

Bribie Shavings

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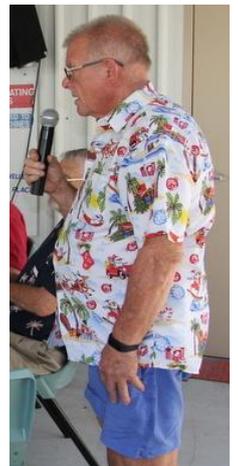
“And I am happy to announce that the “Woody of the Year” is Lorna Barker”.

Not my words but the words of President Kim, just moments before midday at the Club Christmas Party. We could hear the slight emotional tremor in his voice as he said ***“and well deserved”*** as Kim knows how much Lorna does for the club.



Lorna joined the club in 2011 and is a Tuesday Pyrography person. That isn't all Lorna does at the club.

Attend the Bunnings BBQ and she is there for the late clean up shift. Attend the monthly markets and Lorna is there helping and demonstrating Pyrography. Attend the monthly meetings and you will see Lorna there. Come to the working bees and you will find Lorna sweeping and or mopping the floor. She helps with the Competition and Exhibition. Read the monthly Shavings and she has had many a story to contribute and as was written in the December Shavings, Lorna is a very good ambassador for the Bribie and District Woodies Club.



Congratulations Lorna you deserve this wonderful accolade!

Yes, Lorna was very surprised and it took a while for the news to sink in. Finally she was able to get the “thank you” out, but not before Max West, as last year's winner, presented the trophy and the gift he made for her.



No preparation of food, **no** decorating of tables, **no** serving out the lunch, **no** cleaning away dishes, **no** washing up. Eight tables were set up and decorated by the party attendees of forty seven members and two friends of members.

There were heaps of prizes to be won either for the lucky door, decorated tables, raffle prizes and yes the “misspelt word in Shavings. This party had it all and I know that “June and her band of helpers” got to enjoy themselves and even an extra half hour coffee chat at the end of the day.



Winners took home the spoils. Some more than one prize but everyone was very generous with buying tickets so I guess it was the “luck of the draw”.

Some winners had to sing or recite to win their prize, so needless to say “I hope they stick to their day job”.





Yes, some of these winners won more than once but one photo of each is plenty to look at I am sure.

Congratulations and please come again.



Kim Bowers deserves a special mention. Once again he supplied the Eggnog. This is what it looked like and by all reports it is a pretty good brew. Thank you Kim, from all those Eggnog lovers.



Boxes, boxes and more boxes. What is it with members wanting to do the box making course?

Over the last couple of years, box making at the club has become very popular. This is mainly due to Neils Andersen and his courses. It seems once you start making boxes, you are only limited by your imagination.

Neils won the Trevor Peters Award with this beautiful box in 2019, so you can see why box making is so popular.



Almost a "One of Us" story that Neils didn't want to write, but he was happy to share this story with us.

Why I Love Box Making. - By Neils Andersen

In The Beginning

Ever since I was a teenager, I loved making things. At high school my favourite subjects were woodwork, metalwork and technical drawing. I could not wait to get into the workshops at school so I could use the tools there. I loved the process of crafting pieces that need to fit together to complete the final article.

After leaving high school at the age of sixteen, I got a fitting and turning apprenticeship. I stayed in that job for about twenty years and often trained apprentices which I did enjoy. I liked being a tradie but also thought how good it would be to teach woodwork and metalwork. I was a metal worker but in my spare time I made some of my own furniture. I did some night school and eventually got a scholarship to be a Manual Arts teacher. Now my woodworking skills had to get better and I was teaching seniors how to make furniture as well as teaching woodwork to juniors. Some of the woodwork projects were wooden boxes with hand cut joints, in particular dovetail joints.

As a Manual Arts teacher you are constantly competing with the other teachers to see who makes the best projects. You also need to be better than the students and some of them back then were quite good. I enjoyed working with students who loved making things and took pride in their work. I loved making simple projects but enjoyed the challenge of the more complicated ones.

Bribie Woodcrafters

About six years ago I was talking to Kim Bowers on a classic car run about being interested in joining a woodworker's club. He invited me to come and visit Bribie Woodcrafters. I had already visited other clubs so when I came to Bribie I was pleasantly surprised at the amount of equipment and sheds Bribie had. The members I met were very friendly so I joined that day. Kim and Ian Trail got me accredited so I could start straight away. I was still working full time, so I came along on a Saturday morning. About a year later, for health reasons I was only working four days a week, so I then came down on my day off. That is when I met Bob Hammond, a member who was always making lovely boxes.

Bob would show me his latest box and how he made it. I always liked making boxes, but Bob really got me into doing some more elaborate work. I have had my own Gifkings dovetail jig for years and now started making some nicer jewellery boxes using better timber than I used in the past. One day at the club when members were talking about the competition, Alan Wilson, who was president at the time encouraged me to enter the competition that year. I did not expect to do very well as I have never entered a woodworking competition before. However I entered anyway. I got a real shock when I won best box in show. This really got me hooked on making fine wooden boxes. Each year I entered the competition, I made a box that was more difficult than the previous year. It is so nice to know that other people appreciate the work you do.



Bribie Box Makers

I retired from my job at the end of 2016 and then it was suggested that I should do some basic box making courses at the club. After some thought, I agreed and started my first basic box making course early in 2017. The course went well and then most of the students wanted to take their box making skills further with more challenging boxes. I then made myself available on a Friday afternoon. Three of my students from that first course still come along regularly to the box making group on a Friday. So far, I have run seven courses and some students from the other courses come along also when they are available. John Dann a student from my first course, who is an excellent box maker now assists me with the classes. I really enjoy doing the beginner courses and working with the more advanced students on a Friday.

Why Do I Love Box Making?

Boxes have a real purpose. Their main uses of course are to store something special, whether it be jewellery, pens, tools, documents, personal items, treasures etc. The use for boxes is endless.

They can also be just an item of beauty or they can be both. Boxes are usually small compared with other woodwork items, so they can be made from expensive timber without breaking the bank. You can also use a few different types of timber in a box. Boxes require you to use a range of equipment so for beginners that means they are using equipment more and becoming more confident.



Boxes provide a challenge on how they are to be made, what equipment is to be used and how all the parts fit together. Boxes can be made with a range of joining techniques from simple butt joints through to more challenging dovetail joints. In making boxes you need a range of skills. The more elaborate the box the more skills you need. The more boxes you make the more skilful a woodworker you become.

The thing is, I just love making boxes. I enjoy helping others make boxes as I can see how they are improving box by box. I also enjoy the satisfaction of making boxes that other people like and appreciate.

Happy Box Making Everyone!

Would other members like to share their knowledge and contribute a story to the Shavings. Ed.

Box of the Month

This lovely box was made by Pauline Smith from Camphor Laurel. Pauline recently started making boxes and is already doing some fantastic work.



It is amazing how eye catching a box can be, made from the right piece of timber. Pauline has been coming along to box making on a Friday. She is very keen to learn and is developing some sound box making skills.

The key to improving your woodworking skills is practice, practice, practice and lots of perseverance.

Well done Pauline and we hope to see your next box really soon.

First Aid Accreditation



If you haven't yet done your First Aid accreditation, then **each Tuesday** (except 26th January, Australia Day) and **Friday in January and February will be your last chance.**

After that, first aid reverts back to the first Tuesday each month after orientation of new members.

Until you have done the first aid, you cannot use any club machinery.

John Dann will commence the course at 10.00am.



Happy new year, happy new year
Family friends and colleagues too.
May this new year be your best yet
Happiness the whole year through.

Let's all join in to lift our glasses
In a toast to everyone.
To the old year now behind us,
To the new year just begun.

President's Prattle

As Kim has headed north for a well earned rest with family he offered the following.

As this Shavings is the January issue, I hope you all enjoyed your festive season with family and friends that you may have not seen for some months.

All the best from Carol and myself, in wishing you a very happy and much healthier new year.

Cheers, Kim

Kim's Krafty Korner Tip

Adjustable Workshop-made Arc

Trying to bend a long, flexible strip and trace an arc at the same time can be tricky. To make it easier, I made an adjustable arc that can be locked into any curved shape I want. The arc is made from a strip of 6mm pegboard (about 600 mm long), a nylon string and a cord lock that I bought at a fabric store.

Easy Assembly. First, cut the nylon string to twice the length of the pegboard strip and tie it to one end (main photo). Next, slip one end of the string through the cord lock and then loop that same end through two holes in the opposite end of the strip. Finish up by feeding the string back through the cord lock (inset photo).

Adjust to size. To change the size of the arc, simply move the looped end of the string into a different set of holes in the pegboard strip and adjust the cord lock.



Around the Sheds

I am happy to hear from as many “roving reporters” that are happy to send articles. This month Shirley Heapy contributed with “**the hall stand project**”.

Shirley writes “A big thank you to John Westerhuis for kindly giving up his afternoons over several weeks to teach us ladies some valuable building skills in the art of furniture making. Given this was our first attempt at building a hall table, I think we all did rather well. Thanks to John’s patience, skills and techniques that he so generously shared with us. He allowed us the creative freedom to add our own features, so I added some leadlight glass side panels to my table.”

Shirley sent several photos to show how easy it is!



Shirley Heapy

Membership Renewal REMINDER

It is time to renew your membership.

Fifty dollars only will allow you to attend the club and make wonderful wooden items.

By the time you read this you should have paid it. You do have a grace period till the end of January.

The Outback Boys



Some Silky Oak logs for the boys to work on and then the big clean up.

Nice to see they are busy looking after the members.

A different kind of Box



Five possum boxes, four sugar glider boxes and three micro bat boxes plus one "chookaburra" box ready to go to a wildlife rescue place in Victoria.

Des Wirges is making more possum boxes at Woodies.

I will get in touch with Australia Zoo and offer our club's services to make any boxes they need.

Kim Bowers.



This is what the Wildlife Shelter posted on face book after receiving the boxes.



Wow! Look at this fabulous donation of boxes for the wildlife! Possums, gliders, birds and even micro bats will be well-housed for a while with all of these. Thank you so much Kim Bowers for all your wonderful work. Thank you too Carol and Chris Bowers - the Wildlife in care thank you too! Xx



Another seven Woodturners unleashed on the world.

Throughout a six week woodturning course over November and December, seven of our members worked through a programme where they practised the basics of woodturning. With the guidance of Ivan Medew, Des Wirges and Ian Trail, we all worked through various techniques of chisel control, holding methods, finishing, wood selection, design and many other topics. And all with many laughs along the way.

Here is the group, Greg Ross, Donna Heiner, Maureen Prein, Harry Beauchamp, Mike Watts, Alan Stow, and Greg Forbes Simpson displaying their finished pieces on the last day.

The next turning course will be sometime next year when the teachers have recovered enough and there are enough starters written on the board.





Happiness is –
 Being covered in wood shavings while turning.
 Ian Trail loving his work!



Darren Davis.
 How is it, that he isn't so messy?

The Project Team



I had taken a before photo of the two buffets but the photo on the left doesn't show how bad they were. Arthur provided the photo right after delivery, with the description of how they really looked. Ed.

"These two Chiswell buffet units came to Bribie Woodies in a state of disrepair. Dents, missing timber and watermarks showed that a good facelift was required. Repairs to the timberwork, stripping and refinishing brought the two units to a near new condition. Michael Power did his magic in the refinishing once again after Arthur and John Westerhuis carried out the repairs. Units were delivered to the happy owner on 18th December in time for Christmas."



This table was built to the customer's specifications.
 Collected in time for Christmas, the customer was very happy with it.

John Westerhuis made the cross, Tahnia Greenough did the pyrography and Mike Powers did the varnishing.
 A lovely job for the headstone of a much loved pet.



Monthly General Meetings.

Meetings are another way to meet, catch up and get to know your woodies club members. Less than two hours a month and that includes your morning tea.

Meetings are held on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of the month commencing at 9.00am sharp. Learn more about your club. At times there is a guest speaker and members bring "show and tell".

Enjoy a lovely morning tea and yes there is a monthly raffle drawn at the meeting.

There will NOT be a meeting in January 2021 as that day will be the Australia Day Public Holiday.

The Annual General Meeting is held in March. There will be vacant positions available so this might be a good chance for you to step up and help your club. A definite position this year will be the Secretary as the current one has served his three years.

The Treasurer is also hoping someone will take on that position. You will have almost three months to consider this after reading the newsletter, so give it some serious thought.

More details in next months newsletter.

December General Meeting



At the last meeting of the year, Vice President John Grubb chaired the meeting.

Being so close to the Christmas break it was nice to see there were still interested members attending.

June "showed and told" some of the items Bruce Burt (a reasonably newer member) made and donated for the club sales table when markets resume. June will be asking other members to contribute their talents and time in the New Year. Club will provide the wood.

Name badge reminder

Please remember that it is a **RULE** of this club that all members wear their name badges while on the premises. That is when you are attending for meetings, to work at your hobby or just visiting for a chat.

This is the only way new members get to meet you or we know who new members are, or for anyone to know you are indeed a club member.

Orientation Day Reminder

Ian Trail will be conducting orientation on the 1st Tuesday of each month commencing at 8.00am.

Ian can be contacted on 0401134384 or trailil2@bigpond.com

Next orientation day will be 5th January 2021.

Following Orientation John Dann will do the First Aid familiarization course.

Rosina Wilson has a story to tell.

This carving is one I designed and made in 2002 for the Little Flower Church on Bribe Island. It depicts the last days of Christ's life.

The chalice represents the Last Supper and carved and burnt on it is the church logo and the circle surrounding it is a symbol for the Holy Communion Host.

At the top Jesus rises from the cross his robes fall away as he ascends. In the folds of the fabric rests the crown of thorns and also the IRNI falls at the back of the cross resting into the material.

The sculpted figure and the cross are made of cheesewood - milled in Ingham.

The turned cup is Chilian Myrtle - purchased in Brisbane.

The carved shaft is Silky Oak - purchased at Bribie Island.

The base is various laminated hard woods.

The finish is French Polish.



The turning is by my husband Bob Wilson and the allotted time was three months start to finish and delivered on time.



I will share more of my carvings throughout the year.

Bob and I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year 2021.

Cheers Rosina Wilson.



Welcome to Our New Members



Welcome to Dani Taylor and also Roz Fritz who has rejoined after a year's absence.

We hope you enjoy your new hobby.

All members are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings and be prepared to volunteer for anything that benefits the club.

Like all clubs you only get as much from it as you are prepared to put into it.

Rules for Reserving Timber

If you wish to reserve a piece of timber you must now –

- Write out a receipt and pay for the timber.

- Write your name and the receipt number on the piece of timber.

If this isn't done then that piece of timber is "fair game" for anyone who wants to purchase it.

It's not all about Woodwork.



June's great grandson Wyatt, finally got to play with his car garage she had made for his third birthday.

The photo last month to the right, may have inspired Wyatt to say or at least think,

**"That's not how you play cars.
This is how you play cars!"**

I hope he is enjoying it as much as Ian Trail did.



Kevin Boyle was snapped "taking the cake".
He rather enjoys his afternoon tea.

No it wasn't even his birthday.



Birthdays

To all members born in the month of **January** we wish you a very happy birthday.

May your day be filled with good wishes and much joy.



This is the Tuesday afternoon pyrography group, "making a feast" of it before going on the Christmas break.

Words of Wisdom

"So may the New Year be a happy one to you, happy to many more whose happiness depends on you!"

Charles Dickens



Photo of the Month



Yes, this would certainly be the photo of the month.

This photo was taken at the end of the day when Lorna had settled from the excitement.

As of the Christmas break up, she is still overwhelmed but getting on with life as per normal.

Congratulations and enjoy your year!

Old Age and Illness

To the members who have ailments and feeling less chirpy than they would like to be, you are remembered and wished well. Hopefully the summer heat will be kind to you.

Happy New year



Beware of the lady with the camera. I am always looking for stories. If I can't snap the photo I would be happy if you did.

If you see something around the club that would be worthy of the newsletter please send it and the story to me.

When you send that story, please just send it as a doc. or docx file and send photos as a separate .jpg file and not attached to the document.

You can also text me a photo if your mobile phone is the only way you take your photos.

All stories welcome. Remember it isn't only about woodwork as some great stories have proven to be.

I thank you all for the stories and photos that have been sent this horror year of Covid, but surprisingly so many members contributed. What great stories they were. Creating so much more interest in the Shavings. Not only in woodworking but other interests also. Hopefully, 2021 will have many more reading the Shavings, your newsletter of which I am very proud to be the Editor.

Anita.

Please send all items for publication in the Shavings directly to the Editor.

The deadline for news items or any contributions is
25th of the month.

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Committee Meetings are held on the third (3rd) Tuesday each month.

General Meetings are held on the fourth (4th) Tuesday each month at 9.00am sharp.

DATE SAVERS

DECEMBER 2020

31st DecemberNew Years Eve **farewell to a horrible year. Don't party too hard**

End of December ...Bribie Shavings January 2021 Issue. **The Editor never stops.**

JANUARY 2021

1st JanuaryNew Years Day **Looking forward to a better, kinder year.**

5th JanuaryWe are back **John Dann will do First Aid from 10.00am See other dates above.**

19th JanuaryCommittee Meeting **First for the year.**

26th January.....NO MONTHLY MEETING as it is the Australia Day Public Holiday

End of January.....Bribie Shavings February Issue.

FEBRUARY 2021

2ND FebruaryOrientation / First Aid Day Yes everyone needs to do their First Aid again.

16th FebruaryCommittee Meeting

23rd FebruaryGeneral Meeting **The first for the year. Come and catch up with all the club news.**

Next month is the AGM. Mark your Calendars.

28th February **Stand by. Will it be the first Market of the year?**

End of February.....Bribie Shavings March Issue.

MARCH 2021

2ND MarchOrientation / First Aid Day

16th MarchCommittee Meeting **Last one before the AGM.**

23rd March Annual General Meeting Is it your turn to contribute?

End of MarchBribie Shavings April Issue.