

President's Report

Welcome Woodies,

Well, another year has passed (I think) successfully and as I said at the AGM "This is a great organisation to be involved with and be in. Your ideas and suggestions, the volunteering for tasks and just getting on with helping for no recognition – not many organisations have this type of culture. So a collective thank you to you all".



We've now agreed to have another expo weekend on the long weekend of October. So please start on your sales items, remembering unique Christmas presents should be in the mix.

Also we will be displaying YOUR CNC items created over the last six months. More details and volunteer rosters next month.

Grab a coffee and watch the excellent set of videos on how to get the kinks out of fresh planks to ready them for further work on the table saws AND the ways that **kickback** occurs when using table saws. **Kickback** is the most common incident (by a country mile) of dangerous events that occur in our workshops.

For those who attended the AGM, thank you for your interest and in electing a great team to guide the Woodies for another year. Oh yes, members attending also enjoyed Mac's highly anticipated sausage sizzle after the AGM

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

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Shed Managers' Report

A better month overall, with only two worrying items this month.

Maintenance:

The significant items have been:

- The main thickener (T1) has a major issue discovered this month. A total of 15 cutters and associated bolts had been totally destroyed, and virtually ground away. You cannot do that sort of damage without noticing it. However, it was not reported at the time, just afterwards when members noticed it wasn't cutting in the middle. The damage is unfortunate, **not reporting it is inexcusable.**



- The Laguna bandsaw (B3) had a failure this month that was eventually traced to starter contacts in the motor. We tried repairs, but that was not successful, so a new motor was purchased, and is currently being modified to fit the saw. This issue was reported.

A couple more minor items for the month.

- The Jet Bandsaw broke a blade, and was replaced. (Reported)
- The drum sander (S5) was again in trouble, with a badly clogged paper. That was replaced, and it is now operational again. The handle is currently under repair. These items were also reported.
- We also have had a couple of reports of the Festool compound saw being very hard to pull down. We are currently trying to lubricate this problem.
- The CNC laser head is back in operation (thanks to a bit of troubleshooting from John Isles. It is good to see it getting a fair bit of use.

Safety/Security/Facilities

Better on this front. Still a few misses for Shed Captains though.

- Compressor left on.
- Lights in kitchen left on.
- Toilets left open.
- Main shed security bar left open.

Club Projects

Sheree has been working diligently on the rehabilitation project on the back of the shed and storage area. We will be calling for assistance shortly to assist with removal of privet trees. We are dumping sawdust now once a fortnight on the track delineated by Sherrie. Members are encouraged to go for a walk down there (accessible either from the smoko area, or from the milling stockpile area) and have a look at the intact vegetation down there. It is well worth the effort to clean it up and enjoy it.

Graham Bradford is nearing completion on the benches for the Maleny Hospital. We have had a good, but variable response to the notice for volunteers to help with this work.

Rob Forsyth has carried out some emergency repairs to the bench we re-made for Montville MVA, due to the curved back splitting. We will monitor that for future issues, but it may come up for replacement in the future.

We have a significant backlog of project work, but have delayed commencing it until the main bench project is out of the way. Please don't hesitate to get involved in those in coming months. See Rob F.

Kev Devlin and Ted White

Woodies Acknowledge Sunshine Coast Council Grants

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



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Shed Captains Roster

SHED CAPTAINS ROSTER									
AUGUST 2025									
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
4	Gary Emmett	5	Les Howarth	6	AM Dave Banister PM Keith Muirhead	7	Don Lear	8	John MacLaren
11	John Muller	12	Steve Squires	13	AM Julie Breen PM Keith Carter	14	John Isles	15	Dave Slatter
18	Russell Middlecoat	19	Greg McCosker	20	AM Peter Rich PM Sherri Ward	21	Ray Bryant	22	Tim Killinc
25	Robert Forsyth	26		27	AM Darryl Kajewski PM Neil Stenhouse	28	Kev Devlin	29	Robert Forsyth
								30	John MacLaren
								23	Ron Turner
								16	Ian McKeague
								9	Graham Beaumont
								2	Jacqui Porteous

A shed capt will be required for this day

AUGUST 23RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

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

SHED CAPTAINS ROSTER

OCTOBER 2025									
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
				1	AM Dave Banister PM Keith Muirhead	2	Don Lear	3	Dave Slater
6	John Muller	7	Steve Squires	8	AM Julie Breen PM Keith Carter	9	John Isles	10	Tim Killinc
13	Russell Middlecoat	14	Greg McCosker	15	AM Peter Rich PM Sherri Ward	16	Ray Bryant	17	Robert Forsyth
20	Robert Forsyth	21		22	AM Darryl Kajewski PM Neil Stenhouse	23	Kev Devlin	24	John MacLaren
27	Gary Emmett	28	Les Howarth	29	AM Dave Banister PM Keith Muirhead	30	Don Lear	31	Dave Slater
								4	Graham Beaumont
								11	Ian McKeague
								18	Ron Turner
								25	Jacqui Porteous

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SHED CAPTAINS ROSTER

NOVEMBER 2025									
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
				5	AM Julie Breen PM Keith Carter	6	John Isles	7	Tim Killinc
3	John Muller	4	Steve Squires	12	AM Tunji Beier PM--P Rich-S Ward	13	Ray Bryant	14	Robert Forsyth
10	Russell Middlecoat	11	Greg McCosker	19	AM Darryl Kajewski PM Neil Stenhouse	20	Kev Devlin	21	John MacLaren
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Ron Turner

2025-2026 Committee



Front : Russ Middlecoat, Rick Vickers, Clare Cappa & Danny Nolan

Back : Ted White & Kev Devlin

Working with the Community

A small group of Woodies (including Ursula, Rob, Kaz, David Slatter, David Hight and David Friend) supported the Mapleton Community Day recently to fly the flag for BRWG and displayed some woodcraft. Tom Black supplied some of his carvings to display but was unable to attend due to a prior commitment. Kev Devlin made a smart Woodies logo on the new CNC Machine.



David Friend

Around the Sheds

Where would the Woodies be, without Kev Devlin and John Isles?

These members are part of the Woodies' lifeblood – keeping all our equipment working, and helping members unsure of what steps to take next.

Kev Devlin mentoring a member



John Isles repairing a bandsaw



Three long-serving members of the Toy Team

Brian Harris and Dave Banister (in the foreground) and Ron Fishwick (in the background) have made hundreds of toys for donations to the Salvos for their annual Christmas Children's Toy Appeal and Kindergartens and Children's Hospitals.

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Visit by Andrew Wallace

On Wednesday 20th August, local MP Andrew Wallace visited the Woodies for morning tea and to inspect our facilities. After Rick and Russ showed Andrew through the sheds, President Rick presented Andrew with a boxed set of wooden coasters bearing the Woodies logo and timber variety in appreciation of Andrew's invitation to BRWG to successfully apply for a Federal Government Grant to fund the replacement of our aged and inefficient Solar Inverter and the purchase and installation of a Solar Battery.



Russ and Rick explaining the intricacies of our drill press.

President Rick presenting Andrew with a boxed set of Woodies coasters. The set of coasters was made on the new CNC machine by Kev Devlin and the box was made by Rob Forsyth



David Friend

Publicity Officer (Retired)



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 2025-2026	
Patrons - Andrew Powell MP, Andrew Wallace MP, Winston Johnston (Local Councillor)	
President	Rick VICKERS
Vice President	Russ MIDDLECOAT
Secretary	Clare CAPPA
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Newsletter Editor	Lesley MOTT
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Purchasing Officer	Brian HARRIS
Projects Officer	Robert FORSYTH
Librarian	Robert FORSYTH
Timber Management	Bruce CHAPMAN
MVA Sportsground Committee Rep.	Keith CARTER, Danny NOLAN,
Grants Officer	David FRIEND
Shed Captains Roster	Ron TURNER



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