

## President's Report

Welcome Woodies,

As the year comes to an end and seems to get busy if not frantic up till the new year, I want to thank you all for all the many events, tasks and chores you have undertaken that have helped to make this a great place to learn and enjoy the timeless skill of working in wood.



Many community projects have been completed throughout the year. The refurbishment of the "Montville telephone box" is next in the queue.

The Salvos came and picked up the hundreds of toys made and assembled by you, in conjunction with the Montville craft ladies (who made the crochet dolls, pillows, sheets and doonas for the cradles. There will be many littlies across western Queensland who will be delighted with these gifts.

I hope you enjoyed the Christmas Drinks and Nibbles on the 29<sup>th</sup> and met some newer members and their partners. Always interesting to find out about members' background and previous lives. Thank you to Yvette and her elves for making the nibbles into a banquet.

Our 30<sup>th</sup> birthday is next year around March April so think about how you would like to celebrate it.

For those who are ill, or just feeling unwell, we are thinking of your recovery and a return to the Sheds. See you either over the Christmas period or in the new year.

Stay safe.

Regards

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# Shed Managers' Report

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

## **Maintenance:**

The significant items have been:

- Probably the most interesting item in the month was the large tree snake in the T2 thicknesser. Luckily, we have Peter Morningstar in the club, who very quickly came and took him to a new home. Could have been very messy.
- The stop button in the D2 drill (the one near the woodwiz door) seemed to have been twisted off. Please only gently turn these. They are not hard to turn.
- The Laguna Bandsaw (B3) had a major failure where the tyre was pulled off the drive wheel, and wrapped around the drive belt and chewed up. Some new tyres have been ordered and fitted, but it is a reminder that if you have to push hard, either the blade is blunt, or more likely clogged. It was a bit of both in this instance. Please report it before this happens again. Those tyres are not cheap.
- A very old 2inch nail was found in the dust tube of the T1 thicknesser. We are not sure of the origin, but it may explain all the broken cutters we had a little while ago.
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## Safety/Security/Facilities

- The major change in facilities for the month has been the fitting of a couple more automated gates on the dust extraction. As you may be aware, we had been trialing one of these on the Sherwood thicknesser for about 9 months, and it has proved very reliable. The only issue has been when people fiddle with the switch settings. The same issue has afflicted the new ones, which are now in the T1 thicknesser, and the PS1 panel saw. These devices, and the associated power points and switches on the devices are not to be touched please. I know people like to play with things, but leave these alone please. We will be fitting more progressively in the future.
- Rob Otto gave a very good demonstration on sanders this period. He has been trialing a cheap orbital sander from Amazon that is a knock off of a Mirca. Seems to be a bargain, at a fraction of the price. We will try some for our members.
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## Club Projects

The Montville Phone Box repair is now underway, under the careful direction of Rob Forsyth and Dave Pringle. If you would like to help, please see those gents.

Kev Devlin and Ted White

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## Shed Captains Roster

SHED CAPTAINS ROSTER											
DECEMBER 2025											
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1	Darryl Kajewski	2	Steve Squires	3	AM Julie Breen PM Keith Carter	4	Neil Clarke	5	Tim Kilinc	6	Ian McKeague
8	Russell Middlecoat	9	Greg McCosker	10	AM Peter Rich PM Sherrl Ward	11	Ray Bryant	12	Robert Forsyth	13	Ron Turner
15	Robert Forsyth	16	John Isles	17	AM John Muller PM Neil Stenhouse	18	Kev Devlin	19	John MacLaren	20	Jacqui Porteous
22	Gary Emmett	23	Les Howarth	24	AM Dave Banister PM Keith Muirhead	25	Don Lear	26	Dave Slatter	27	Graham Beaumont
29	Darryl Kajewski	30	Steve Squires	31	AM Julie Breen PM Keith Carter						

THE SHED WILL BE CLOSED ON THESE DAYS

JANUARY 2026											
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
						1 Neil Clarke		2 Tim Kilinc		3 Ian McKeague	
5	Russell Middlecoat	6	Greg McCosker	7	AM Peter Rich PM Sherri Ward	8	Ray Bryant	9	Robert Forsyth	10 Ron Turner	
12	Robert Forsyth	13	John Isles	14	AM John Muller PM Neil Stenhouse	15	Kev Devlin	16	John MacLaren	17 Jacqui Porteous	
19	Gary Emmett	20	Les Howarth	21	AM Dave Banister PM Keith Muirhead	22	Don Lear	23	Dave Slatter	24 Graham Beaumont	
26	Darryl Kajewski	27	Steve Squires	28	AM Julie Breen PM Keith Carter	29	Neil Clarke	30	Tim Kilinc	31 Ian McKeague	

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

# Giving to the Community

Preparations for items for children at the upcoming Bunnings Christmas activities for Children on 4th December



Keith Carter and Yvette Stierer

# Toys for the Salvation Army

Salvo Nick collected the toys and presented a certificate of appreciation which is on the notice board



The Toy Team and Montville Craft Ladies  
November 26th 2025



Some of the 460 toys that were donated.

# A Thank You Certificate

presented by the Maleny Soldiers Memorial Hospital Committee for the park benches delivered last month.



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



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# Our Christmas Get Together





Rick thanking Yvette for her amazing effort organising everything

# 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
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- 4- Silky Oak
- 5- Silky Oak
- 6- Silky Oak
- 7- Silky Oak
- 8-
- 9- Black wattle
- 10- Candle Nut
- 11- Tallowwood
- 12- Blue Gum
- 13- She Oak
- 14- Fiddlewood
- 15- Hoop Pine
- 16- Camphor Laurel
- 17- Camphor Laurel
- 18- Camphor Laurel
- 19- Camphor Laurel
- 20- Camphor Laurel
- 21- White Cedar ( one or two live edge boards)
- 22- Silver Ash (new)
- 23- Qld Maple
- 24- Qld Maple
- 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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