

President's Report



Welcome Woodies,

At our last general meeting in May we discussed whether to have another open day on the long weekend of October. Feedback has suggested and management have agreed to go ahead. So get sawing, gluing and sanding ready for the public to buy early Christmas presents. Format and volunteer roster requests will be advised soon.

Standardising procedures. Steve Squires will be running a workshop for shed captains, accreditation officers and mentors on Sat 28 June. This is to ensure we have a common set of actions to safely use our machinery.

The club project on park benches has commenced under the experienced eye of Graham Bradford. Hopefully they will be ready in the coming months to deliver to our friends and families at the local hospital.

I regret to say one of our dearest old members, Edsell Ward, recently passed away. His funeral will be at Gregson and Weight, Wises Rd Buderim at 1030 am on Thursday 26 June.

For those recovering from surgery or illness or just feeling unwell, we are thinking of your recovery and a return to the Sheds. Stay safe and see you soon.

Regards

Rick

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Shed Managers' Report

A better month for maintenance, and thankfully, no more evidence of “Mr Nobody Strikes Again”.

Maintenance:

The significant items have been:

- The F5 template for the Gifkin that was mentioned last month turned out to be no longer available commercially. So, we made our own, and it works well. Just one example of what's possible if you have a CNC machine.
- The drum sander (S5) has had a bit of love this period. New paper was fitted, the bed was adjusted to give a more even sand across the width, and a stopper was fitted to limit the drum from touching the feed belt. The new paper is noticeably thinner than the stuff we had been using, and this can cause the paper to bunch up after a period of use. If using this machine, check it from time to time, and tell the Shed Captain if you notice it moving. We will look to get stiffer paper for next time.
- The Festool 6 inch sander (SH2) is back in service. Note that the pad saver is now glued to the pad. When this wears out we will replace the pad. This temporary fix lets us get a bit more wear out of the relatively expensive pad though.
- The disk and belt sander (S4) had the belt tracking adjusted, and is now tracking centrally. This machine also had the disc replaced.
- The new riving knife has been fitted to TS1.
- The height adjuster on the Jessem router lift came undone, probably from someone forcing it at the upper stop. Please don't do that. Gentle force only please. Now fixed.

Safety/Security/Facilities

- A major near-miss during the period with a bolt attaching draw bar to the body of the trailer found to be missing. Currently being replaced. Thanks to Sherri for reporting that.
- The bar on the Main Shed was left not closed overnight.
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New Equipment

We now have the Laser Head working on the Onefinity CNC. We are running various materials to get cut and engrave recommendations for the main types of timber we have in our store. If you have a job that needs Lasering, please look to get accredited on the machine. There are separate accreditations for the router and laser functions. We will produce a help sheet similar to that produced for Fusion, to allow members who are interested to get across the laser software.

Club Projects

No progress on the clean-up of the area to the immediate south of the Henderson Shed and Timber storage this month, as we are awaiting an end to the rain and hot muggy weather.

Rob Forsythe has finished the work on the boxes for the Sunshine Coast Council libraries, and work is nearing completion on the tables. He always appreciates some assistance, so if you are at a loose end, and want to learn some new skills, talk to Rob and give him a hand.

Graham Bradford has made a start on the benches for the Maleny Hospital. There was a good response to the notice for volunteers to help with this work. Please liaise with Graham for exact timings on this work.

Kev Devlin and Ted White



Preparing timber for the benches

Speed

We have been asked to reduce our speed when entering or leaving as the dust from the drive is causing the neighbours some concern.



Shed Captains Roster

SHED CAPTAINS ROSTER									
JUNE 2025									
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
2	Robert Forsyth	3	Bruce Chapman	4	AM Darryl Kajewski PM Neil Stenhouse	5	Kev Devlin	6	John MacLaren
9	Gary Emmett	10	Les Howarth	11	AM Dave Banister PM Keith Muirhead	12	Don Lear	13	Dave Slatter
16	John Muller	17	Steve Squires	18	AM Julie Breen PM Keith Carter	19	John Isles	20	Tim Kilinc
23	Russell Middlecoat	24	Greg McCosker	25	AM Peter Rich PM Sherri Ward	26	Ray Bryant	27	Robert Forsyth
30	Robert Forsyth							28	Ron Turner

Wed 18th Management Committee Meeting

SHED CAPTAINS ROSTER									
JULY 2025									
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
		1	Bruce Chapman	2	AM Darryl Kajewski PM Neil Stenhouse	3	Kev Devlin	4	John MacLaren
7	Gary Emmett	8	Les Howarth	9	AM Dave Banister PM Keith Muirhead	10	Don Lear	11	Tim Kilinc
14	John Muller	15	Steve Squires	16	AM Julie Breen PM Keith Carter	17	John Isles	18	Dave Slatter
21	Russell Middlecoat	22	Greg McCosker	23	AM Peter Rich PM Sherri Ward	24	Ray Bryant	25	Robert Forsyth
28	Robert Forsyth	29	Bruce Chapman	30	AM Darryl Kajewski PM Neil Stenhouse	31	Kev Devlin		

Wed 16th Management Committee Meeting

It is the duty Capt's responsibility to arrange a substitute if he/she cannot be captain on the printed roster sheet

SHED CAPTAINS ROSTER - Jan - Jul 2025.xls

Ron Turner

Visit from Blue Care Dicky Beach Social Club Members

On Wed 18 June a group of elderly clients from the Blue Care Dicky Beach Social Club visited our facilities. Thank you to all those who assisted in making their visit a memorable one.

Arriving around 1030 they joined some of us for a delicious morning tea (TY Yvette for the crowd favourites of cupcakes and butter cake) then we split them into 4 groups to take in the puzzle, pyrography, scroll saw , toy boys/girls, milling and kiln work areas. Thank you for your expert "tour guide" explanations of the crafted items and work areas.

They departed full of praise and a promise by some to return for our open days in October.

Rick



CNC Update for Members - June 2025

We now have the CNC routing function working well, and more members getting accredited. Some of the recent production has included a new stool design, all the seat pieces for the current course of Wave Stools, and numerous little table tops. We have also started to produce some components for the Toy Boys, which will greatly increase their productivity (and spare them from some of the more labour-intensive sanding and shaping functions). We are gathering a list of the designs available to members for projects to make on the CNC router.

Another milestone has been getting the Laser Head working. That is now operational, and we are in the process of conducting trial panel burns to get settings for our most used woods for our machine. We are concentrating on engraving, rather than cutting at the moment, but the machine can do both. As for the router, we will have a range of stock designs, that members are free to use on their work (provided they are accredited for the Laser). A selection of those will be available on the LHS table in the main shed. Probably the most useful in the short term will be our club logo for donation and project work. A 50mm by 50mm logo takes about 10 min to burn, but definitely gives a professional look to the article.

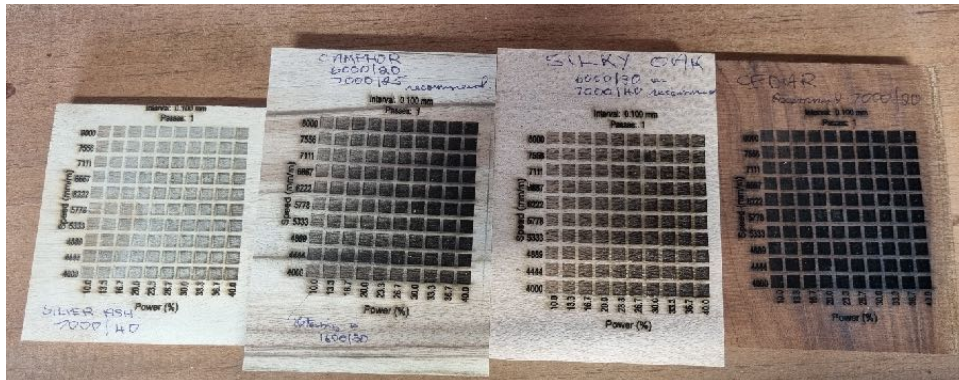
We now have a couple of important documents available. The first is a sheet outlining the software required for Lasering using the BRWG laser. This gives both paid and free options, and both are working successfully on the laser. It is in a similar format to that issued to interested members for the routing software, and gives links to the software source, and some decent tutorials, and some direction for your initial parameters. If you would like a copy of that documents, please send a request to our Secretary. We have also updated the CNC accreditation documentation to include the Laser function. It is also available by request to the Secretary, or from Shed Managers at the Shed.

Finally, some examples of the CNC and Laser work.

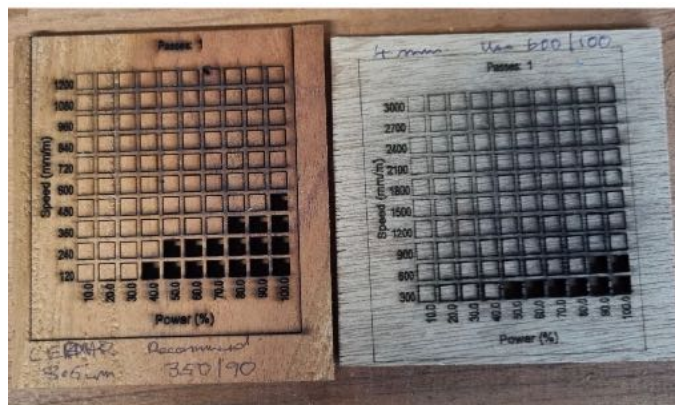
The first is some stools made recently on the BRWG machine. The files for this project, and the couple of jigs required, are now available to any of our members accredited to use the machine.



The second example is some example output from the lasering. The first photo is of the engrave test panels, necessary to determine optimum settings for some of the common timbers we use.



The next photo gives some cutting test panels, showing the same parameters for common timber.



Finally, some logos that might be suitable for engraving on BRWG projects. Similarly, these are run to confirm burn settings.



So, get yourselves accredited, and have a go.

Kev Devlin

Shed Manager, BRWG

Some Inspirations for Carvers



Andrew Thang's
Carved Hand



Dave Southern's
tables



Kaz Depczynski's
set up for holding
and moving a
complex shape



Huon Pine
Sculptures in
Geveeston
Tasmania





Graeme Dickman won the Gold Award for Turning in the Open category.

We didn't have a photo for last month's Newsletter so here it is.

Congratulations, Graeme.

Notice to all Woodies,

I am becoming the expert shed clearance coordinator for Woodies deciding to downsize. Could be a business there if a bit younger.

In clearing out the wood in my wife's brother's shed, he had some wide boards, short length Kauri pine shelving ex a very old printing business in Maryborough.

If any BRWG member is interested, I will have them in my trailer at the shed on Saturday 28th June for an EOFY sale.

John Muller
Life Member BRWG



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Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild Inc has recently received some excellent support from Sunshine Coast Council by way of community grants.



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Timber bits from Bruce Chapman

Our stock of camphor laurel is very low. There is only a small amount in each marked bay.

For Sale

A list of the timbers available in each bay.

- 1- Red Cedar
- 2- Red Cedar
- 3- Silky Oak
- 4- Silky Oak
- 5- Silky Oak
- 6- Silky Oak
- 7- Silky Oak
- 8- Bollywood
- 9- Silver Ash (new)
- 10- Candle Nut
- 11- Tallowwood (new stock)
- 12-
- 13- Silky Oak - thicker slabs
- 14- Fiddlewood
- 15- Camphor Laurel
- 16- Silky Oak
- 17- Camphor Laurel
- 18- Camphor Laurel
- 19- Camphor Laurel
- 20- Camphor Laurel
- 21- Spanish Cedar
- 22- Sarsaparilla
- 23- Golden Cyprus
- 24- She oak
- 25- Quandong
- 26- Silky slabs

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 rack will be available within a week.

WHO'S WHO BRWG inc 2024-2025	
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