

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice president reporting in Rick's absence as he enjoys the tropical climes of central America.

The recent club open day went off well and can be classified as a success despite the low visitor numbers etc. Maybe a little disappointing for the members who had devoted so much of their own time in organising the weekend. A big thank you to Keith Carter and his team for organising the event, John Muller for organising the competitions, also the members of the Maryborough Woodturners & Woodcrafters inc. (A.K.A. Mary Woodies) for judging our competition entries. We greatly appreciate the efforts of all who were involved.



Now, a few save the date items:

Club general meeting will be held on Saturday November 9th. Commencing at 9am. The committee would appreciate as many members as possible attend to hear how your club is progressing and to ask question of the management team. It is in your interests to keep abreast of what is happening. Future general meetings will be held on the second Saturday every three months.

Shed Captains meetings : It has been decided to hold an SC's meeting every four months on a Saturday. The meeting dates will be highlighted on the roster.

Due to a number of changes in the club and new SC's. it is essential for the smooth running of the club that as many SC as possible attend. A SC reference handbook has been compiled and is currently under review. It is hoped that it will be ready for distribution at the SC meeting set down for Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 9am.

Christmas Function: Our annual Christmas lunch this year is on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>. At the Maleny Show Ground Pavilion. It will be a fully catered two course meal with canapé starter. To save on the ticket price it has been decided to make the event a BYO drinks. Tickets will be available next month at the subsidised price of \$40. per head.

I am pleased announce that thanks to the dedicated efforts of our grants officer, David Friend, we have been awarded a grant to install a concrete path joining the main work shed with the Henderson shed. This will deal with what has been seen as a safety issue for some time. It will also be re-enforced to allow vehicle crossing.

A great effort, thank you again David. We also have a grant application for a CNC wood working machine with laser head attachment. Fingers crossed.

Finally, we have received some complaints from our front neighbour concerning the amount of dust created by vehicles entering and exiting the sports grounds. In the interest of good relationship would **all club members please observe a 10 kph. speed limit** along the access road.

Cheers for now,  
**Russ Middlecoat.**

## Our Raffle



### Raffle Winners

First Prize - Camphor laurel "smile" coffee table - June (a lady holidaying in the area)

Second Prize - Tray with candles -W. Soldatenko

Third Prize - beautiful box - Woodies member KI

Fourth Prize - lovely inlaid box - Christine from Buderim

Fifth Prize - a neat box with beautiful finish - Suzanne



# Some of our Competition Winners



Grand Champion Neil Clark









# Our Display in the Henderson Shed







Meanwhile outside -the wood sales continued



# Shed Captains' Roster

SHED CAPTAINS ROSTER									
OCTOBER 2024									
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
	1 Bruce Chapman	2 AM Dave Banister PM Keith Muirhead	3 Kev Devlin	4 Robert Forsyth	5 Graham Beaumont				
7 John Muller	8 Dave Southern	9 AM Julie Breen PM Keith Carter	10 John Isles	11 John MacLaren	12 Ian McKeague				
14 Russell Middlecoat	15 Steve Squires	16 AM Tunji Beier PM—P Rich-S Ward	17 Ray Bryant	18 Michael Brosnan	19 Ron Turner				
21 Robert Forsyth	22 Greg McCosker	23 AM Darryl Kajewski PM Neil Stenhouse	24 Don Lear	25 Dave Slatter	26 Jacqui Porteous				
28 Gary Emmett	29 Bruce Chapman	30 AM Dave Banister PM Keith Muirhead	31 Kev Devlin						

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SHED CAPTAINS ROSTER - Oct 2024 - Nov 2024.xls

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**Ron Turner**

# Shed Managers' Report      October 2024

A busy month, so a bit to report this month.

## Maintenance:

The significant items have been:

- The Drum Sander seems to have settled down under the new locked regime, and members have adapted to the new arrangements. More importantly, the few times the drum has gotten a bit marked, have been reported. That is all we were really trying to achieve.
- Some minor blade breakage with the Jet bandsaw. This has had less issues with the blade coming off the wheels, so the message about not backing out on this machine must be getting through.
- Both the Hammer jointer thicknesser, and the 16inch Laguna have had cutters rotated, and should now be cutting much better. The Laguna in particular was making very heavy work of almost anything, so good to see it back to normal. We have also got the digital readout on this machine working again, but would ask (very strongly) that you only touch the bottom button briefly. Anything else messes up the calibration, with sort of defeats the purpose of having it.
- The discs on both sanders were changed, and are now a bit sharper. They were in a bad state.
- The Woodman No 1 table saw had its drive belts changed. This was in response to the safety incident referred to below. It now runs a fair bit smoother.
- The dust extraction system on the lathe area was out of action, but is now fixed, due mostly to some clever 3D printing by our Treasurer. You now can lift the lid and inspect the drum, and easily remove same. Neither of which were possible before.

## Safety Issues

We had one significant issue this month, involving a kick back from the Woodman # 1 table saw. Contributing factors seem to have been the absence of the riving knife for that cut, and the machine vibration on run-down causing the cut piece to move back in contact with the blade. For the first, don't do it, and for the second, we have changed blades, and the belts, which seems to have reduced it to acceptable levels.

The Jointer was left running with no-one around. Again, don't do it.



## Security

This month has seen a spate of doors being left open. At various times, the Henderson shed, the Main shed, and the Paint Shed have all been left open overnight. Luckily, nothing seems to have walked on those occasions, but we won't always be so lucky. Can Shed Managers make sure they do a final walk around please.

## Facility Maintenance

It was good to see the Open Day at the beginning of the month spur a good clean-up of the sheds. There was also a pleasing attendance of members to assist with the set-up, manning and clean-up for the Open Days. Well done to all.

## New Equipment

We have a set of Plano clamps currently in the Henderson shed for members to trial. They are meant to be used for anything you would normally think to use the scissors clamps for. Any jointing

of boards that you need to keep flat, such as table tops etc, they will be great for. Please see John Isles for detailed instructions. We intend to get that written up once they are accepted for use. Please give feedback to the Shed Managers if you find them useful.

***Kev Devlin and Ted White***

## 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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# Safe Woodworking

**Good** woodworking relies on you “being in the moment”.

What side of the blade am I cutting to?  
Where do I need downward/lateral pressure?  
Have I measured accurately?  
What did I do last time?  
Can I do this a better way?

**Safe** woodworking relies on you “being in the moment”.

Who is near me?  
Are they out of harms way?  
Where will my fingers be during the operation?  
Is the stock secure?  
Are the safety guards in place?  
Do I (and those adjacent) have the necessary PPE?  
Am I using the appropriate push stick?

“Being in the moment” is a key plank in being a safe and good woodworker. Sometimes we get interrupted during an operation. Whether it be for smoko or to assist a fellow woodworker. It is never a waste of time to take a deep breath and review your process....

Is this safe?  
Are my neighbours safe?  
Is this accurate and repeatable?  
Am I using the machine correctly?  
Is there a better way?

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It is important for both **safe** and **good** woodworking to embrace the age old philosophy

...“You don’t know what you don’t know”...

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Comments by  
*Safety Ian*



## Notes from Our Travelling President.



This is where the roads end and the canals start. The mode of transport here change from engines and wheels to outboard motors



This research station, managed by my daughter on behalf of a couple of Canadian universities, is where students from all over the world come to undertake their field surveys for data towards their PHDs in biology, ecology and the environment. The station can house up to 20 researchers. They also do lots of beach surveys as this area is "Green Turtle Central" for the world, with up to 20,00 nests along a 30 km stretch of shoreline.

In the eastern (Caribbean) side there are many swamps and canals, with few decent roads. Here in Tortuguero, this double or triple "tinny" is the main form of transport for supplies, tourists and taxis. Many are driven by 14 to 16 year old family members

**Rick**



## Notice of a Blind Auction to be closed on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2024

In the early 1920s, Alf Smith was making and selling wooden toys at his **Fancy Goods Store**. This was one of Montville's first ventures into the tourist market. Fifty years later, the **Toymakers and Craft Centre**, was part of an Arts and Crafts boom that attracted tourists to Montville from all over. Owners, Paul and Sutira Sykes, renewed Montville's reputation for toymaking. Today, the **Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild** (Woodies) make, sell and donate to charity 100s of wooden toys every year. Toymaking has been a part of Montville's creative history for over a century.

The Montville History Group (MHG) has been bequeathed a 4foot x 3foot metal sign advertising the **Toymakers and Craft Centre** in the 1970s. As the MHG does not have a museum function, it has decided to offer the sign for auction. It believes this sign could feature in a studio or workshop or be an historic feature on a wall of any of our older, historic houses, holiday rentals or tourist orientated businesses.

The MHG decided on a **Blind Auction**, because it believes that this way the market will determine the value of this historic piece of memorabilia. Interested bidders have until midnight on the 31<sup>st</sup> October to make a bid. All bids will remain confidential and the winning bid will be notified on 1<sup>st</sup> November. Bids can be submitted by mail; Montville History Group, PO Box 5, Montville, 4560 or by email; [montvillehistorygroup1@gmail.com](mailto:montvillehistorygroup1@gmail.com) .

Doug Patterson





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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- Golden Cypress (New)
- 2- Golden Cypress (New)
- 3- Hoop Pine
- 4- Silky Oak
- 5- Silky Oak
- 6- Silky Oak
- 7- Silky Oak
- 8- Silky Oak
- 9- Silky Oak
- 10- Candle Nut
- 11- White beech
- 12- Blue Gum
- 13-
- 14-
- 15-
- 16- Camphor Laurel
- 17- Camphor Laurel
- 18- Camphor Laurel
- 19- Camphor Laurel
- 20- Camphor Laurel
- 21- Camphor Laurel Slabs
- 22- Camphor Laurel
- 23-
- 24- She oak
- 25-
- 26-

## 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.



**WHO'S WHO BRWG inc 2024-2025**

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