

President's Report



Welcome Woodies,

Our second 1st Aid familiarisation course is to be run Tue 7 July. There are still a few vacancies, so if interested, please place your name on the notice board list.

The members' computer in Henderson shed has been upgraded. It requires a passcode for access. The passcode is written at the top of the keyboard.

A request from Steve Squires for an extension of Saturday opening hours was agreed to as a trial for 3 months. So if there are sufficient members interested in extending the hours to 2 pm, AND if the shed captain agrees, then the group can use the workshop for the extended period.

Thank you to our new shed captain, Sarah Windsor, who is going well. We still need some more to share the responsibilities. If you are accredited on 50% of the machines, please let us know. You will get plenty of support, a group of mentor shed captains to guide you and you get your own handbook with all the requirements. You do not have to know everything about ALL machines. There are plenty of others around you to support you in the daily tasks.

A recent survey resulted in an overwhelming support for another open weekend sometime from Oct to Dec this year. Any volunteers to help run it? Talk to the management committee.

Put Sat 22 Aug in your diary. Its our AGM which will be followed by a small celebration of our 30th birthday. Please come along to enjoy the AGM and of course the follow-on barbeque and substantial morning tea snacks.

Note the recent arrival of a huge quantity of Qld Maple. The millers waited quite a few weeks for its delivery because of size and quantity.

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

Disappointingly, another big month for bandsaw issues. Again, it is not clear why.

Maintenance:

- Bandsaw B1 had 2 blade replacements in the period.
- Bandsaw B2 had a badly bent blade, and needed a replacement.
- Bandsaw B4 had a blade replacement.
- SanderTS6, the horizontal finisher, required a new belt. This was probably acceptable wear.
- The Hammer jointer/thicknesser (JT1) had an issue where the depth of cut adjustment was having no effect. Upon disassembly, this was traced to some jammed eccentric cams, which were lubricated, and this appeared to solve the issue.
- The Sherwood router table (RT1) has been very difficult to move up and down for some time. Our previous strategy of cleaning and lubricating did not work, so some experimenting by John Isles with a different method of cleaning seems to have fixed the issue for now. We have a new drive belt for that adjustment, but it will be a major rebuild to install, so we will persist with the present one for the moment.
- The 20inch thicknesser (T1) had a failure on the automatic dust gate. This was traced to the sensor, and replaced with a spare sensor, and it is now working.
- Two saws TS1 and PS1 had blades replaced. TS1 also had a slide block replaced that keeps the fence off the table. This has apparently been missing for quite some time.
- Finally, someone once again has been fiddling with the switches on the auto dust gates. In this case, the one on B4. Please leave them alone. They only work if no-one touches the settings.

Safety/Security/Facilities

A lot of security fails this month. Probably a wake up call for shed captains.

- Compressor and dehumidifier left on.
- Toilet lights left on.
- CNC left powered up.
- Millers Shed roller door left up caught and partly up.
- Back roller door to main shed left down, but unlocked.
- Drum Sander not locked.
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Infrastructure and Club Projects

We received two new machines in the period, being a replacement for the 8inch jointer and 20inch thicknesser. The jointer is in place, and from all reports, working well. The thicknesser is out of its box, and ready to install when we get some modifications made to the shed electrics. This is programmed for the current week and the new machine should be running early next week.

We have been having a bit of a break on club projects, but one is still ticking along. That is the repair of a bench from behind St Mary's church in Montville. This for some unknown reason was made from 100 by 100 hardwood, so the rebuild, under Rob Forsyth, will basically be done by splitting those members that remain sound into more realistic sections. So, if you have wanted to get proficient on the Wadkin bandsaw, this a good opportunity if you see Rob to give him a hand.

Kev Devlin and Ted White

Picture Framing Course

Picture framing course participants.

L-R Janice Jackson, Marsha Lamb, Bill Pooley, Callum Downing and Zac Clark.



Shed Captains Roster

SHED CAPTAINS ROSTER									
JUNE 2026									
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
1	Robert Forsyth	2	John Isles	3	AM John Muller	4	Kev Devlin	5	John MacLaren
8	Gary Emmett	8	Les Howarth	10	AM Dave Banister PM Rick Vickers	11	Don Lear	12	Dave Slatter
15	Russell Middlecoat	16	Steve Squires Mgmt Cmmtee	17	AM Julie Breen PM Keith Carter	18	Neil Clarke	19	Sarah Windsor
22	Daryl Kajewski	23	Greg McCosker	24	AM Peter Rich PM Sherri Ward	25	Ray Bryant	26	Robert Forsyth
29	Robert Forsyth	30	John Isles					27	Ron Turner

A shed captain may have to volunteer at the indicated roster

SHED CAPTAINS ROSTER									
JULY 2026									
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
				1	AM John Muller	2	Kev Devlin	3	John MacLaren
6	Gary Emmett	7	Les Howarth	8	AM Dave Banister PM Rick Vickers	9	Don Lear	10	Sarah Windsor
13	Daryl Kajewski	14	Steve Squires	15	AM Julie Breen PM Keith Carter	16	Neil Clarke	17	Dave Slatter
20	Russell Middlecoat	21	Greg McCosker Mgmt Cmmtee	22	AM Peter Rich PM Sherri Ward	23	Ray Bryant	24	Robert Forsyth
27	Robert Forsyth	28	John Isles	29	AM John Muller	30	Kev Devlin	31	John MacLaren

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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 - Jun - Jul 2026.xls

Ron Turner

SHED CAPTAINS ROSTER

AUGUST 2026									
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Saturday									
3	Gary Emmett	4	Les Howarth	5	AM Dave Banister PM Rick Vickers	6	Don Lear	7	Sarah Windsor
10		11	Steve Squires	12	AM Julie Breen PM Keith Carter	13	Neil Clarke	14	Dave Slatter
17	Russell Middlecoat	18	Greg McCosker AGM	19	AM Peter Rich PM Sherri Ward	20	Ray Bryant	21	Robert Forsyth
24	Robert Forsyth	25	John Isles	26	AM Sarah Windsor PM John Muller	27	Kev Devlin	28	John MacLaren
31	Gary Emmett								

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 MEETING
FURTHER MEETINGS	NEW COMMITTEE	

Annual Membership Reminder

It is that time of the year again. Your annual membership to the Woodies is now due.

The membership remains at \$40.00, if paid before the end of July.

After that date, a late fee of \$5.00 will be added - until the end of August.

After the end of August your name will be removed from the members' register.

There are 2 ways to pay:

1. At the Shed, by using the day book. make sure you record your payment in the membership column.

2. By electronic transfer, using the following details -
BSB: 484 799

Acct: 450619396

Reference: Your surname.

Toy team update.

Here we are with half the year just about behind us I feel it is a good time to update our members on the number of toys already produced.

For the newer members amongst us, a brief history on toy making. From almost the beginning members of BRWG have been making toys which are donated to the Salvation Army at the end of each year for distribution to needy families through Christmas hampers usually sent out to the more remote areas of the state.

In past years these toys amounted to hundreds of toys being handed over with the most being just over 1000 in about 2016. A fantastic effort on the part of the team, then known as the Toy Boys.

These photos giving some idea.



As can be seen, a few years ago all the toys were set out on display for the members to view prior to moving onto the Christmas Party. This was a major effort on the part of the toy boys at the time. All toys then having to be repacked for pickup by the Salvo's.

In recent years we have seen a significant interest in toy making from our lady members. In the interest of political correctness we decided to change the group's name to Toy Team.

Unfortunately, over the last few years the number of toy makers has dwindled. Hence, we formulated a plan to request all members to make five toys each during the year.

A good response has resulted in 290 toys already completed and over 40 at work in progress.

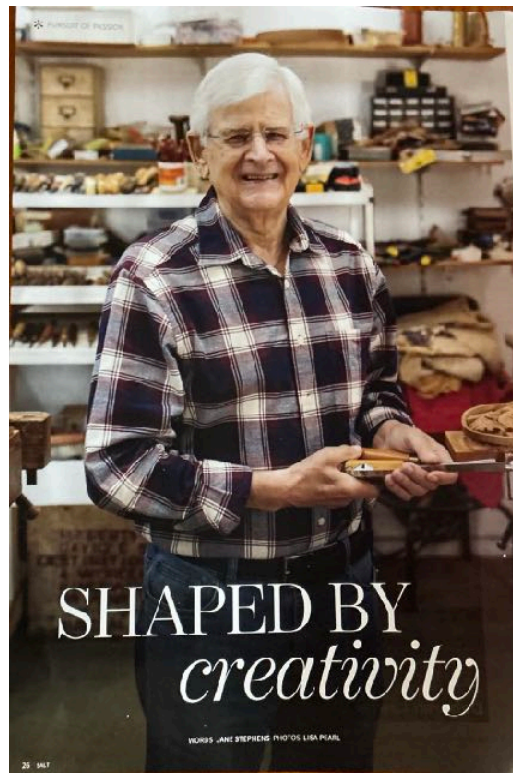
Members can view the progress of toy making on the “Toy Barometer” displayed in the Henderson shed, pictured below.



Some of this years toys

Barometer @ 290 toys

An abridged version of the article profiling Dave Southern in this month's SALT magazine.



THE DETAIL CARVED into the entry door to the Mary Caincross Scenic Reserve Discovery Centre stuns visitors every day.

Richly coloured and with breathtaking depth, the sheer size of them standing tall is awe-inspiring alone, but it is the life depicted on them that makes people stop and stare. Strangler figs and Tonga vine appear to wind their way up the trees on the cedar doors, which entice visitors inside the centre to learn about the natural wonders of the area.

The doors are the work of master woodcarver David Southern, a softly spoken, modest gentleman who crafts and shapes wood both in his timber-scented workshop at the back of his north Maleny home and with his fellow Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild Woodies carvers.

At 88 years old, David's hands are as steady as they were when he started carving. His ability to shape lifeless timber into works of extraordinary beauty is astounding. Perhaps the most remarkable part of David's work is the emotion it invokes. He says the effect of his carved items can be magnetic, with hands reaching instinctively over to touch the shaped lines and polished surfaces.

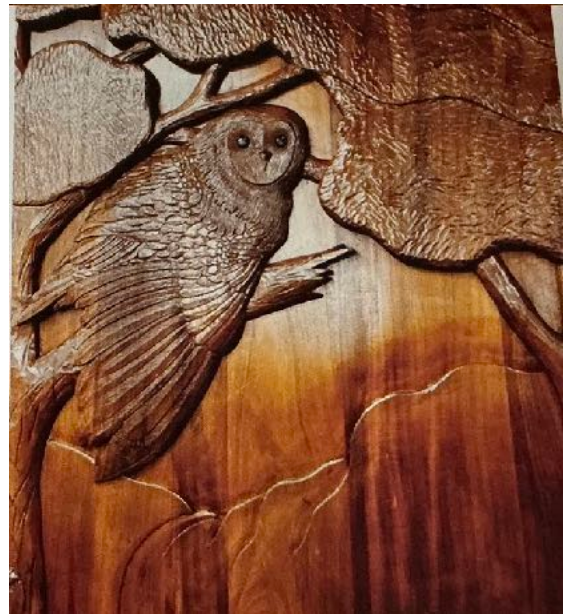
David discovered carving after he retired. An executive for engineering firms, he spent his professional life happily buried in work until retirement gave him the opportunity to pursue activities that nourished and challenged him.

"It is a second life in a way, I suppose," David says

David was raised in England and entered the army a couple of days after his 21st birthday. David could play the trumpet so, after his initial 16 weeks training was signed up to the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Staff Band which took him to Singapore and Malaya.

David married wife Irene and returned to civilian life when their daughter Kay was born.

David and his family migrated to Sydney and worked for a British forklift company and later Nichiyu Forklifts. In his corporate life David held management positions including state manager and CEO before retiring.

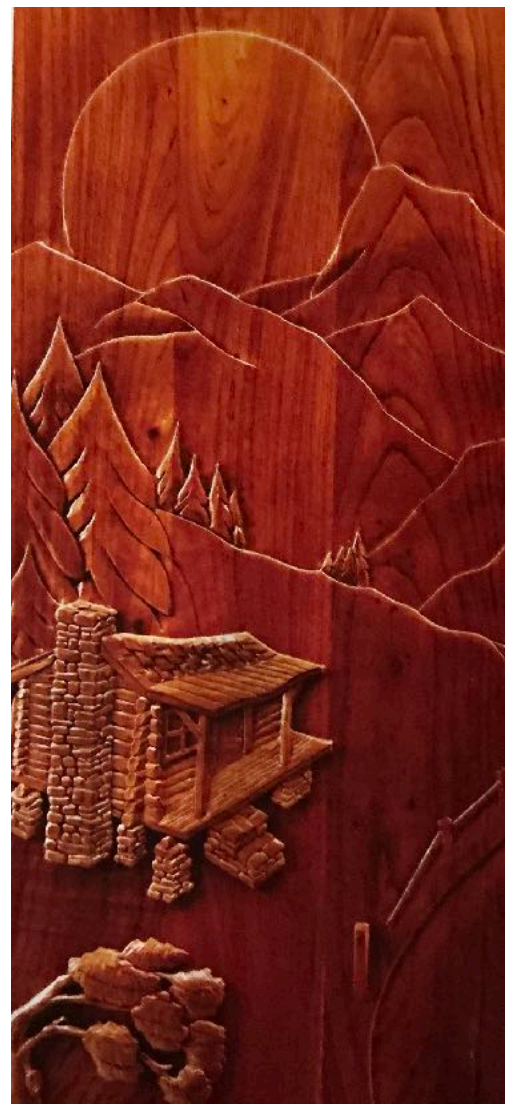


David started carving lessons and, once started, was determined to keep it up.

Before the Discovery Centre Doors David had led a Woodies team in creating the doors for the Maleny Community Centre.

David says that what he likes to do is make things that are useful and decorate them with carving-to make items that are still practically useful but pretty too.

David and Irene have been married for 66 years. Family is their focus with their daughter, 3 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren



Timber bits from Bruce Chapman

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-
- 9-
- 10- Jacaranda (Slabs with bark on)
- 11-
- 12- Blue Gum
- 13-
- 14-
- 15- Hoop Pine
- 16- Camphor Laurel (very low stock mostly with bark on)
- 17-
- 18-
- 19-
- 20- Unknown timber
- 21- Unknown timber
- 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	
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