

## President's Report

Welcome Woodies,

It was a great morning tea recently with the presence of some of our more senior members, including Warne Wilson, John Holland, Ian College and others. A hearty thank you to Yvette S and Dawn M for the feast of sweet tooth delights and thank you to others who bought some extra morning tea goodies.



The millers now have a plentiful supply of new timber. Well done to the tree hunters for tracking down unwanted lumber. However, we need you to start using our plentiful supply of seasoned timber for your artistic creations or functional furniture items.

The renovation of the telephone box is almost complete. A big thank you to David P and his dedicated team. We will arrange for someone from the MVA to witness its completion.

The toilets have now been refurbished and repaired. A small snake in the water pump was not helping with water flow. We also now have toilets with the status of being "disability compliant" for those members of the public with mobility issues. Thank you to Kev D and his team.

For those newer members who may be a bit confused about how to improve their skill levels and get accredited on machinery, the mentors had a meeting last week to clarify some of the processes. This will ensure newer members have a clear procedure to follow to get, firstly familiar with the 4 main machines, then when at a suitable level, get accredited on those machines. Mentors and new members alike will get a copy of this revised procedure in the near future to streamline the mechanics of getting accredited safely.

OK, some members are still forgetting to pay their \$3 insurance fee on arrival. "Oops I forgot" is no longer an excuse so please make it easy on all the management team who have to balance the books with three easy steps: 1. Insert time of arrival, name and \$3 onto next line in sign in sheet. 2. Pay immediately either \$3 or add \$5 for machinery use, (with EFTPOS receipt in the box with your name and amount). 3. Place name badge on your shirt or jumper. Commence woodworking or have a chat.

We were formed about 30 years ago. However, the period around April and May (our genesis) is already very busy, so we will move the celebration to later in the year, possibly on the same day as our AGM in August. This gives us a chance to invite previous members and our patrons to the event.

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 Ian McK.

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 very few issues.

## Maintenance:

Most of the issues for this month involved band saws:

- Band saw B-2 broke a blade. This seemed to be just normal wear, as the break was at the weld.
- Band saw B-4 also broke a blade. This one seemed to have been caused by operator error in cutting unsupported round material. Was reported though, so we can't complain too much.
- The Drum Sander needed a change of paper, and after some bedding in required a paper tighten. This was reasonable wear from the prior change, so good to see this machine now being cared for better.

## Safety/Security/Facilities

Couple of issues in this area.

- Band saw B2 was left running after someone had been using it. Please turn off machines before you walk away.
- The Up-cut docking saw was also left running after someone had been using it.
- We had an issue with the water pump servicing the toilets and Henderson Shed. At first, it appeared that this was due to the small snake chewed up in the motor fan impeller. However, when it was re-installed (sans snake), it still was refusing to start reliably. So, a temporary fix is in place to use the water from the other pump near the main shed. We hope to have it all fixed shortly.
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## Infrastructure and Club Projects

Only some minor progress on the automatic dust gates. We run the wiring for the currently installed gates, and these will be connected up next period.

The Montville Phone Box project is now nearing completion, and is a sight to behold. Dave Pringle is urging the trusty crew to get it all finished before Easter.

We have progressed a bit slower than we envisaged with the plumbing jobs mentioned last month. The toilet pedestal and cistern replacements have had to progress in a number of stages, as we have to get some tiling carried out under the old units. It has also meant that we only have one side operational at any time for a few weeks, so thanks to all for your patience. It will be worth it.

Kev Devlin and Ted White

## MONTVILLE PHONE BOX

The Montville phone box is a well-known local landmark in the main street of Montville. Unfortunately, over the years, weather and age have taken their toll, and it was badly in need of refurbishment. This is where the enthusiasm and skills of the various members of the Woodies came to the fore.

It turned out that the damage to the phone box was more extensive than first thought, and so the project turned into a partial re-build rather than a refurbishment. As a result, it took much longer and the involvement of many more members than originally envisaged.

Dave Pringle took on the role of team leader, and as he said, “from the outset I have had wonderful support from club members.”

Some of the many contributions included Rob Otto showing the team how to use the track saw, a woefully under utilised and expensive tool. This saw was particularly useful and used by Janet and Bill to good effect in the project. Both have worked tirelessly and competently, learning new skills as they went. Dave said it was gratifying and humbling to see them put in a 110% consistent and diligent effort, uncomplaining, even when he forgot himself and had what he himself called “a bad case of the Captain Blighs”. As a result, Janet and Bill have accelerated their skill set and confidence, and in Dave’s opinion, both should be considered as future shed captains.

As always, Kevin Devlin was unfailingly supportive and unflappable - a steady hand on the rudder. For Kev, failure is not an option, and he often came up with good ideas.

Other members deserving of mention include:

Phillipa, always helpful, took command of the painting and interior sponge finish; Rob Forsythe who repainted the Coppola and refurbished the Flintstone make believe phone; Riccardo and Ted cut all the beads for glazing and produced joinery quality work. Thanks again to Rob Otto and Steve Squires for setting up them up for success.

Thanks also go to Sarah Windsor and Marsha for helping; to Brian Harris for getting the things I needed; and to Dave Bannister for selecting the correct paint. And to Rick Vickers for his three well-chosen words "proceed with confidence".

All in all, although it turned out to be a more complicated job than originally envisaged, the phone box project has showcased the remarkable talents displayed by Woodies members and the value of teamwork. In the true essence of a Guild, members old and new have learned from each other and everyone has benefited as a result.

As Dave said when asked to write a few words about the project "I say this to those prospective members I encounter and newbies I mentor. You will have heard about a "high trust organisation" but rarely encountered one. Now you have, this is the real deal. Thank you, Woodies, for putting your trust in me for this important job."

**Dave Pringle**



**Putting on the roof**



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# Shed Captains Roster

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APRIL 2026									
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
		1 AM Peter Rich PM Sherril Ward	2 Ray Bryant	3 Robert Forsyth SHEDS CLOSED	4 Ron Turner HEND SHED CLOSED				
6 Robert Forsyth Monday	7 John Isles	8 AM John Muller PM Neil Stenhouse	9 Kev Devlin	10 John MacLaren	11 Jacqui Porteous				
13 Gary Emmett	14 Les Howarth	15 AM Dave Banister PM Keith Muirhead	16 Don Lear	17 Dave Slatter	18 Graham Beaumont				
20 Daryl Kajewski	21 Steve Squires M'tment Meeting	22 AM Julie Breen PM Keith Carter	23 Neil Clarke	24 Sarah Windsor	25 Ian McKeague				
27 Russell Middlecoat	28 Greg McCosker	29 AM Peter Rich PM Sherril Ward	30 Ray Bryant						

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MAY 2026									
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
				1 Robert Forsyth SHED PREPARATIONS	2 WOODIE SHOW WEEKEND				
4 Robert Forsyth	5 John Isles	6 AM John Muller PM Neil Stenhouse	7 Kev Devlin	8 John MacLaren	9 Jacqui Porteous				
11 Gary Emmett	12 Les Howarth	13 AM Dave Banister PM Keith Muirhead	14 Don Lear	15 Dave Slatter	16 Graham Beaumont				
18 Daryl Kajewski	19 Steve Squires M'tment Meeting	20 AM Julie Breen PM Keith Carter	21 Neil Clarke	22 Sarah Windsor	23 Ian McKeague Gen Meeting				
25 Russell Middlecoat	26 Greg McCosker	27 AM Peter Rich PM Sherril Ward	28 Ray Bryant	29 Robert Forsyth	30 Ron Turner				

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 - Apr 2026 - May 2026.xls

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	

### Presentation to John Brown



An Appreciation Plaque was presented to John Brown for his support of the Woodies over our 30 years. Mitre 10 Maleny has supplied many gift certificates as competition prizes as well as paint for the Salvation Army Christmas toys. The plaque was presented by President Rick Vickers and Competition Coordinator John Muller.

# 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)

President Rick VICKERS

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Librarian Robert FORSYTH

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Grants Officer David FRIEND

Shed Captains Roster Ron TURNER



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