

President's Report

Welcome Woodies,

As we move forward into the year, we continue to make inroads into learning new skills such as the course conducted by Gary and Rob. It was decided to run a two-day compressed course over the weekend rather than 4-6 once-a-week sessions. A great success, so we will look closely at this format for other courses. We continue to improve our knowledge through the renovation of the telephone box, CNC machining, and traditional wood turning etc).



The toy team thermometer is up to 100 already. Keep going! We want to make over 600 toys this year and we want EVERY member to be part of that challenge. Talk to the toy team about your contribution. Newly minted members would find this an excellent way to sharpen (sorry no pun intended) your new skills.

We were formed about 30 years ago. However the period around April and May is already very busy, so we will move the celebration to later in the year when there are no so many activities in play.

Our Open Day (first weekend in May) will be shared with other wood inspired activities in Montville, called the Montville Wood Trail. This allows us to run our own event but with the marketing budget picked up by others. Start refining your items for sale (and entry of 1 item for the competition). More details soon by Keith C and his events team.

Thank you to those who attended the general meeting Sat 21st Feb. Excellent numbers and a range of views, questions and suggestions about how we can improve the running of the Guild. Next meeting 23 May

For those who have had some scrapes and near misses, or just feeling unwell, we are thinking of your recovery and a return to the Sheds. See you soon

Stay safe.

Regards

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Shed Managers' Report

Another pretty good month overall, with only a couple of major issues, and the usual minor annoyances.

Maintenance:

The significant items have been:

- Bandsaw B-1 (the Jet) went through 2 blades in the period. This is above expected wear and tear, probably indicating too thick of material for the small blades, and perhaps very gummy timber. The second one was particularly overheated and blunt. Please ensure you are using the right bandsaw.
- The compound Mitre Saw (MS-1) had two operator issues. In both cases, the person last using it had left it set with a depth of cut stop set, and unfortunately the next person assumed it was broken. Please, can members put the machine back where it was, and can members familiarize themselves with the operation of this machine.
- The Nova Drill Press D-1 is back in operation with a non-standard Stop Switch. As noted last month, these should not be operated in routine operation anyway.
- The Drum Sander (S-5) was out of action for a short time due to a bolt coming loose from the front pressure roller. This has now been fixed, and the machine adjusted so the pressure rollers do not come into contact with the belt. For thin pieces, members will have to use the sled that lives near that sander.

Safety/Security/Facilities

Couple of issues in this area.

- We had a significant incident when a member suffered a fall, and subsequent skin damage and a cracked femur. As normal, we will be examining the circumstances of this incident to capture any necessary lessons for the future.
- One Near Miss was on TS-1, where someone had left the riving knife loose and free to wobble and contact the blade. Luckily this was noticed by a member who went to use that machine, but it could have been expensive and dangerous.
- We had one day of lost production when we had a significant power outage on one of our three phases of electricity. turned out to be more widespread than just us, but was fixed within the day.
- The solar system including the large battery is working extremely well, and we are expecting a major reduction in our power bills.
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Infrastructure and Club Projects

We are continuing to work slowly on the automatic dust gates. We now have 4 working, and another two partially installed. We (a major effort from John Isles) now have three on the centralized power supply, and have the necessary equipment for the other three on order.

The Montville Phone Box project is getting to the pointy end, and it is great to see the skills that have been developed by the key team working under Dave Pringle. This project will be something that the club can be very proud of.

We had Test and Tag this week, and all relevant club equipment has now been tested.

We have a number of small plumbing jobs that have been quoted and are now scheduled for implementation shortly. They include replacement of a section of the guttering on the northern side of the main shed, renewal of the pipework for the main pressure pump beside the toilets, and finally the replacement of the toilet pedestal and cistern with access compliant models.

Kev Devlin and Ted White



MONTVILLE PHONE BOX

Progress Photos



LANDSCAPING



Rear area neat and tidy



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G. JAMES

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On the 13th February Keith Carter presented G James Glass with a plaque in recognition of the wood and support they have provided over the years for our Toy Group.

They are doing a story about our club in their Newsletter.



Woodies Acknowledge Sunshine Coast Council Grants



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Box Making Weekend Course



And Something a Bit Bigger



A Bench Top in the Making.

Shed Captains Roster

SHED CAPTAINS ROSTER FEBRUARY 2026

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
2	Russell Middlecoat	3	Greg McCosker	4	AM Peter Rich PM Sherril Ward	5	Ray Bryant	6	Robert Forsyth	7	Ron Turner
9	Robert Forsyth	10	John Isles	11	AM John Muller PM Neil Stenhouse	12	Kev Devlin	13	John MacLaren	14	Jacqui Porteous
16	Gary Emmett	17	Les Howarth	18	AM Dave Banister PM Keith Muirhead	19	Don Lear	20	Dave Slatter	21	Graham Beaumont
23	Daryl Kajewski	24	Steve Squires	25	AM Julie Breen PM Keith Carter	26	Neil Clarke	27	Tim Killinc	28	Ian McKeague

SHED CAPTAINS ROSTER MARCH 2026

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30	Russell Middlecoat	31	Greg McCosker								

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

MEETING DATES 2026 MARCH - AUGUST

	MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	GENERAL MEETINGS
MARCH 2026	TUESDAY 17TH 9am	
APRIL	TUESDAY 21st 9am	
MAY	TUESDAY 19th 9am	SATURDAY 23rd 9am
JUNE	TUESDAY 16th 9am	
JULY	TUESDAY 21st 9am	
AUGUST	TUESDAY 18th 9am	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETIN
FURTHER MEETINGS	NEW COMMITTEE	

PLENTY OF TIMBER TO MILL.

Millers had next to no timber for months. Now they are happy.

Rick



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- Red Cedar
- 4- Silky Oak
- 5- Silky Oak
- 6- Silky Oak
- 7- Silky Oak
- 8- Kauri Pine
- 9- Kauri Pine
- 10- Candle Nut
- 11- Tallowwood
- 12- Blue Gum
- 13- She Oak/ Black Wattle
- 14- Fiddlewood
- 15- Hoop Pine
- 16- Camphor Laurel
- 17- Camphor Laurel
- 18-Camphor Laurel
- 19- Camphor Laurel
- 20- Camphor Laurel
- 21- Kauri Pine
- 22- Qld Maple
- 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

Patrons - Andrew Powell MP, Andrew Wallace MP, Winston Johnston (Local Councillor)

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