

A Well Deserved Award.

The Guild Christmas Party was held on December 18 under rather damp conditions. The rain held off long enough for assembled members and partners to enjoy a very pleasant evening.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of Life Membership to Past President Dave Banister "in recognition of his untiring energy in assisting others to gain maximum benefit from membership of the Guild".

The citation that accompanied the certificate said:

"Dave Banister became a member of the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild on 16 October 2003.

Throughout his membership, Dave has been involved in every aspect of Guild activity. He has almost single-handedly run the paint shop for many years. He is generous with his skill and knowledge, missing no opportunity to pass on his experience to others to improve their standards of woodcraft.

Dave served with distinction on the Guild Committee of Management, as President from 2008 to 2010. He has also been Recruiting Officer, Safety Officer, Accreditation Officer, Activity Officer and Shed Captain for most of his years of membership. He has consistently presented the 'Woodies' in a positive light in the local community.

Dave has been directly responsible for many of the practical improvements in the workshop, with a 'can do', and 'let's do it now' approach that always seems to get the big things done. He has been involved in organizing important fund-raising activities, such as Open Days, Club Expos and major raffles. He has also been the motivating force behind many successful community projects.



In his capacities on the Committee and in every Guild activity in which he was involved, Dave Banister has been a persistent guiding force, shaping the Guild for the better. He consistently acts as an example of the attitude our Constitution seeks of its members and is a most deserving recipient of Life Membership of the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild."

Well done Dave - and well deserved!



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Our Projects

A few days before Christmas saw the culmination of the work of the Toy Boys and the Mapleton Craft Group in preparing more than 300 toys for the Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal. A monster effort from all concerned.

Pictured is President Peter Simpson presenting the toys to John Fidler and Ryan Lowes of the Salvo's.



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What Can You Do With A 4 x 2 ?

As a test of creativity, a new competition will be introduced in March and the final judging will be at our Woodies Expo in July. All participants will begin with a piece of Camphor Laurel measuring 100 x 50 x 2400mm.
(a piece of 4 x 2 thats nearly 8 feet long)

This competition originated at the Des Moines Woodworkers Association in Iowa and these are a few examples of the entries.....



Final judging criteria will be announced in March but will include points for Creativity, Design, Workmanship and Efficient use of timber.

Get those thinking caps dusted off!

Woodies 2011 Open Day
Saturday March 5, 9—3

We need:-

- members to make items for sale
- unused hand and electrical tools for the auction
- members to volunteer for a range of tasks and activities (see the Shed notice board)
- home-made food donations for the coffee shop (cookies, cake, biscuits)

Note there is no raffle this year however there will be a chocolate wheel so any small items for prizes would be appreciated.

Rick Vickers—Events Co-ordinator

Hugh McKenna has been busy in the workshop over the holiday period....



New Business Looking for Help

Fritz Frames is a new business operating from Diddillibah making stylish wooden spectacle frames for sale through the Internet.

Ivo, one of the owners, has asked if there are any Woodies who would be interested in contributing some time and developing their fine craft work skills. The website is <http://www.fritzframes.com> and Ivo can be contacted on 0423 703 982 or at ivo@fritzframes.com

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.....Rob & Toni.

Maintenance Report from Brian Harris

Dec 2010 - Jan 2011



- 9/12 Re-sharpened blades fitted to 8" planer. The previous set were damaged.
- 11/12 New blade fitted to Sherwood drop saw and brushes reshaped. Bearings will be investigated when Bosch drop saw is back in service.
- 21/12 Bosch drop saw back in place after service on electric motor.
- 30/12 New brushes fitted to Sherwood drop saw resulting in much reduced sparking of commutator.
- 5/1 Re-sharpened blade fitted to Wadkin band saw.
- 15/1 The belt sander that has been causing problems of late is to be replaced, prices are being sought for a more substantial replacement.

**** A quiet start to the year.....lets hope its a good sign!

Brian.

Timber Flow Report.

With the inclement weather of the past weeks work on timber preparation has slowed as has the drying ability of the kiln which should have its next load of dried timber ready to unload in the coming weeks.

At the Guild Christmas Party, George Blowers was awarded a Presidents Award.

This is Georges response.....

Mr President, (Peter) I was humbled by your Presidents Award presented at our Christmas party and disappointed that I could not be there to receive it , However what we have achieved in the gathering, milling and preparation of timber for the Club could never have been achieved without the constant support of some members I call the A Team—I mean Terry Crowson, Ian Colpoys, Roger Scott and Bob Schmidt who have given one day a week at the mill site on Image Flat, to mill and prepare Logs into sawn timber that you have been using at the club for the last couple of years.

I could not accept this award without paying homage to these fellows, whose expertise and skill has made the exercise a pleasure, and the tall tales and true told at smoko time has made each week an experience to look forward to, so thank you to the A Team.

Couldn't have done it with out you.

Hopefully the weather will allow us to continue in 2011.

George Blowers



Brent & Leanne Harris

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Woodies Events 2011		
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

