

President's Report



Welcome Woodies,

We are now in the build up to another expo on the long weekend of October. So if you are selling items, doing demos or simply being there as a volunteer, get your name on the roster sheets, pick up the sales sheets and price stickers from the Henderson Shed and get ready.

Also we will be displaying YOUR CNC items created over the last six months. CNC items will be displayed (and for sale if you wish) on the first two tables in the main shed.

The new concrete paths are in and looking good. They are disability compliant for any of your less than mobile family or friends to get around at the Open Days.

Thank you for the team of dust busters (Danny N, Kev D, John I, Ted W, Les H, Rob F) who spent last Friday removing a decade of dust (and python skins) from the main shed. It is now a healthier place to work. Let's keep it as dust free as possible by cleaning up on a daily basis.

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

Maintenance:

The significant items have been:

- Replaced blade on Bandsaw B4.
- 2 x LED lights not working in lathe area. Need to investigate as to if they were repaired.
- Duster extractor bag on Wood Whiz found to be very full and needs to be checked before use. Recommended not more than 70% full before being emptied.
- Thicknesser T1 found to be leaving a small line on timber. Investigation found 3 cutters with chips. Cutters rotated and is now okay.
- Bandsaw B3 motor replaced. Overload switch fitted to this motor. Switch will need to be reset if it trips and reported.
- Blade raising and lowering mechanism on Table Saw TS2 was becoming was starting to become tighter. Dry film lube applied to worm gear and now appears to be fine.
- Bandsaw blade on B2 broke whilst in use (by me TW). Unsure as to why as I was only doing 70mm straight cuts on 400mm timber and turning off the machine each time prior to withdrawing timber.
- Airhose near Wadkins Bandsaw ruptured on Saturday. Needs to be repaired.
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Safety/Security/Facilities

- Incident on Laguna bandsaw with kickback on roundish piece of timber with two flat faces. Timber shot up and out toward operator hitting him on the cheek and a thumb. Bleeding under thumb and very likely bruising on cheek. Member was using a parallel fence and pushblock. Incident report to be completed.
- Need to make a decision on type of first aid training to be offered to Shed Captains and others who are interested.
- With regard to electrical test & tag. I have had no joy in contacting Worksafe Qld regarding our test & tag requirements. They are making me feel a bit unloved. However I received an Information Bulletin from John Barletta of the Maleny Men's Shed put out by the Qld Men's Shed Association which pertains to volunteer organisations in Qld. The Information sheet is parked in My Files under the Test & Tag folder. It appears volunteer organisations "have no legislative duty in Qld to comply with test and tag requirements" It is however recommended that test and tag be carried out. The decisions we need to make are the time intervals between testing and if we test

double insulated equipment at the same time as non-double insulated equipment. My thoughts are double insulated equipment every 12 months and all other equipment every 6 months. This would seem to comply with the requirements of manufacturing workshops as detailed in the appropriate legislation. Interested to know people's thoughts.

- Further on the subject of test and tag, James McCormack, Woodies test and tag electrician, is not available until after 29 October and we are due for testing around 6 October. Given the latest information we have on test and tag we should be able to wait until then.
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Club Projects

Graham Bradford has made good progress on the benches for the Maleny Hospital. They are in the process of being assembled.

Kev Devlin and Ted White

Mitre 10

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Shed Captains Roster

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

A shed capt will be required for this day

SHED CAPTAINS ROSTER									
NOVEMBER 2025									
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
					1 Graham Beaumont				
3 John Muller	4 Steve Squires	5 AM Julie Breen PM Keith Carter	6 John Isles	7 Tim Killinc	8 Ian McKeague				
10 Russell Middlecoat	11 Greg McCosker	12 AM Tunji Beier PM--P Rich-S Ward	13 Ray Bryant	14 Robert Forsyth	15 Ron Turner				
17 Robert Forsyth	18	19 AM Darryl Kaewski PM Neil Stenhouse	20 Kev Devlin	21 John MacLaren	22 Jacqui Porteous				
24 Gary Emmett	25 Les Howarth	26 AM Dave Banister PM Keith Muirhead	27 Don Lear	28 Dave Slatter	29 Graham Beaumont				

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

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Ron Turner

Introducing our new Publicity Officer Kate Wood

Kate, a new member of the Woodies is grateful to have discovered such an impressive resource as BRWG. I'm enjoying gaining new woodworking skills and am happy to help out where I can. Please contact me with any interesting snippets worthy of publicity for the Woodies.



Guess what some members get up to, when they think no-one is looking!



Does anyone recognize this member?
What was he doing?



John Isles recently showed members some examples of Christmas decorations made by him on the new CNC machine.



And CNC trivets made by John who proposes to donate them to BRWG's Open Day.



Judy's just made another bandsaw box – who said you can't cut corners?

The mystery member in the photo above is Ron Fishwick. He was one of the members in charge of the erection of the Henderson Shed in 2017. The photo shows Ron screwing down the roof.

Before he retired and moved to the Sunshine Coast to live, Ron had a very successful career as a builder including an instrumental role (among other things) in the construction of Australia's Parliament House and the renovation of the old Parliament House. Now as an enthusiastic Woodies member, he is a prolific builder of wooden toys which are donated to the Salvation Army for its annual Children's Christmas Toy Appeal. For years, he has built hundreds of small boxes and trucks to name just a few. Ron also planted the gardens surrounding the Office and main shed from plants in his own garden.



More prolific toymakers, Brian and Woodies' master painter Dave, who've made heaps of toys for the Salvos, including hundreds of toy cots for young girls.

In the second photo, Brian is making stool kits for a children's workshop to be conducted before Christmas by Woodies' members Keith, Yvette and Sarah. Any members interested in lending a hand should contact Keith Carter or leave a message for him near the sign in sheet.

Dave has painted thousands of toys as well as thousands of members' items of woodwork. He has also made many Honour Boards on behalf of BRWG, and each year arranges for BRWG's Honour Boards to be updated. If any member would like to be his apprentice, just have a chat to him at the shed on Mondays or Wednesdays.



Kate Wood

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- very low
- 2-
- 3- Silky Oak
- 4- Silky Oak
- 5- Silky Oak
- 6- Silky Oak
- 7- Silky Oak
- 8- Silver Ash (new)
- 9- Silver Ash (new)
- 10- Candle Nut
- 11- Tallowwood
- 12- Blue Gum
- 13- Silky Oak
- 14- Fiddlewood
- 15- Hoop Pine
- 16- Camphor Laurel
- 17- Camphor Laurel
- 18-Camphor Laurel
- 19- Camphor Laurel
- 20- Camphor Laurel
- 21- Silver Ash (new)
- 22- Silver Ash (new)
- 23- Silver Ash (new)
- 24- She oak
- 25- Grey Gum
- 26- Mixed timbers

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	
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