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President's Column

Good-day everybody

The Open Day was rained on but certainly not rained out. Well done to all members for making the day a success under such adverse conditions. Thanks to all the helpers, especially those who worked outside parking cars,

selling raffle tickets and sizzling sausages.

Talking about car parking, you will all have noticed the pot-holes on the road into the shed. If anybody has any good ideas about how to fill them cheaply and effectively, please let me know.

We have installed the long-awaited second container. Well done to all those who helped. Now we need to tidy the place up a bit, and to that end we plan a working bee on Sat 24 April. Many hands make light work! There will be a sausage sizzle after the work is done and new members are especially invited.

Thanks also to Collin Billett for his donation of five mighty logs. These will be slabbed as soon as possible. See the pictures inside.

The Maleny Wood Expo is on the weekend 1, 2 May. This is a great show as well as being the club's best money earner. Please see the details along side this column.

Our own expo will be held in July and it has been decided to remember the late Bob Keyte by awarding the Club Champion the Bob Keyte Prize. This year, also in special honour of Bob, the emphasis is to be on thinking outside the square.

How are our entries for the Cooroy Competition coming along? There are five categories: turning, carving, pyrography, intarsia and general. To have any chance of winning, we need to enter something in all five areas, and these need to be at the club by 5 May.

At the April Monthly Meeting it was decided to donate a squatter's chair as a raffle prize to help with fundraising for the proposed Sunshine Coast Hospice.

Finally, on Anzac Day, on behalf of the club, I will be laying a wreath at the Montville Dawn Service. Lest We Forget.

*- All the best
Dave Banister*

Shed Times

Mondays	General Activities
Tuesdays	Turning & Carving
Wednesdays	General Workshop & Toys
Thursdays	Furniture & Joinery
Saturdays	General Activities & Demos
General Meeting	2nd Monday of the month 9:30

Upcoming Events

Working Bee	Sat 24 April
Maleny Wood Expo	Sat 1, and Sun 2 May

New Members

No 422	Brendan Laverty of Witta
No 423	Katie Brooker of Maleny
No 424	Lidwina Bryars of Buderim
No 425	Frank Bizley of Dicky Beach
No 426	James Gunner of Maleny

A big BRWG welcome to you all.

Please note that our working bee on Sat 24 April will be followed by a sausage sizzle. We extend a special invitation to you and your partners.

Maleny Wood Expo

We plan to set up on the Thursday afternoon (29 April). This gives us the easiest access to our spot – same spot as last year. But we need some more names on the Volunteer Board. Forms for the sale of woodcraft are now available at the shed. Craft items will be loaded onto tables early Saturday morning (before the show opens)

*- Cec Wakerley
Coordinator*

Safety

The new, small chain saw will be kept locked and chained for safety purposes. Users will first have to ask the Shed Captain for the key before use. This is a dangerous piece of equipment despite its size and must not be taken for granted.

Shed Captain Roster


April 2010

Mondays		Tuesdays		Wednesdays		Thursdays		Saturdays	
5	Dave Banister	6	George Blowers	7	John Close	8	John Holland	10	Doug Skinner
12	Brian Harris	13	Tom Black	14	Max Barrenger	15	Lionel Tilley	17	Dave Banister
19	Dave Banister	20	Ray Curry	21	Cec Wakerley	22	Terry Crowson	24	Warne Wilson
26	George Blowers	27	Frank McDonald	28	Keith Muirhead	29	John Drewe		

May 2010

Mondays		Tuesdays		Wednesdays		Thursdays		Saturdays	
								1	Peter Simpson
3	Dave Banister	4	George Blowers	5	John Close	6	John Holland	8	Doug Skinner
10	Brian Harris	11	Tom Black	12	Max Barrenger	13	Lionel Tilley	15	Dave Banister
17	Dave Banister	18	Ray Curry	19	Cec Wakerley	20	Terry Crowson	22	Warne Wilson
24	George Blowers	25	Frank McDonald	26	Keith Muirhead	27	John Drewe	29	Peter Simpson
31	Dave Banister								

Brent & Leanne Harris



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Club Expo Gallery



Crowd Scene



Carvers on Display



The Crowd Shows Interest



Lionel and Garth on Display



Crowd Not So Interested



A Couple of Mates



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ing Red Apple, Rose Gum, Camphor (shorts and slabs), large blocks of Silky Oak, Silky slabs and Jacaranda. Sincere thanks to Ron Fishwick, Roman Berlak, David Edmond and Bob Rothwell for a morning of physically demanding work.

Our thanks to David Loudon tree services in Maleny for delivering large trunks of Silky Oak and Hoop Pine free to our yard. Ron Donald and Bob Rothwell cannot wait to attack them with their autopsy instruments. They are expecting good colour in the heart of the silky.

We have been converting some of the old warped and cracked slabs in the racks to usable boards, now that the breaking down saw has an efficient dust removal system. Naturally and rightly, the best slabs are selected when members are searching for the right timber to use for projects, and this leads over the years to a build up of rejected slabs. These slabs can have serious racks, warping and worm infestation, but most have a proportion of good wood that we can salvage in this way. Most of this timber is stored ready for use in the rack near the front door.

If you want a piece of timber and you are hesitant to cut a full slab, just remember the club rule: it is quite OK to cut a slab across the grain providing you leave an offcut at least 1200mm long. The timber is there to be used and there is no point in keeping slabs in the racks because someone might want a full slab one day. Just ask your shed captain for the day if you are not sure. Your Shed Captain will either price the piece for you or will arrange for one of the authorised senior members to do it.

We have some big slabs of Queensland Maple in the area near the cyclone fence. Unfortunately, the worms have been at work in deep areas of sapwood. Large areas of heartwood remain in good condition and if you want some, just ask for a measure and quote before you cut it.

We have an over supply of hardwood in the racks, great cabinet timber for your next project. Substantial amounts of Red Bean have been sitting in the outside racks just waiting for someone to love it. It is there to use. Denis Campbell has sourced some ready milled Red Cedar from PNG at a very good price. This will be stored at Ray Curry's shed until we have space for it. Thanks to Denis and Ray.

– *Warne Wilson*

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Timber Flow and Storage Report

The kiln crew came together on Sat 10 April to load the kiln after a delay of several weeks due to wet weather. We tried a new system of loading this time and did away with the dangerous manhandling of loaded trolleys into the kiln. (More like a battering ram, Ed.) The clamps were positioned right on the floor and we were able to pack the kiln much more efficiently, managing to accommodate about 25% more timber. A mixed assortment was loaded includ-

Early Detection is the Answer

The annual Rotary Bowelscan exercise is on again from 1st to 15th May. Kits can be purchased from any pharmacy for \$6. If the problem is detected early there is a 90% survival rate - if later detected the survival rate is below 30%. The answer to the bowel cancer problem - get an annual check & have peace of mind.

It's a simple exercise - you buy the kit, take the samples at home, return them to the pharmacy & you get an answer - if negative, by letter, if positive you get a call from the doctor suggesting further follow up action.

– *Lionel Tilley*

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A Special Thanks to Collin Billett



The picture above shows five magnificent logs donated to the club by Collin Billett of Maleny:

- The three on the left are Hoop Pine
- The next is Silver Ash
- The one on the right is Silky Oak

The Silky Oak is 80cm in diameter – that's about 2.5m in circumference. Go check them out before they are slabbed. See Warne Wilson's timber flow report for further discussion.

Sunshine Coast Hospice

Maureen McFerran addressed the April Monthly Meeting. She spoke on behalf of the proposed Sunshine Coast Hospice. The hospice aims to provide specialised hospice care in partnership with the community for people of all ages who are dying. Initially, support houses will be provided within the community. These houses will be adapted and equipped to help care for the terminally ill.

To help assist the hospice with its fund-raising, the Club has donated a squatter's chair as a raffle prize.



The picture shows Nev March, Maureen McFerran and Cec Wakerley. Nev is a hospice volunteer from Nambour RSL

Are You an Experienced Turner?

If so, you might like to help out Ray Curry and Paul Siddall.

We have 15 (yes 15) members looking for tuition on wood turning

Installing the New Container



Preparing the Site



Our Official Photographer



John Holland helping to supervise

Club Member Efforts



Proud Jeff Harrison and his Box



More Supervisors



John Heller and his Carving



King o' the Castle

Party Animal

Don had been in business for 25 years. Finally sick of the stress, he quits his job and buys 50 acres of land in Alaska as far from humanity as possible. He sees the postman once a week and gets groceries once a month. Otherwise it's total peace and quiet.

After six months or so of almost total isolation, someone knocks on his door. He opens it and a huge, bearded man is standing there.

'Name's Cliff, your neighbor from forty miles up the road. Having a Christmas party Friday night. Thought you might like to come at about 5:00...'
'Great', says Don, 'after six months out here I'm ready to meet some local folks Thank you.'

As Cliff is leaving, he stops. 'Gotta warn you. Be some drinking'.

'Not a problem' says Don. 'After 25 years in the business, I can drink with the best of 'em'.

Again, the big man starts to leave and stops.

'More 'n likely gonna be some fighting' too.'

'Well, I get along with people, I'll be all right!. I'll be there. Thanks again.'

'More'n likely be some wild sex, too.'

'Now that's really not a problem' says Don, warming to the idea. 'I've been all alone for six months! I'll definitely be there. By the way, what should I wear?'

'Don't much matter. Just gonna be the two of us...'

- 23/03/10 New 1/8 blade to Band Saw.
- 31/03/10 Resharpener blade fitted to Bosch drop saw.
- 03/04/10 Wood wizz blades rotated.
- 03/04/10 No.2 Band Saw blade replaced.
- 12/04/10 Plastic Starter Switch on breakdown saw broken due to sun damage.

— Brian Harris


Who's Who in BRWG Inc. 2009-2010

Patrons: Peter Wellington MP and Cr Jenny McKay		
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Shed Managers	Harry Wood, Doug Skinner, John Holland	
Amenity Officer	Alan Boag	
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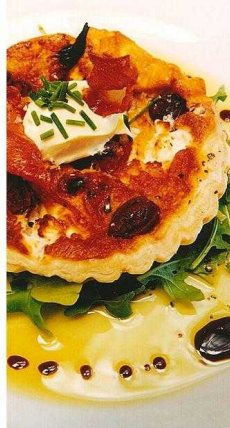
Machinery Maintenance Report

Band saw blades are breaking far too often. More care and thought must be given by users to the equipment. The new rotary blades will not be used on the thicknesser until the current blades, recently cleaned and working well, need replacing. The Wood Wizz blades have been rotated and are cutting well. The three phase switch on the breakdown saw needs to be replaced. Dave Banister will contact the electrician to arrange this.

- 04/03/10 Jet Air Filter motor rewound.
- 04/03/10 8" Jointer new blades fitted.
- 04/03/10 New 1/8 blade to Band Saw.
- 08/03/10 10" Panel Saw blade replaced.
- 08/03/10 Breakdown saw teeth honed.
- 09/03/10 No.2 Band Saw blade replaced.
- 09/03/10 Jet Lathe drive belt renewed.
- 16/03/10 Drum Sander new belt.
- 18/03/10 Makita Planer blades replaced with solid type.



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