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Presidents Column

Hello fellow Woodies,

On the Committee's behalf, I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Merry Christmas also to our many friends in business who have

helped us through the year with discounted terms and special service. We look forward to dealing with you again in the New Year.

The month since last edition has been busy as usual. The big event, the Santa Shop, managed to net us a tidy sum despite the dreadful weather, and many members reported a very satisfactory outcome with private sales of woodcraft. These public events are critical to the success and financial survival of the Guild and it is very encouraging to see so many members volunteering time after time to set up, run the event and tidy up afterwards. Thank you all, with a special mention this time to the ladies, who gave us a fresh and very attractive presentation of our displays.

Rick Vickers, our tireless Events Coordinator, has produced a forecast of events coming up, so please pencil in the dates and be ready to play a part.

It seems that our new Hammer panel saw won't be delivered until probably the last week in January. That takes pressure off the Shed Managers until after the festive season, as they will need time to introduce it properly and safely into daily operation. Remember all members will have to be re-accredited on this machine when it arrives – a program will be produced and notified to all.

The club has three items for sale – the panel saw, the old compressor and the wheeled stand that resides in the wood storage area. There is a call for tenders elsewhere in the newsletter.

Editor Max Barrenger has suggested we run an interesting competition in parallel with our annual Expo competition. It involves using imagination and skill in crafting an item from a piece of four-by-two. Expect some more information in the next edition.

We look forward to a great Christmas party on Saturday night. See you there!

Cheers to all,
Peter Simpson,
President



Reminder



Blackall Range Woodcrafters 2010 Christmas Party

President Peter Simpson and the Executive of the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild Inc. invite you to join them, other club members, sponsors and partners for the annual Christmas Event to be held at "the Shed" Montville sports ground.

**Saturday 18th December 2010
from 5.30pm until around 8.30pm**

All members and partners are asked to contribute towards the feast. We will supply the marquee, tables, chairs, dinner settings, cutlery, punch as well as chicken, turkey and hams.

**Surnames beginning with A- L are asked to bring entree or salads for 4 people.
Surnames beginning with M-Z are asked to bring sweets or desserts for 4 people.**

BYO drinks.

Music and carols will round off the evening.

Our Christmas Raffle to be drawn around 8.00pm.

Dress: Smart Casual. (Colour co-ordinated gumboots ok if the rain keeps up)

Our Projects

This month has been a particularly busy one for projects. The Toy Boys are working at a frenetic pace to have all those toys ready for the Salvation Army to collect. And the ladies from the Mapleton Craft Group created some beautiful dolls and bedding to finish off the cradles that will make many girls happy this Christmas.



Ruth, Joan, Margaret and Peg from the Mapleton Craft Group show Dave Banister and Don Meredith some of their handiwork



John Close is proud of his erection.....the roof of the new timber rack is complete.



Tom Black took great delight in producing this trophy for the Kenilworth Pony Club.

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Our Projects



Food Donation Box for 4Paws Animal Rescue Inc.

This box made by Ray Curry and Ed Kruger on behalf of BRWG is placed in the exit area of the IGA Store in Nambour and is made form 100% recycled timber.

Ray and Ed have worked on several projects for 4 Paws which operates in conjunction with the Shire Pound at Sippy Downs.



Making a rocking chair safe for special needs Kids is quite a challenge and the design chosen for this project is a Rolling-Rocker with side skirts to prevent injury being caused to hands or fingers getting into the works under the chair.

Special bearings and fittings were needed to make it work. With the help of Caloundra Electrical and Bearing Agency, Dave Bannister overcame this hurdle and the Chair became a reality. Thanks go to Gary and Cheryle Campbell at Campbells Upholstery for the fine upholstery work that finishes off this chair to be presented to the Sunshine Coast Childrens Therapy Centre.

Some of the 'Old Rockers' who worked on the chair are Brian Harris, Dave Banister and Ron Fishwick

*** Did you hear about the woodworker who died when he fell into a vat of varnish? It was a terrible end, but a beautiful finish.

*** Did you here about the guy at the sawmill who had the whole left side of his body cut off? Don't worry, he's all right.

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Developing Good Workshop Habits

To make a safe and pleasant working area please observe a few simple rules...

When you finish using a piece of machinery, clean up any off-cuts and mess left around the work area. If its a portable tool, reset it and put it away before moving on to the next part of your work.

Adjusting and Resetting Machinery

Here are some thoughts about considerate use of our machinery:

* Some members are adjusting machinery that simply doesn't need adjusting.

* If necessary adjustments have been made, then members should reset the machines appropriately.

For the pieces of machinery I have in mind, I would like to make the following observations:

* Bandsaws: the only adjustment you should ever make is to the height of the top guide.

* Jointers: you should only ever need to adjust either (i) the rise and fall on the infeed table or (ii) the width.

*****If you do feel that other changes are required, then

approach the Shed Captain or Shed Manager first.

Secondly, for some other items, where adjustments are more common, and when you have finished using these items, I suggest the following resetting:

- * For the combination saw:
 - set the angle back to 90°
 - the blade height to full
 - put the guard back if removed
 - set the sliding table angle back to 90°
- * For the sliding compound mitre (docking) saw:
 - set the angle back to 90°
 - the tilt to vertical
 - the height back to full cut.
- * For the thicknessers:
 - set the thickness back to around 25mm.

**Finally, don't try to force the machines.
Let the blades do the work.**

-- John Holland
Shed Manager

Reminder No.2



**HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR
RAFFLE TICKETS?**

**THE DRAWER IS AT 8PM
THIS SATURDAY!**

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Disposal of Equipment

Tenders are called for the purchase of the following equipment, soon to be surplus to the clubs needs.

- (A) Old Compressor Unit
- (B) Panel Saw—Available Feb.
- (C) Wheeled Bench parked near the kiln.

Offers in a sealed envelope should be placed in Treasurers Invoice box by Sat. Jan 8 2011

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C'mon in and say G'day!

.....Rob & Toni.

Santa's Shop

The weekend of 4/5 December featured some of the worst weather this year in Montville.....not what we needed for our Santa Shop. However thanks must go to the ladies who arranged the decorating of the hall. A real Christmas feeling and a fine display of craftwork. Sincere thanks go to all the cooks who supplied cakes and biscuits for the coffee shop.



Looks like the 'Wise Men' arrived Early!

Madonna Jeffries from the Sunshine Coast Childrens Therapy Centre receiving the specially designed Rocking Chair from Pres. Peter Simpson

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Maintenance Report from Brian Harris

October to December 2010



(Including the bits that the Editor lost last month)

23/10 Headstock replaced on Jet 1442 lathe after new split pulleys and belt fitted.

27/10 No.2 Band Saw new blade fitted.

Re-sharpened blades fitted to 8" planer. The previous set were damaged.

Headstock of No.11 Lathe removed, belt slipping?

All three overhead Jet dust filters found to be not working. Max Barrenger investigated and found that a lightning strike had destroyed electronic components in each unit.

The Ryobi circular saw has burnt out. A repair or replacement is being investigated.

30/10 Max has successfully repaired two circuit boards of the dust filters, they are now working. The third one is beyond repair but will be made to work manually as replacing the circuit board is too expensive.

Both sliding pulleys of No.11 Lathe were lubricated and new belt fitted. Head now back on lathe bed.

03/11 New Makita 7 1/4 inch circular saw purchased.

12" saw bench dismantled, dry bearings were identified as causing the noise problem.

06/11 New 8" aluminium oxide grinding wheel fitted to the slow speed grinder.

New bearings fitted to the 12" saw, now running fine.

08/11 No.1 Band Saw new blade fitted.

New 9" sanding disc fitted to Jet disc sander.

10/11 Lathe head removed as it stopped during use. Electrical fault?

13/11 Jet Lathe head replaced after maintenance and lubrication. Suspected intermittent fault with inertia switch within motor.

27/11 Bosch drop saw removed as the brushes on the commutator were arcing very badly. Saw is now with electricians for investigation.

9/12 Re-sharpened blades fitted to 8" planer. The previous set were damaged.



★ TURNING COURSES

★ All Guild members were saddened to hear of Paul Siddall's medical condition and we can only wish him well for his future. Paul was one of our main tutors in wood turning & has introduced many of our members to the delights of this aspect of creating sawdust.

★ Fortunately we have two other members who have been tutoring in wood turning so courses will be ongoing. Ray Curry and Spike Bettega are available so if you are interested in a turning course in the next 6 months please give Spike a ring direct on 5444 8668. Don't bother putting your name on the notice board – a direct phone call to Spike will ensure he gets the message & can organise the courses.

★ Lionel Tilley
★ Training Officer



One night a wife saw her husband standing over the baby's crib.

She stood watching him silently, he looked down with mixed emotions, disbelief, doubt, delight, amazement, enchantment, and skepticism.

She slipped her arm around him, "Penny for your thoughts?" she whispered.

"It's amazing, how can they make a crib like that for \$49.99?"

A truck driver was driving along on the freeway. A sign comes up that reads, " Low Bridge Ahead."

Before he knows it, the bridge is right ahead of him and he gets stuck under the bridge.

Cars are backed up for miles.

Finally, a police car comes up.

The cop gets out of his car and walks to the truck driver, puts his hands on his hips and says, "Got stuck, huh?"

The truck driver says, "No, I was delivering this bridge and ran out of petrol."

A WOODWORKER'S NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS



'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the shop, Not a worker was stirring, all projects were stopped.

The chisels were left by the whetstone with care, In hopes that the elves would come sharpen them there.

The tools were all nestled and snug where they lay, While visions of woodshavings danced on each blade.

Then up in the woodloft there came such a clatter, The whole building shook from the weight of the matter.

And there on the creaky tin roof did appear, A fine handmade sleigh drawn by ten dusty deer.

With a sparkly-eyed craftsman as spry as a buck, Who went by the nickname of "Old Saint Woodchuck."

He was dressed all in suede from his cap to his shoe, And his clothes were all covered with sawdust and glue.

A bundle of tools he had tucked in his sack, With a Japanese saw sticking out of the back.

On his face he wore goggles and a dust-mask fit tightly, His cheeks were like rosewood; his hearing shot slightly.

His skills were the sharpest and best in the land, And he still had five fingers on each of his hands.

Then quick as a chainsaw his staunch helpers came, And he hooted and hollered and hailed them by name:

"Now Router, now Ruler, now Hammer and Bitbrace; On Shaper, on Scrollsaw, on Jackplane and Compass."

All ran to the workbench and leapt to his call: "Now get to work, get to work, get to work all!"

So they dulled not an edge, but cut straight to their task, And sawed, planed, pounded and scraped till, at last,

All the toys that the children were waiting to get, Were finished and wrapped (though the paint was still wet).

There were jacks made from walnut and dolls made of yew, And an ash rocking horse with its tail painted blue,

A set of birch soldiers all carved from one log, And even a hand-turned oak ball for the dog.

Then the kindly crew tidied and swept every crack, And Saint Woodchuck thanked them while stretching his back.

Then he jumped in his stout sleigh and let out a yell, And they roared from that shop at the tone of the bell.

But these words he exclaimed, as they vanished from sight: "Merry Christmas to all -- that's enough for one night!"



Brent & Leanne Harris

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EVENT	DATE 2011	LOCATION
Open Day	Sat 5 March	The Shed
Maleny Show Chain-saw to Fine Furniture	Fri 6, Sat 7 and Sun 8 May (TBC)	Maleny Showground (SES Shed)
Cooroy Expo and Competition	Fri 6 and Sat 7 May or Fri 13 and Sat 14 May	Cooroy Memorial Hall
Brisbane Wood Show	Fri 20 to Sun 22 May	RNA Showgrounds
Woodies EXPO	2 and 3 July	Montville Community Hall
Santa Shop	3 and 4 Dec	St Mary's Hall
Christmas Party	17 Dec	The Shed

Who's Who in BRWG Inc. 2010-2011		
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Tuesdays	Turning & Carving
Wednesdays	General Workshop & Toys
Thursdays	Furniture & Joinery
Fridays	General Activities
Saturdays	General Activities & Demos

Shed Captain Roster

December 2010

Mondays		Tuesdays		Wednesdays		Thursdays		Saturdays	
				1	Cec Wakerley	2	Terry Crowson	3	Warne Wilson
6	Brian Harris	7	Frank McDonald	8	Leigh Boynton	9	John Drewe	11	Peter Simpson
13	Dave Banister	14	George Blowers	15	John Close	16	John Holland	18	Keith Muirhead
20	George Blowers	21	Tom Black	22	Max Barrenger	23	Lionel Tilley	25	Santa Claus
27	Dave Banister	28	Ray Curry	29	Cec Wakerley	30	Terry Crowson		

**** All Fridays = Frank McDonald

January 2011

Mondays		Tuesdays		Wednesdays		Thursdays		Saturdays	
31	Brian Harris				Cec Wakerley		Terry Crowson	1	Warne Wilson
3	Brian Harris	4	Frank McDonald	5	Leigh Boynton	6	John Drewe	8	Peter Simpson
10	Lionel Tilley	11	George Blowers	12	John Close	13	John Holland	15	Keith Muirhead
17	George Blowers	18	Tom Black	19	Max Barrenger	20	Phil Krisanski	22	Dave Banister
24	Dave Banister	25	Ray Curry	26	Cec Wakerley	37	Terry Crowson	29	Warne Wilson