

President's Report

Welcome Woodies,

Thank you to all who participated in the Open to the Public days. All your efforts made it, in one sense a successful weekend. Too bad the crowds didn't flock to us on the Sunday.

I have asked you all to provide personal observations, and solutions, for next time. Some feedback has come through but I need more of you to provide your thoughts

One of our patrons, Andrew Powell attended our successful Open to Public weekend and presented a certificate to our 1000th member (over the past 29 years). Congratulations Tracy Adams.

Recent grants have assisted in making all our footpaths and building entrances accessible for those with limited mobility. Some small tasks to complete the project is to fill in the trenches on the sides of the paths

Dick Graves is about to start the ever- popular scroll saw course. This one is Christmas themed. Get your name on the noticeboard and if you want to bring your own scroll saw, all the better.

With no Wood Expo this year, we are conducting a children's workshop at Bunnings on Thu 4 Dec 25. Preparation of the items for the kids to assemble is on 27 Oct so come and help.

Many community projects have been completed throughout the year. The refurbishment of the "Montville telephone box" is next in the queue. See Rob Forsyth if you want to help in the restoration project.

We are thinking of having our Christmas lunch around 29 Nov (as most other dates are already taken at various locations). Any favourite ideas or cuisines? Talk to us.

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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Presentation



Andrew Powell, Tracy Adams and Rick Vickers .

Andrew presented Tracy with a certificate acknowledging that Tracy is our 1000th member

Shed Managers' Report

In general, pleasingly trouble-free month. Some minor items as follows:

Maintenance:

The significant items have been:

- Blades on all table, panel and mitre saws changed and sent for sharpening.
- Belt on the Carbatec disk/belt sander (S4) split and flew to pieces. Replaced and readjusted tracking.
- The drum sander was out of action for a while, and had a replacement motor and circuit board fitted, and is now back in operation.
- The Woodman No 2 table saw (TS2) had a badly bent dust deflector, which was restricting the blade movement.
- Bandsaw B3 had a badly resin encrusted blade, and this was cleaned by the Shed Captain.

Safety/Security/Facilities

- Shed Captains have reposted a number of instances where members using table saws are not lowering the blade at the end of their job. We use this as a symbol of you being finished with the saw, and it being available for other members. Can we please be a bit more rigorous about this please. It just leads to better operation in the shed.
- We had two instances of machinery being left operating with no one round during the month. This is a definite no-no for the obvious safety reason. Please be more diligent.
- A couple of instances of lights being left on overnight.
- A very good demonstration in the period of a jig that Rob Otto has fabricated for members to use on any of our table saws to cut copies of any given shape. It is a very useful jig, and makes this operation very safe. See the photo below taken at the demonstration. We can run another one if there is sufficient interest.



Club Projects

A significant milestone this period for Graham Bradford and his team this month when they finished the benches for the Maleny Hospital and they were delivered. A terrific project, and well received by the Hospital.

We now move on to the Montville Phone Box repair, and there is a notice on the board for volunteers.

Kev Devlin and Ted White

The new path

Stage 1 of BRWG Pathways to Safety



Stage 2 of BRWG Pathways to Safety



25-1021 Woodies acknowledge Grant from AMSA

Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild Inc gratefully acknowledges the generosity of AMSA and the Federal Government in approving a grant to enable the funding of Stage 2 of Pathways for Safety at its premises at the Montville Sports ground in July this year.

Stage 1 of Pathways for Safety was funded through the generosity of a grant from Sunshine Coast Council in October 2024.

The AMSA grant monies were used by BRWG to defray the cost of construction of Stage 2 of Pathways for Safety, which has proven to be excellent and worthwhile improvement to our woodworking sheds and facility. BRWG has two large woodworking sheds (Main and Henderson), an office and toilet block. The DDA compliant concrete pathways will link the sheds together to improve safety for members of the public and our own members.

BRWG holds two Open Days each year, inviting members of the public to our facilities to view and purchase quality and practical items of woodcraft made by members. Part of the proceeds of sales is used to cover BRWG's regular operating expenses.

BRWG Management Committee has been concerned for some time about safety of the public and our 200 (approx.) Guild members visiting its facilities at the Montville Sports ground, leased from the Montville Village Association. The terrain surrounding its sheds is not flat or level and potentially presented a trip hazard. Fortunately to date, there have not been any serious incidents. However, we can't be complacent. Following consultation with safety experts, BRWG investigated a number of DDA compliant concrete pathways designed to increase the safety for all persons using its facilities.

Pathways for Safety was designed to be completed in two stages, due to practicality and cost. Stages 1 and 2 of the concrete pathways have now been completed and provide safe access to and from the main shed, Henderson shed, office and toilets not only for foot traffic, but also for wheelchair access. In keeping with the Guild's policy of inclusive participation and accessibility, Pathways for Safety was a necessary and huge step forward.

David Friend

Shed Captains Roster

SHED CAPTAINS ROSTER									
OCTOBER 2025									
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
6	John Muller	7	Steve Squires	1	AM Dave Banister PM Keith Muirhead	2	Don Lear	3	Dave Slater
				8	AM Julie Breen PM Keith Carter	9	Neil Clarke	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	John Isles	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				

SHED CAPTAINS ROSTER									
NOVEMBER 2025									
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
3	John Muller	4	Steve Squires	5	AM Julie Breen PM Keith Carter	6	Neil Clarke	7	Tim Killinc
				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
17	Robert Forsyth	18	John Isles	26	AM Dave Banister PM Keith Muirhead	27	Don Lear	28	Dave Slater
24	Gary Emmett	25	Les Howarth						
								1	Graham Beaumont
								8	Ian McKeague
								15	Ron Turner
								22	Jacqui Porteous
								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

SHED CAPTAINS ROSTER - Oct 2025 - Nov 2025.xls

Ron Turner

Setting up for Open Day



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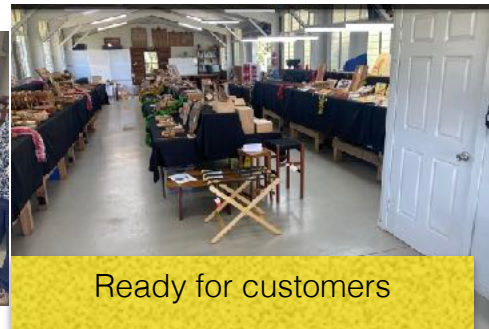
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Open Day



Some of the workers



Ready for customers



Mike Poffley and his wonderful spalted bowls



A very happy customer. She went on to buy another of Keith Muirhead's boards and was contemplating a third.

Our Raffle



Open Day Demonstrations



Dick Graves
on scroll saw



Dawn Middlecoat
demonstrating
pyrography



CNC display

Millers' Demonstration



Mitre 10

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Giving to the Community

New Bench Seating for the Hospital.

Letter from the Maleny Hospital Auxiliary

The Maleny Hospital Auxiliary is forever grateful for the Woodies generous donation and skilful construction of the two wooden benches for the Walk of Remembrance at the Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital.

We were expecting a minor refurbishment and the Woodies have gone 'above and beyond' with constructing and donating two new tallowwood benches. They have been crafted with care to last a long time, as can be seen in the innovative design to minimise water penetration, the capped feet, timber selection, and even painted screws. The plaques on the benches tell the story of the Woodies wonderful donation.

The benches arrived safely and were carefully relocated under the pergola at the Walk of Remembrance.

They were welcomed by the Hospital's Director of Nursing Kerry Ramsay and Executive Support Officer Kathleen Mahoney.

Please pass on our special thanks to all the wonderful Woodies who contributed to the construction and donation of the benches.

With many thanks

Sandra

Sandra van Schagen

Secretary

Maleny Hospital Auxiliary Inc



Photo 1 Kathleen Mahoney
Executive Support Officer,
Sandra van Schagen MHA
Secretary, Kerry Ramsay
Director of Nursing, Carole
Lewis MHA President



Photo 2: Sandra van Schagen MHA Secretary, Kerry Ramsay Director of Nursing, Carole Lewis MHA President



Photo 3: Frank van Schagen MHA member, Sandra van Schagen MHA Secretary, Kerry Ramsay Director of Nursing, Carole Lewis MHA President, Lance Lewis MHA member

The project leader Graham Bradford guided the newer members in this club project.



Cutting the first piece of timber for the benches in July



Assembling the benches

Ready for delivery and Placement



Dave Bannister, Russ Middlecoat, Carole Lewis MHA President, Sandra van Schagen MHA Secretary, Graham Bradford (Project leader) and Rick Vickers



Checking the finishing touches



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 new
- 3- Red Cedar new
- 4- Silky Oak
- 5- Silky Oak
- 6- Silky Oak
- 7- Silky Oak
- 8-
- 9- Black wattle new
- 10- Candle Nut
- 11- Tallowwood
- 12- Blue Gum
- 13- Silky Oak + mixed
- 14- Fiddlewood
- 15- Hoop Pine
- 16- Camphor Laurel
- 17- Camphor Laurel
- 18-Camphor Laurel
- 19- Camphor Laurel
- 20- Camphor Laurel
- 21- Silver Ash
- 22- Silver Ash
- 23- Silver Ash
- 24- Qld Maple new
- 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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