complete new set. Hopefully, it will last a while this time.
- The 15 inch thicknesser was out of action for a while for new motor bearings. You should notice this being a fair bit quieter now.
- The Festool compound mitre saw is now repaired with a new guard, so should be as new.
- The air control valve for the docking saw was replaced, and this seems to have had a very beneficial impact on our air consumption. It should give the poor compressor a bit of a break.
- The Laguna Finishing Sander had its paper changed twice this month. That is more often than we would hope for. Please go easy on the depth, and think about what you are putting through that. It is not a thicknesser.

New Equipment

A few purchases during the period.

We got a new set of 4 * 1200mm long Bessey Clamps, and these came with an
interesting range of accessories. The most useful is a set of 4 stands that allow the
clamps to be used for corner clamping of boxes and frames etc. These, and a couple of
other fittings are in the lower drawer in the sign-in room. Feel free to have a look, and
use them if you need them.

Projects

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

- Kiln Upgrade. The third load is now in the kiln, and we are still fine tuning. Logic control still a work in progress.
- Millers Shed. Roller doors now on, and they tell me they are now planning the bar.
- Power Upgrade. No further progress on this to date.

Kev Devlin and Brian Harris

Timber bits from Bruce Chapman

On most Fridays the milling team is still shorthanded. Women can also help out as there are jobs that do not involve lifting heavy timber such as painting the ends of timber and sweeping the wood dust generated by the mill.

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- Tallowwood
- 14- Fiddlewood
- 15- Hoop/ Norfolk Island Pine
- 16-Camphor Laurel
- 17-Camphor Laurel
- 18-Camphor Laurel
- 19- Camphor Laurel
- 20- Camphor Laurel
- 21- Camphor Laurel Slabs
- 22- Queensland Maple (New)
- 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.



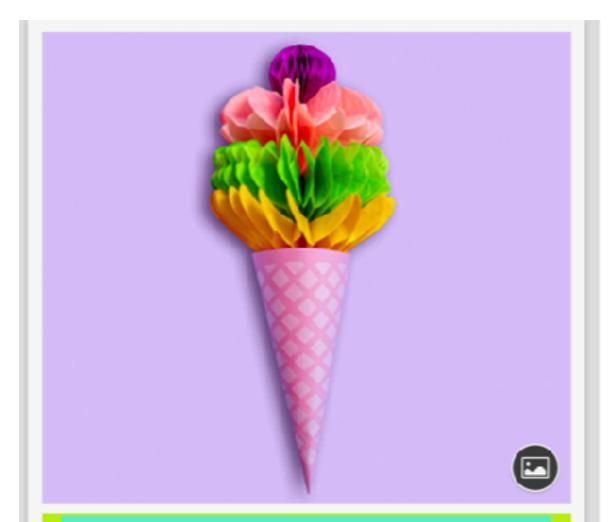


FOR MEMBERS WHO MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN ENTERING THIS COMPETITION



\$45 per entry for Arts Connect Inc Members

\$55 per entry for non-members



WOODIES

WE ARE HAVING A CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER AT 11.30AM AT FLAXTON GARDENS THIS IS ADVANCE NOTICE SO MAKE A DIARY ENTRY SO AS NOT TO MISS OUT FURTHER DETAILS IN FUTURE

AROUND THE SHED

An amazing table made by Dave Southern. The snake is detachable.









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



Proudly supported by Surshine Coast Council's grants program

A set of rules found in "The Little Book of Whittling' that is relevant to all wood carvers ,or potential wood carvers. All that is needed is to replace the word knife with chisel.

TEN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT RULES OF CARVING

- 1 Make sure your knife is sharp.
- 2 Your knote must be really sharp!
- 3 Don't try carving with a knife that isn't sharp.
- 4 Before starting to carve, check your knife to see if it's sharp.
- 5 Carving with a test-than-very-sharp knife is very "rustrating!
- 6 In the realm of woodcarving, sharp is good, dui is bed.
- 7 Xeep your knife sharp?
- 8 If your knife is really sharp, it will out much better.
- 9 It you missed the point of Rules 1 through 8, make sure the knife you carve with is sharp!
- 10 If there's any remaining doubt, refer back to Rules 1 through 9.

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

	Who's Who in BRWG Inc 2021-2022
Patrons - Andrew Powell MP, Andrew Wallace MP, Winston Johnston (Local Councillor)	
President	Julie BREEN
Vice President	David FRIEND
Secretary	Pam McLEOD
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Welfare Officers	Pam McLEOD
Events Organiser	Rick VICKERS
Shed Managers	Kevin DEVLIN, Brian HARRIS
Providor	Kellie DENDLE
Purchasing Officer	Brian HARRIS
Projects Officer	Robert FORSYTH
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