

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello Everyone,

With our AGM over for another year we thank Dave Friend for his year as VP and welcome Rick Vickers to the position as VP.

Also thank you to Brian Harris as a shed manager and welcome John Isles back to help Kev as shed manager.

We have had a great week-end of our open day and sales. The weather has been perfect and thank you to all of the volunteers who have given their time to make it successful.

We have two community projects on the go.

One is for Montville and the other is a memorial seat for the Maleny golf club.

The raffle table has been very busy and thank you to Grahame Bradford, Ron Fishwick, Kev Devlin and Keith Carter for the beautiful items made and donated to the club to be raffled.

To those of you who are unwell, we are thinking of you, get well and get back to the club soon.

Cheers,

Julie Breen

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Taking our Skills to the Wider Community



Terry Maddison at work in the Henderson Shed.



Terry's plaque donated to Nambour Police Station.



Terry donated this carving to Nambour Ambulance for their 100th Anniversary

The very talented Nambour local Terry Maddison presented Nambour General Hospital(NGH) with a special gift.

A skilled woodcrafts man, Terry donated an exceptional piece he produced to recognise the work of health workers during the COVID-19 pandemic .This piece has been placed in "Our People Our Community" gallery with the many photos representing a day in the life of staff at NGH. It represents another chapter in our proud history of providing service to our community. Isn't this piece lovely?!

Thank you Terry!

From Nambour Hospital



BRWG Christmas Lunch

Where - Flaxton Gardens

When- Saturday 16th December

Time - !2 Noon

Dress-code - Casual



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Queensland Maple.

Family: *Rutaceae* **Genus.** *Flindersia* **Botanical name:** *Flindersia brayleyana*

Common name: Queensland Maple

Tree description and natural occurrence

A medium sized tree attaining a height of 40 m and 2.5 m in stem diameter. The trunk is usually well formed, circular in cross-section and not buttressed. The bark, which is approximately 12 mm thick, is grey to brown in colour. It has fairly distinct longitudinal fissures. In older trees these fissures are not so marked owing to a tendency to scaliness.

Restricted in its natural distribution to northern Queensland rainforests between Townsville and the Windsor Tableland. Timber of this species is now of very limited commercial availability as the main areas in which it occurs have received World Heritage listing.

Wood appearance. Colour. The heartwood is pink to brownish pink while the narrow sapwood band is coloured white to pale grey.

Grain. The grain is somewhat interlocked, often wavy or curly, and the texture medium and uniform. Some quarter sawn boards show various types of figure such as waterwave, rib and birdseye.

Wood properties

Density. 575 kg/m³ at 12% moisture content; approximately 1.7 m³ of seasoned sawn timber per tonne. **Shrinkage to 12% MC.** 7.2% (tangential); 2.9% (radial).

Unit shrinkage. 0.25% (tangential); 0.15% (radial). These values apply to timber reconditioned after seasoning.

Durability above-ground. Class (4) – life expectancy less than 7 years. **Durability in-ground.** Class 4 – life expectancy less than 5 years. **Lyctine susceptibility.** Sapwood is not susceptible to lyctid borer attack. **Termite resistance.** Not resistant.

Seasoning. Can be satisfactorily dried using conventional air and kiln seasoning methods.

Hardness. Firm (rated 4 on a 6 class scale) in relation to indentation and ease of working with hand tools. **Machining.** Machines and turns well to a smooth surface.

Fixing. No difficulty has been experienced with the use of standard fittings and fastenings.

Gluing. Can be satisfactorily bonded using standard procedures.

Finishing. Will readily accept stain, polish.



Uses.

Decorative. Furniture, plywood, shop and office fixtures, joinery, turnery, carving, inlay work, picture frames.

Others. Light boat building (planking, decking, sawn frames, stringers, chines, gunwales), marine plywood. Has been used for aeroplane propellers, coach, vehicle and carriage building, draughtsman's implements, gunstocks, musical instruments (piano parts, guitar necks, backs, sides and headstock. See Maton's website <http://www.maton.com.au>), walking sticks. Was used to some extent in general building framing in the early 1900's, and more commonly in flooring, lining mouldings and joinery, but use in such applications has been very infrequent for some decades.

Wood structure

Growth rings. Absent

Vessels. Small to medium in size, uniformly distributed mainly solitary but with some in short radial rows of up to four. Simple perforation plates can be seen with a lens. Deposits of extraneous material present in some vessels.

Wood parenchyma. Not visible under a lens.

Rays. Visible without a lens and prominent on radial surfaces. **Ripple marks.** Absent.

Intercellular canals. Present in some samples.

Other features

Burning splinter test. Burns to a full ash white-buff in colour.

"Birdseye". Areas of dark coloured soft tissue, giving dressed surfaces a dimpled appearance, caused by attack to the living tree by an insect restricted to this species. This feature, though not particularly common in wood marketed for furniture or high value decorative uses, **is a feature for distinguishing wood of *F. brayleyana* from otherwise very similar wood of *F. pimenteliana* (maple silkwood)**



Graham Bradford supplied this information as this timber has been available at the shed in recent times.

Shed Managers Report September 2023

John Isles & Kev Devlin



- New Panel fitted to our new router table. Speed control is referenced to router bit diameter. Smaller the bit faster the speed. The indicator on the control box will indicate speed. 0 to 24000 rpm.. After pressing stop button and stop light is on, please wait until router bit has stopped before vacating the router. See shed manager John for operation instructions.



- If you are intending to use this belt sander for a prolonged length of time, please take your work outside to sand. The noise from this machine is somewhat annoying. You can use the space in the millers shed or the paint shed area if Dave isn't at the shed or put your work on sawhorses outside near the compressor shed. Remember to use earmuffs or ear plugs.

- **Dust Extractor:**

One of our faithful Fein dust extractors has decided to pack it in. Motor has burnt out. It has been replaced with a Makita dust extractor which I hope will give us the same service.

Shed Hours:

Let's look at shed opening hours.

Mondays 8.00am to 11.30am

Tuesday 8.00am to 11.30am

Wednesday 8.00am to 3.00pm

Thursday 8.00am to 11.30am

Friday 8.00am to 11.30am

Saturday 8.00am to 11.30am

Irrespective if courses are being held outside these hours which have been sanctioned by the management Committee this doesn't entitle a member to hang around the shed and continue with their work. Please go home.

- **Safety: Remember you should be wearing safety glasses and ear protection while working in the shed and clean up the mess you make before leaving the machine. Put off cuts in the bin.**

If you are a lathe user then you must wear a face shield.

• **Projects:**

After our open days we will have a couple of projects to do. One being to restore a seat from Montville for the Sunshine Coast Council the other being a Memorial seat for the Maleny Show society. Ron Forsythe has this under control but will be seeking help to do these projects. Don't be shy to put your hand up to help you may learn some new skills.

• **Some Facts what our \$5 machine usage pays for**

Recently I replaced a variable speed drive on one of our lathes.
Cost \$640 which means that machine must be operated 168 times at \$5 a time to cover costs.

To replace the burnt-out dust extractor Cost \$1200 which means we need 240 members to attend the shed to cover costs.

To purchase a new good quality blade for a table saw
Cost \$200 which means 40 members have to attend the shed to cover this costs

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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"As you can see, the genius fixed my washer."

Cricket (just for a laugh) (as explained to a foreign visitor).

As you know, the recent Ashes series between Australia and England has just been completed with Australia retaining the 'auld mug'. So for those initiates to cricket, here is an explanation to help you become better acquainted with the game.

You have two sides, one out in the field and one in.

Each man that's in the side that's in, goes out and when he's out he comes in and the next man goes in until he's out.

When they are all out, the side that's out comes in and the side that's been in goes out and tries to get those coming in, out.

Sometimes you get men still in and not out. When both sides have been in and out, including the not outs,
THAT'S THE END OF THE GAME

Howzat!!! Anon

Club Competition



Grand Champion Michael Brosnan



Kaz Depczynski



John's winning item was sold before I could photograph it so below is his item that won a Silver Award (to make up for it).



2X4 Competition



Robert Forsyth Gold



Gary Emmett Bronze



Rob Don Silver



Ian McKeague Encouragement Award

Some of our Sales Display



Our Raffle



First prize



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- Silky Oak
- 10- Queensland Maple (new)
- 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-
- 22- Jacaranda (new)
- 23- Jacaranda (new)
- 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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