

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello to Everyone,

Here we are almost at the AGM once again. We have a fabulous club and it's ours, we all get great joy out of it. Being OUR club we all need to take our turn in the executive team. It's not just THE CLUB it belongs to all members and we can't operate without you. So please don't stand back. We still need more names on the list for the next 12 months.

Thank you to all who turned up for the working bee in Western Ave. It was a brilliant effort with great results.

John McLaren, thank you for the barbeque, it was very much appreciated by the volunteers and Dave Pringle the barbeque worked a treat.

It was lovely seeing some of our older members come to wish Ivan and Pam well moving on.

Dave Friend is still applying for grants for us, there are several pieces of equipment that need to be replaced. Thank you Dave. Hopefully we will have success in some of them if not all.

To those of you who are not well, hang in there and get back to wood work.

I have ordered some caps so they won't be far off. I will let you know when we get them. A reminder also that subs are due by the 31st July.

Cheers,

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# Shed Captains' Roster

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AUGUST 2024											
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday						
			1	Don Lear	2	Dave Stiller	3	Jacqui Porteous			
5	Gary Bennett	6	Bruce Chapman	7	All Dave Bennett PM Keith Mitchell	8	Ken Owen	9	Robert Forsyth	10	Graham Beaumont
12	John Muller	13	Dave Southern	14	All Julie Brown PM Keith Carter	15	John Dross	16	Michael Brunson	17	Ian McKeague
19	Russell Middlewood	20	Steve Squires	21	All Tony Blair PM - P Rich-S Ward	22	Ray Bryant	23	John McLarnn	24	Ron Turner
26	Robert Forsyth	27	Greg McCooker	28	All Darryl Kajewski PM John Isaac	29	Don Lear	30	Dave Stiller	31	Jacqui Porteous

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## Sunshine Coast Council Grants

The Woodies acknowledge that the Woodies Children's workshop has been proudly supported by Sunshine Coast Council's Grant Program.



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# Shed Managers Report

July 2024

Another pleasingly quiet month on the maintenance front.

## Maintenance:

The few minor items have been:

- The Drum Sander had a major failure this month, where the downstream pressure roller came out of the machine. This bent the two supporting brackets, and broke one of the bronze bushes. Not sure how this came to happen, as no issue was reported, until one unfortunate member started it, and the roller came out on the belt. Parts are ordered, and in the meantime we have straightened it as much as we can.
- The drop saw was accumulating a lot of excess dust, and we have traced that to a missing skirt on the bottom of the saw arm. We have an order in for replacement parts, but in the meantime, it will require a bit of additional regular cleaning.
- The new Laguna Thicknesser has been struggling a bit on some materials, and may be in need of a cutter rotation. We will monitor it a bit before rotating, as there does not seem to be any significant damage to the cutters, but they may just be blunt after 7 months of use. The digital readout in that machine is now working very reliably, so people must have learnt not to keep pushing buttons. We have also positioned a 6inch Vernier caliper on the portal frame near that machine, to make it easier for people to check material thickness before starting to use either that machine, or the 20 inch thicknesser. Please use it, don't guess.

## Security

We have had a bit of a relapse on the security front of late, with doors left open overnight, and on one occasion, the compressor left running over the weekend. Shed Captains to check please.

## Facility Maintenance

We have one facility maintenance project under way at the moment, being a good clean-up at the Western Avenue shed at the end of this week. This building is starting to look a bit uncared-for, so we are making an effort to ensure we continue to get to use that asset. If you can help, please come along and assist the Mill Team.

You might also have noticed some activity at the southern end of the toilets and Henderson Building. Sheree has been doing some garden construction prior to her trip back to the States, which has followed on Darryl's great efforts in the original vine cleanup. It will greatly improve our outlook, which at one stage looked as if it would be swallowed by the advancing vine thicket.

Kev Devlin and John Isles



# Around the Shed



Julie's magnificent coffee table for the Open Day raffle



Dave Banister making an honour board for Montville Village Association



Shed Manager John Isles acting as Shed Captain and helping a member



Rob Forsyth making the retiring Mayor's Special presentation box



Retiring Council Mayor's Special presentation box made by Rob Forsyth

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# The Woodies need you!

From David Friend

From the moment you step into the carpark there are signs that ours is a well-managed club: the gardens are neat, the grass is cut, the buildings are pretty spick and span... you sign in on a sign-in sheet for the day and you head inside to start work on your project. The building is full of well-adjusted and well-maintained machinery and tools.

Are there wood fairies doing all this to keep everything functional and a pleasure to be a part of? NO! It is all thanks to our members who variously volunteer to do something useful and necessary, whether it be quite a small job or a much more sustained and skilful one. Would you like to join those invaluable, but unsung, silent and constant treasured workers who keep the place going in order that the rest of us learn the craft of making beautiful wooden items? You can be part of the clock that makes the place tick.

Ever since the Woodies began over 28 years ago with six members, a small band of enthusiastic members has volunteered to ensure that the guild has functioned successfully so that the 200 current members today enjoy the facilities and the reputation created by those members.

In the President's report published in the Guild's newsletter Fritch & Chips (referring to the opening of the new shed at the Montville sports ground in 2002, only 6 years after the Guild's formation) the then President Harry Wood said:

***“Future woodcrafters passing through the shed doors will tend to accept the facilities without question. However, if they talk to a few of the members of Harry's Army, they will realize just how indebted we are to Harry, Doug and so many of the 121 members in 2001-2002. The Club is only what you make of it. It is only what you put into it. If you are there for what you can get out of it only, you are going nowhere, and the club goes nowhere.”***

Members willing to come forward and fill the roles of the management committee and other important roles can take pride in their contribution to the continuation of, and the impressive reputation earned by, the Woodies over the last 28 years.

The Vice President and other positions are currently available – see the Notice Board in the Main Shed.

As the AGM will be held in a few weeks' time, members are asked to consider putting their hand up for one of the important roles.

Currently the members who fulfil these roles on a VOLUNTEER basis include:

1. Management Committee: Julie, Rick, Pam, Daniel, Kev and John who manage the successful operation of the Guild's Woodwork Centre at the Montville Sports ground.
2. Shed Managers – Kev Devlin and John Isles: without them, none of the equipment would work safely. They are at the shed on average four days a week and do a fabulous job of checking and maintaining equipment and machinery, commissioning new equipment, building systems, extensions, sheds etc, helping and advising members and ensuring the day-to-day operations of the sheds are working efficiently and safely.
3. Shed Captains (approx. 30 members) are rostered so that one shed captain is present at the shed each operating day to oversee the safety, rules, security and general operation of the shed, and to provide help and assistance to members.
4. Accreditation Officers (approx. 20) are skilled and experienced woodworkers who demonstrate and explain the safe and proper use of equipment and tools to new members and accredit them when they are proficient. For the safety of members, all members must be accredited on equipment and machinery before they are permitted to use the equipment unsupervised.
5. Millers operate the Guild's sawmill each Friday, under the guidance of Bruce Chapman, milling logs into slabs for drying and ultimate use by members. The trees/logs are donated to the Guild by appreciative members of the public removing an unwanted tree from their property. The Woodies contribute to improving the environment by turning unwanted trees and logs into quality and practical woodcraft, thus saving them from the scrap heap. Not only are they the millers but also the "tree hunters" who keep an eye out for trees and logs that are destined for the woodchipper if not rescued by the Woodies.
6. Painter: The Woodies are very fortunate to have Dave Banister a qualified and very experienced and helpful painter and former President who professionally applies finishes to members' woodcraft. He also oversees the updating of the honour boards after each AGM.
7. Projects Officers: Rob Forsyth and Ray Bryant do an amazing job making quality woodcraft for donating to various non-profit community organisations as part of the Woodies DNA. This year projects have included Memorial bench for Maleny Golf Club, Boomerang Bench for Montville Village, memorial bench for Maleny Show Society, trophies for Wishlist, Special box for retiring Mayor of Sunshine Coast Council, 18 Seed boxes for Sunshine Coast Council libraries, three work benches and two honour boards, one for the Montville Village Association and one for the Maleny SES.
8. Purchasing Officer: Brian Harris is a very busy man in charge of purchasing all the bits and pieces needed for the efficient operation of the sheds.
9. Events Organiser: Keith Carter facilitates the Woodies' events at the Barung Maleny Wood Expo and our annual Open Day as well as being a Woodies representative on the Montville Sports ground Committee.
10. Newsletter editor: Lesley Mott edits and emails the monthly newsletter to all members to keep them informed of the Guild's activities.

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1. Toy Team: Russ Middlecoat and his team volunteer their time every Wednesday throughout the year making children's wooden toys for donating to the Salvation Army for its annual Children's Christmas Toy appeal. The Woodies have been donating toys to the Salvos every year since 1996 and have made a huge contribution to the Woodies reputation for donating woodcraft to many non-profit community organisations.
2. Providore: Buddy makes sure member can enjoy morning tea each day with a tea or coffee and a biscuit. Other members generously occasionally donate fruit cake, and other morning tea delicacies to share with members.
3. Gardeners voluntarily keep the grounds mowed and tidy. Seen doing gardening on behalf of Woodies members include Sherri, John, Kev, Buddy, Allan and Mac.
4. Course Instructors conduct courses for members including equipment safety and use (Rob Otto, Steve Squires, John Isles) box making (Rob Forsyth and Gary Emmett), wood turning (Pat Kelly) Specialty coffee tables (Kev Devlin) and Philippa Friend (pyrography).
5. Volunteers: Volunteering and Self-Help are integral parts of the Guild's DNA. Right from its inception in 1996, members have:
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    - Made and left the huge legacy of the Woodcraft Centre which current members enjoy at the Montville Sports ground
    - Made and fitted out the Main Shed
    - Acquired and fitted out the solar powered drying kiln, including a recent upgrade
    - Erected and fitted out the Henderson Shed
    - Designed and made the Holland sawmill (John Holland)
    - Designed and made the very impressive entry doors to the Maleny Community Centre
    - Designed and made the equally impressive entry doors to the Mary Cairncross Discovery Centre
    - Attended and supported Barung Maleny Wood Expo with woodcraft displays every year since 1996
    - Made and donated thousands of wooden toys to the Salvos annual Children's Christmas Toy Appeal every year since 1996
    - Made coffee tables, charcuterie boards, wood carvings and woodcraft for Raffle prizes (Kev Devlin, Julie Breen, Keith Carter)
    - donated woodcraft to over 100 community non-profit organisations, which has earned the Woodies an enviable reputation for its generosity and high-quality woodcraft, including hospitals, churches, Blackall Range Care, Bloomhill, Wishlist, Rotary, Libraries, Schools, kindergartens, CWA, Show Societies, RSL, MVA, Montville Community, Maleny Community, Mapleton Community, Sporting clubs, Lions Clubs, Children's Therapy Centre, Ukraine Fundraiser and many others.



## ACCREDITATION OFFICERS

NAME	PHONE	EQUIPMENT
Graham Beaumont	0449081092	Group 2 and Group 3
Tom Black	0455727125	Band Saw, Sanders
Keith Carter	0448550277	Band saw, Jointer, Thicknesser, Table Saw, Group 3
Bruce Chapman	0422927032	Jointer, thicknesser, Band Saw and Group 1
Kev Devlin	0428457774	Group 2 (except Lathe), Group 3
Ron Donald	0407115173	Group 1
Rob Forsyth	0409075889	Band saw, Jointer, Thicknesser, Table Saw, Group 3
Brian Harris	0401331337	Group 2 (except Lathe), Group 3
John Isles	0407632158	Band saw, Jointer, Thicknesser, Table Saw, Group 3
Pat Kelly	0413000196	Lathe
Greg McCosker	0418746420	Group 2 and Group 3
Ian McKeague	0412977137	Band saw, Jointer, Thicknesser, Table Saw, Group 3
John MacLaren	0419641727	Band saw, Jointer, Thicknesser, Table Saw, Group 3
Russ Middlecoat	0400046407	Band saw, Jointer, Thicknesser, Table Saw, Sanders, Lathe
John Muller	0418871946	Group 2 (except dovetail jigs), Group 3
Ron Turner	0407659865	Band saw, Jointer, Thicknesser, Table Saw, Group 3
Dave Southern	0419606312	Band saw, Jointer, Thicknesser, Table Saw
Steve Squires	0401909122	Group 2 (except Lathe), Group 3



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# Timber bits from Bruce Chapman

For the carvers bay 11 is white beech slabs of varying thickness from 30mm to 50mm

## For Sale

A list of the timbers available in each bay.

- 1- Red Cedar
- 2-Bunya Pine
- 3-Bunya Pine
- 4- Silky Oak
- 5- Silky Oak
- 6- Silky Oak
- 7- Silky Oak
- 8- Silky Oak
- 9- Silky Oak
- 10-Candle Nut (new)
- 11-White beech
- 12- Blue Gum
- 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-
- 23-
- 24- Silky Oak slabs
- 25- Silky Oak slabs
- 26- mixed left overs

## 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.

WHOS WHO in BRWG inc 2023-2024

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