

# Bribie Shavings

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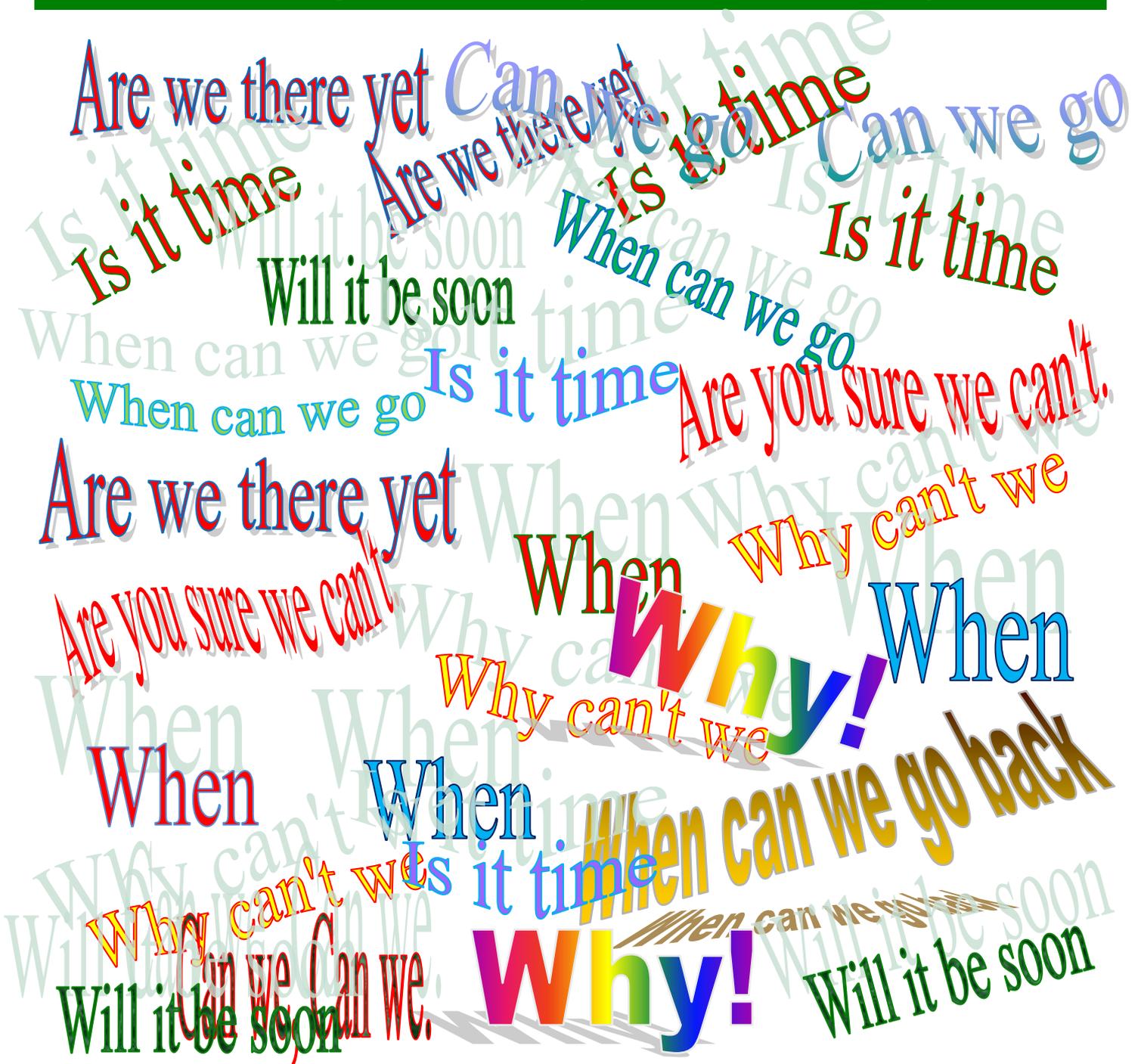
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After going into lockdown on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 due to a virus crisis not experienced in our lifetime, members found themselves missing their usual routines. Sure it was fine for six weeks then they became restless. These were the rules of the Government and the club stuck by them. As the rules eased so did the club and on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> May and each Monday after, members were able to purchase wood for use at home if they were lucky enough to have facilities to work with.

But then impatience set in and the questions came “when would we open again?”. Your committee met in May and June to determine the best way to proceed and keeping in mind this was the time to do the renovations to the sheds, there would be a lot of tidying and cleaning up before the sheds would be in any fit and safe condition to work in. **Safety first** is and should always be the first priority in any workplace so with that in mind many hands will be needed to help with the working bee. By the time you read this it is anticipated that Woodies will be closer to, or once again be in operation with some restrictions, so please adhere to the distancing guidelines.

That of course will be difficult as members will want to chat and catch up.

These months away from your club may have given time for members to realize how important it is to be a team. **There is no “i” in team** so maybe now with the reopening of the club, might be a good time to be a little more involved and not just attend for your own gratification. There are the monthly meetings to attend, the Bunnings BBQ when up and running will require helpers, working bees at the club when required, and you are always welcome to attend the social functions we do have at times.

Please be patient as your committee has had your interest at heart and have been busy working for your club even though you have not been there to see it.

**My Nan often used this old quote “Patience is a virtue, Possess it if you can, Seldom found in women, Never in a man”. With a little more time, this “topsy-turvy” world will be back to normal.**

**With a little more patience, lots of working bees to tidy the sheds and make a safe workplace and with the opening perhaps not too far away, the orientation for the latest new members will be conducted.**

### **Orientation Day Reminder.**

Kim Bowers will be conducting orientation on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July commencing at 8.00am.**

Kim can be contacted on 0427 876 271 or [kccbowers@outlook.com](mailto:kccbowers@outlook.com)

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

**Accreditation on machinery will be scheduled for when the workshop is reopened for general business.**

### **President's Prattle.**

Hello fellow Members,

Not much to report in addition to my regular “Notice to Members” via email.

The “boxing in” of the frames in the ‘Clean Shed’ is almost complete. I would certainly hope the lining will be finished shortly, ready for the clear coating to be applied.

Opening date for normal activities should be soon, although we will still need to comply with social distancing and other restrictions.

We have lost our high “feed in tariff” rate on our solar system but are hopeful we can get it restored back to the rate we have had since installation.

The committee is working on a “re vamp” of the accreditation system and safety in the workshop in general.

If I appear to be grumpy and pull you up for unsafe or misuse of machinery it is nothing personal, rather an effort to save you or your fellow members an injury.

Cheers till next time and I hope to be able to announce a start up date in the near future. **Kim Bowers**

## Activities in Isolation.

Still in this “topsy - turvy” world since March 25<sup>th</sup>, many members are keeping busy with home activities and are continuing to send photos to share with you all.

The Tuesday group of scrollsaw, intarsia, and pyrography folk have supplied many photos for your enjoyment. Rick Desmier is credited with organising this group and sends a report each week.



While all this work was going on, Rick and Carole still had time to visit the Gold Coast when it was lawful to do so. A short trip to O’Rielly’s retreat shop was the perfect photo opportunity when this Crimson Rosella visited.



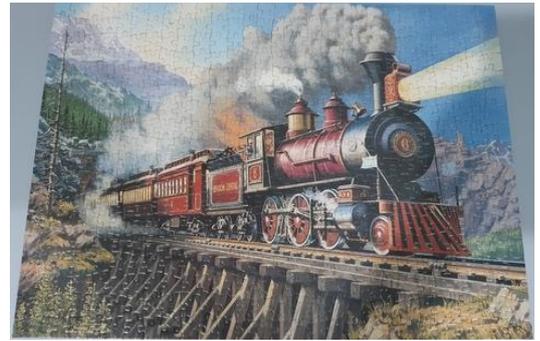


The project team completed and delivered this lovely Bribie Pine cabinet for a client.

June loves her crafty items. Here she has made concrete mushrooms for her garden.

Lloyd finished a pyro piece for a neighbour, copied from a photo of the family pet.

Anita finished her jigsaw puzzle and ready to start another, perhaps not a train!



Anita gave up cooking after making several fruit cakes.

She decided on a healthy prawns and salad alternative.

All the time the Boobook Owl (spotted by Ian Trail) is still keeping guard in the wood compound.



While members were enjoying "getting on with it" at home and keeping busy, the work had started in the clean shed.

The ceiling had been lined and Kim Bowers (president) sent this report and photos.

There was a team of us at Woodies today (Friday) and we managed to get one of the portal frames boxed in with Red Cedar Timber. We will be back tomorrow and hope to finish the overhead frames and some of the columns. The columns will be clad with Satinay.

Note the work safe scaffolding system. The team today was Arthur Horsfall; David Hight; Paul Gadsby; Des Wirges and Kim Bowers.

There will be many photos and stories in coming newsletters of the work carried out at the shed, as this has been the perfect time while in this Covid 19 lockdown situation.

**Remember though it is "do as I say" and Not "do as I do" when it comes to Safety First!**

## **Accidents will Happen.**

While some were enjoying their hobby, others had different jobs to do. Max West was one such person tackling a brick wall at home and here is his story. If you don't like the sight of blood, look away now. **Ed.**



Yes I had a bit of a mishap on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May. We were constructing a retaining wall on our boundary as the old wooden one had rotted out after about twenty years and replacing it with concrete boards 2.40 mtrs long 200x100. We had laid about thirty into the H section posts which had been set in concrete the week before. We had just cut the slab to fit into a shorter section of the wall and were fitting the slab into the posts when it jammed, so we were in the process of lifting it when it slipped into place with my finger still in place under it.



Well that was the end of the end of my finger. It was taken off at the base of the fingernail so off to Caboolture Hospital we

went and the finger was cleaned and dressed, then off to Redcliffe Hospital for more work to be done on it.

On Tuesday they operated on my finger, cut the bone back and removed the base of the fingernail and four hours later I was allowed to go home. I have to go back to hospital every four weeks to have the dressings changed then I should be able to get back into doing my woodwork projects again.

**And after all that the wall was finished without my help!**

## **Credit Where Credit Due,**

Some unkind people have called me awkward, clumsy and the like but I must disagree and firmly believe that I am just a little unlucky. I must admit that I have suffered a few unfortunate accidents at Woodies (and other places) including skin peeled off both shins, torn skin on lower leg, broken thumb, same thumb in bandsaw and recently a cut on the head.

To explain what appears a lengthy list on first viewing, I must remind you again that I am unlucky and my only defence is that the more things you do, the more likely you are to do one or more of these a little carelessly and more often.

The reason for this rambling is to recognise and thank the members of our club who are on hand to quickly assess the situation and capably care for these unlucky individuals. While Lenore and John are nominally our First Aid team I've seen them well supported by other club members. The majority of my experiences seem to have coincided with Lenore being at Woodies and I am glad she was there to capably treat the immediate problem and advise the treatment needed.

Personally, I take this opportunity to thank all our medical team just for being there when needed with their valuable knowledge and experience to care for unlucky individuals like myself.

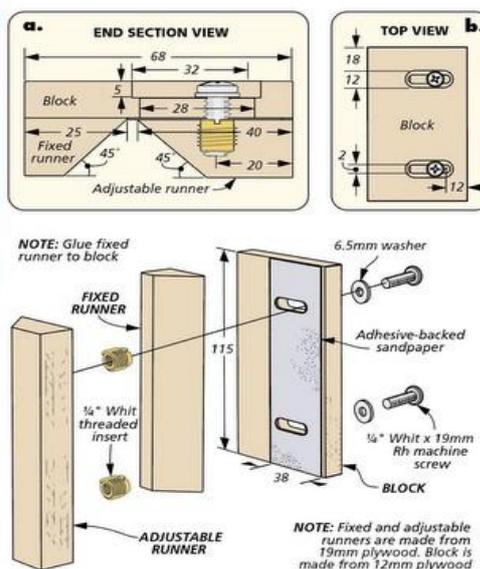
**Peter Hunt**

**We wish Peter and Max a speedy recovery and stay safe. I'm sure there is plenty more on your bucket list to be done yet.**

**To any of our members who are not well, had accidents or just feeling a little deflated, our thoughts are with you and surely it won't be long before you are on top of it all again**

## Kim's Krafty Korner Tip

### Chamfer Sander.



Sanding a chamfer is a quick way to soften the sharp edge of a workpiece, but it takes some careful sanding to keep the angle and width of the chamfer uniform.

To make the task easier, I built a chamfer sanding block that has two runners to guide it along the edge.

This way the angle stays at a constant 45°.

**Quick Build.** I made the two runners by ripping a piece of plywood with the blade tilted to 45° and then cutting them to length. One of the runners is glued to the block, but the other can be moved in and out to adjust the width of the chamfer. To make this runner adjustable, I routed stopped slots in the top face of the block and installed threaded inserts in the adjustable runner. The parts are then held together with machine screws.

**Using the Sander.** I attach a strip of 38mm-wide, 180-grit adhesive-backed sandpaper to the flat portion of the block, as shown in the drawing. Installing the adjustable runner helps hold the sandpaper in place. When the desired chamfer width is set, tighten down the screws and start sanding. Stop sanding when both runners make contact with the workpiece.

This sander can be set for a 6mm-wide chamfer. But for anything wider than 3mm it's probably best to turn to a hand-held router.

### Kim's lockdown project



Kim says this is still a work in progress. He is awaiting a new Forster bit then he will have it finished for next month's edition.

That is between doing all this other club/shed/home activities.

I had an interesting conversation with Gary Pope Editor at the Knox and District Woodworkers Club Newsletter in Victoria. He called to tell me about a list of clubs he has been compiling and auditing for many years. He mentioned having spoken with Rick Thornton some years ago. There is a link to many many clubs including ours and it was interesting to hear how other clubs work. This link includes New Zealand clubs also.

Check them out on <http://webcontent.knoxwoodies.org.au/webdocs/Other Clubs.pdf>

## **A Request for News Items.**

It is great to know some members are reading their emails. After my request for items I received these following stories. **Ed.**



This is a carved and painted plaque Ray Godfrey completed earlier in the year with help and advice from Des Wirges.

It depicts the RAN Helicopter Flight Vietnam which was fully integrated with the 135 US Army Assault Helicopter Company. In its nearly four year service it became the most highly decorated RAN unit of the Vietnam War.

Ray served with this unit from October 1967 to October 1968.



Neils Andersen shared these photos.

It appears he does do something other than box making.

He visited the Qld Kaurie Forest at Paronella Park at Mena Creek in North Queensland last year.

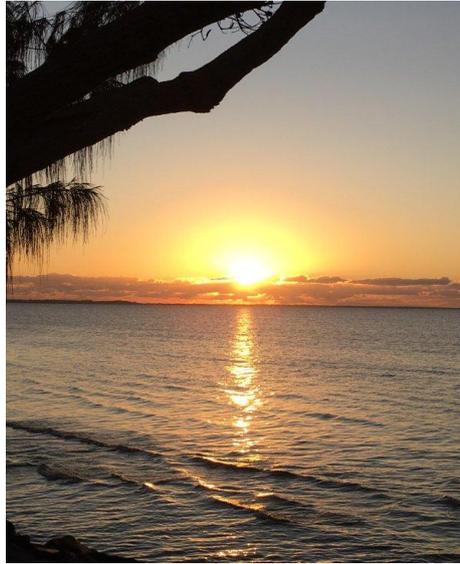
In North Cliff Western Australia in January this year, there was an impressive display of trees that were fire damaged along a walking track and turned into an "Out of the fire into Art" display. There were many more trees. This is just one photo.



Lorna and Chester are still keeping busy at home. Lorna says not much in timber work to boast about, Chester is currently renovating ten timber tables from the local bakery. He made a rustic garden seat for Mr Potman to sit on.

Lorna has recycled light shades to make a flower which she has in a pot with jade. The orange tree that produced the largest (huge) oranges I have ever seen died so Lorna turned it into a decorative shell tree.





This beautiful sunrise greeted Lorna's first day back at Tai Chi and the rainbow was seen on their walk early one morning.

What more would you want in this time of isolation.

There have been some colourful sunsets recently.

Not to be outdone by the sunrise June sent her amazing sunset photos (below) for all to enjoy.



In the October Shavings of 2016 we reported on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Woodies club. If you are new to the club or haven't read the newsletters that far back, Desley Horsfall has contributed the following story.

### **The Early days of Bribie & District Woodcrafters.**

This club was started by Trevor Peters and a few friends who met in the Peter's home in Bellara. Betty Peters has spoken about these group discussions around the kitchen table.

This group later moved to BICAS, meeting in the front room on the second and fourth Tuesday. Arthur Horsfall and his neighbour Bob Kirkpatrick, joined the club in 1994 when it numbered about fifteen. The small storeroom there was used as the work shed. One of the original members John Hinkley also joined in 1994 and is now a member of the Banksia Group.

Meeting attendance was \$1.00 per person which was paid to BICAS.

The number of members grew and the meeting fee was increased to \$2.00 for those who attended. It was then decided in 1996, that it was cheaper to meet in Arthur's shed and Don McEwen's garage on alternate meeting days.

For Arthur this necessitated a big shed cleanout on the day prior each month and chairs placed around. Neighbour Bob helped out. The morning tea tables were set up on the back patio and Desley and Ruth Kirkpatrick would serve a "special" morning tea to all members. Often there would be strawberry sponge

cakes using Arthur's home grown strawberries as well as home baked goodies by Desley. Many times John Hinkley would arrive with a delicious cake from Dawn which everyone really enjoyed and Desley appreciated her thoughtfulness. Usually the morning tea took longer than the meeting!

The best part of the meetings at Arthur's shed was the compulsory cleanup of sawdust, shavings and tools put away monthly, according to Desley.

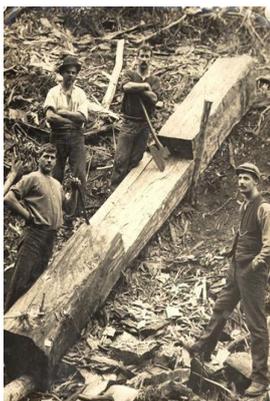
On 8th April 1997, with money raised by this hard working group, the first Woodies shed was opened.

In these early days, Betty Peters was the social convenor. Many enjoyable bus trips were organised for members and even a three day trip to the Granite Belt visiting orchards, packing sheds, wineries and nature walks. Betty was always being asked when her next social event would be as they were always very popular and well attended.

Desley's wish: Arthur could have a break after contributing for twenty-seven years. There must be new and younger members who could step up and take the load off the long term members including Arthur.

**So it seems from very simple beginnings we have this massive club, buildings and machinery all obtained by hard work and friendship. At this time there are one hundred and ninety four (194) paid up members in the Woodies. With all the new work happening and ongoing fundraising when we again open for your pleasure, please be prepared to help out when you can. Ed.**

## Outback Boys.



Although the temperatures are now lower, with the sunny days the kiln has been working well. The hard working crew have just taken five fully loaded pallets of timber out. Five others were rotated back in.

The moisture reading was 5% across all the loads when we took them out. Over the next week or two the moisture content in this timber will equalise. It will probably come up to about 14 to 18% (it did in fact come up to 18%).

Q timber states, "That timber for internal use in Queensland should be between 9 and 14% moisture content". We want a moisture level here of about 12% give or take a bit. We keep on rotating the pallets in and out of the kiln until they stabilise at that moisture level. It's hard to keep track of the ins and outs but luckily for us, hard working Fred keeps a log of these. Our members can then use the sawn timber with little risk of swelling or shrinking. There is also less chance of clogging the sand paper making it useless or gumming up our machine's cutting surfaces.

We had the offer of a large Silky Oak about a month ago. We asked the landowner to cut the trunk to a three metre length when it was felled. The gentleman agreed to our request and said he would tow the trunk out to the front of his property for us. This would make it a lot easier for us to pick up.

Later, when we phoned him to arrange a pick up time, we got a surprise. He informed us that he thought we had already picked it up, because it was gone from his front yard. It looks like somebody saw it and decided to do the right thing by him and remove it. There are some very caring people living on Bribie. If you see a three metre Silky Oak log lying around somewhere please give us a call. We will be happy to remove it for them without any cost.

We now have the offer of a large Douglas Fir/Oregon that is to be felled. We won't be leaving that on the ground for too long before we collect it.

The club's unpaid rat catcher (Casper, our beloved carpet snake) has been hiding under the nice warm kiln lately. He sometimes forgets how long he is and leaves a bit of his tail sticking out. It gives you a hell of a fright when you are walking along, minding your own business and all of a sudden you step over two foot of snake. You don't think at the time, it's only Casper!

We have received a lot of Camphor Laurel and Poinciana over the last couple of weeks. Cutting all this and getting it into the kiln is a priority for us.

The Poinciana hopefully will be ideal for pyrography. It was delivered to us in short lengths 400 to 550mm long. We have now cut it to about 30 to 35mm thick. Depending on what the pyrographers want, it can be split in two or machined down. We have also cut some of the Camphor Laurel. It has a beautiful colour and grain. Both of these timbers should be ready to use in about six months.

Over the next couple of months we will have eight to ten full pallets of dry timber needing somewhere to be stored. It will be difficult to find the room to store it in the timber shed. We are there every Monday morning to help with your timber selections. You can always do with more timber for your projects.

Peter the fisher, (he knows where every piece of timber is in the shed) has been doing an excellent job handling (along with Fred) the Monday morning timber sales. Peter manages this in between his hospital stays and going fishing. When he is not doing these things he is busy cracking the back of his head open. This was only a minor wound that would have required six stitches, however it was cut so nicely, the doctor was able to glue it back together. Lenore did a wonderful job bandaging his head up.

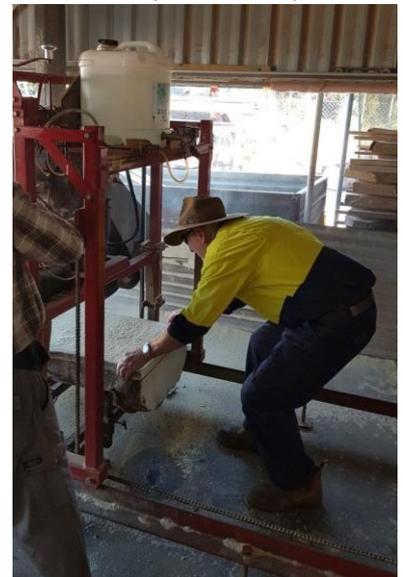
Peter's timber sales have been very successful, bringing in good money for our club. By the time you read



this the club will have taken over two thousand dollars. This is at a time when we probably need the money more than ever. *Picture to the left shows our fittest and most agile member climbing up onto the secured pallets to arrange the plastic sheeting.*

*This helps to even out the flow of warm air across all the boards in the kiln no matter where they are placed.*

*Picture at right is of our newest full time member, Bob the butcher. Bob is seen here removing some beautiful, short Poinciana boards from the mill as they are cut.*



*Bob has now taken a sabbatical to go fishing in the Darwin area. He has promised to send back pictures of the big fish he assures us he will catch.*

Hopefully this is not just a fishing story, time will tell!

Just like all members we are looking forward to the club reopening as soon as the government rules allow it and the sheds are in a safe working condition.

Wishing everybody well  
**The Outback Boys.**



Peter Wood has written, since the last newsletter I have been practicing on my Scroll Saw under the guidance of David Hight. His assessment of my effort.

“Keep practicing!”

Also I have been doing a little pyrography on the small carry box I made earlier this year.

So do we have a new recruit for the Tuesday pyrography afternoon? **Ed.**

## Update on progress of Truck Building. By John Digby

Well I have been slowly progressing with the truck project with a few delays along the way. Fortunately, my part time work is getting some jobs coming in, so that has taken priority. Well I have progressed along to the point where I have run out of parts and now waiting for the re-opening of the Woodies so I can turn up some fuel tanks to finish the main body.

One of the essential components for this truck to give it an authentic look is a bullbar, which for any cattle road train truck is a necessity. This proved very fiddly as any misalignment would really show up when assembled.



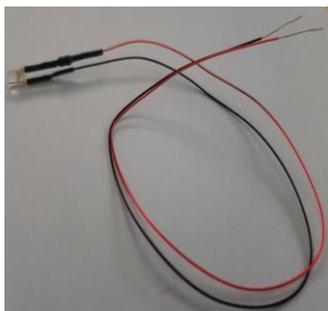
Using 6mm dowel as the crossmembers it was then necessary to secure the upright firmly and drill all holes together to prevent any misalignment. This is not as easy as it sounds when you are drilling into pieces that are only 12mm wide, with a 6mm drill bit, no room for error, or its start again. Thinking back, trying to get enough glue into the joint without too much spillage was also an issue. This is where some cotton buds came in handy.

Once I had worked out what looked like the right scale it was a matter of maintaining correct spacing by using small blocks and mini clamps to hold each upright until dry. Ensuring I did not pull the clamps up too much as I completed the assembly was another issue, so letting them dry overnight was the way to go. Once I had completed the assembly, I received what I had been waiting three weeks for from Laporte Colorado in the USA, the smallest LED lights I had seen especially made for modelling.

*Bullbar in progress*



The plan was to install twin head lights in the front bumper bar, which I think from the photo looks pretty cool, or that's how my grandson described it. The front LEDs are only 3.0 mm in diameter and only require two AAA batteries for the 3-volts power source. These LEDs are held in place by 'holding wax' which once rubbed between the fingers, softens to become pliable and then forced in around the light to hold them in place. The wax even allows light to pass through it, so you can just force it over the light if you want. My next shipment, I have ordered small holders that being spring loaded go into a 3mm hole to hold them in place.



I had ordered 5mm, 3mm and 1.8mm diameter which I must say are impressive. They all come fully assembled with 8 inches of lead and require no resistor, up to 30 LEDs can run off one power source. One of the best things is they are made to be wired in parallel. Simply grab all the RED leads and connect to a common positive then connect to the power source. Then do the same with the black leads and connect to the negative side of the power source.

*3mm LED complete with lead ready to connect.*

I elected to start with a 3-volt system as it made it reasonably simple to hide the batteries and leads in the 'sleeper cabin' of the truck.

The next project will be with a 9-volt system easily hidden as well.



*Completed Bullbar*

*Twin headlights fitted.  
(very bright for so small)*





All the electrical leads run from the bullbar under the cabin and come out under the sleeper cabin into the space inside. Once completed we can have a remote sensor on top of the sleeper to give line of sight, which allows a remote controller to turn the lights on and off from a distance. Not to waste the smallest LED I managed to fit it inside the cabin as an interior light. To ensure the least amount of wiring showing I have hidden it all within the timber itself, drilling long holes and making small rebates to conceal it. This did cause one small hiccup when fitting the exhaust stacks, (made from stainless steel wire tension parts) as I miscalculated the depth needed for the dowels. Unfortunately, the dowel bit caught the wiring for the cabin light and ripped it completely. This required the cabin roof to be broken off and

reconnect the leads, I will not do that again!



Unfortunately, I have made some changes to the lighting and I am now waiting for another order from the USA which has the orange flashing LED and some more red LEDs for taillights and side clearance lights. This could get bigger than Ben-Hur.

**Let us hope the next update is the completed project.**



*Awaiting LED lights, signage and fuel tanks. (Almost there)*

*3 volt battery holder complete with in line switch.*

Rick Desmier keeps following up with his weekly Tuesday report. Thanks Rick.



It's too cold for me to venture out to the shed today so I haven't finished anything.

I have two boxes and two intarsia started but I need to be comfortable when I work, so I am sitting in front of the computer looking for dead relatives instead of being out in the wind.

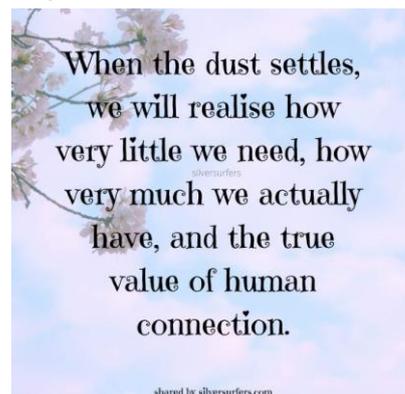
Fortunately for us, Mike has been busy and he has completed a marble rolling machine. It looks as though it would have taken a while to get all the bits running smoothly especially the track.

The balls are 5mm ball bearings in the picture and it looks like there are several woodworking skills involved in its making.

The only other project to show this week is Carole's Japanese Lady which is just about finished (after some time) as of this morning.

And Rick signs off with "stay away from those pesky Mexicans".

***Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes.  
Design is knowing which ones to keep.***



This was written in 2013 by Kim Bowers and sent to the President Rick Thornton. It appears that back then Kim was fighting for safety rules to be adhered to and in 2020 nothing has changed. He is still working for the members and the club and still concerned about the safety aspect.

As Kim said “some may be irrelevant but nothing much changes and most still applies”.

Hullo Rick,

After reading Shavings & last month's minutes, I felt I had to put a few of my thoughts forward regarding workshop safety, etc.

I realise I have resigned from the Committee and possibly have no right to try and influence your decisions, however, I am a concerned member and ALL members should be **very** concerned about safety.

I am also concerned that several members of the committee have basically no or very little experience as to the useage of woodworking machinery. This would also have to include me to a certain degree, as I have had no formal training as have very few of our club members (as far as I am aware).

This will be some dot points between other things going on at the moment so please disregard the erratic layout.

Some of this you and others will definitely disagree with, but these are my thoughts and probably not all of them as the mind tends to wander to other matters at the moment.

1) Safety for our members, within reason, is the most important thing that should be reinforced within our Club.

2) One of the best safety aids in our club would be a full length mirror with the caption **“YOU ARE NOW LOOKING AT THE MOST DANGEROUS THING IN OUR WORKSHOP!”** This is not a Joke. People cause themselves harm not vice versa. I am deeply sorry regarding the recent accident, however this was caused by an un authorised person using a machine without the simplest of precautions - 'a push stick'. Push sticks & feather boards are the best way of protecting fingers on Table saws and router tables. We have a few home-made feather boards which are basically useless due to the fact they have to be clamped on. Mag switch ones are the way for the saw table, although no good for the router table - need tee slot switch (also good for table saws).

3) The saw stop machine is a brilliant device but in my opinion it is a total knee-jerk reaction to buy now, due to one unfortunate, but blatant misuse of a machine. My reasons for this are;

a) We have 2 other similar saws in the workshop which are far more dangerous than the one in question.

b) The so called “little” saw has the same cutting capacity as the saw in question but with a smaller (kw) rating, therefore easier to jam and have a problem.

c) Because the newer table saw was intended for box-making and needed to be portable due to restricted space, it was put on castors. This modification makes it too high and unstable for doing larger timber which is exactly what will happen if the other saw is locked and requires two persons to operate. There has never (to my knowledge) been a problem getting someone to “tail out” long pieces and that is absolutely the only time two people are required on that saw. There have actually been a couple of close calls caused by improper tailing out.

d) The second highest incidents of injury caused on table saws after finger tips is chest & abdomen due to people cutting to length between the fence and the blade. The fence is for ripping only. Ripping is with the grain on longer pieces that clear the saw blade diameter. The crosscut sliding table is the best & most accurate docking machine in our workshop, followed by the drop saw, which also needs an upgrade (see Arthur).

e) Badly twisted timber should **NEVER** be sawn on a table saw or band saw unless it can be stabilised. How we have not had a serious accident on the breakdown saw is beyond me.

f) The breakdown saw should be limited to a very few RETRAINED people who do work in at least tandem.

If we need to replace a table saw I would definitely recommend a “saw stop” but let's not waste money on an unnecessary item. If any saws need to be locked (which they don't), it would have to be the two others. Enough on Saws.

4) **Bandsaws:** Don't have many safety problems with these apart from misuse, mainly because blades are blunt - resin build-up and hence people overworking the machine thru poor understanding. Saws don't need to make noise to cut timber!

5) **Jointers:** According to a British survey on workshops, these are the second most accident prone machine due partly to the fence always being at the back of the table instead of adjusted to timber width, leaving excess exposed blade. Push sticks **not** used.

6) **Thicknessers:** Generally no safety problems, certainly a lot of performance problems due to misuse & misunderstanding of machine capability.

7) **Lathes:** Why do we need so many? The only time they are all utilised is during a course. Get rid of one or two lathes and mount the second table saw correctly. Run an extra lathe course per year to make up for shortfall in machines. I had to wait 2 years to even have a course available.

8) **Drum Sander:** No safety issues.

9) **Bench Drills:** Chuck key often left in chuck. Job not secured by vice or clamps when necessary. Incorrect speeds used, especially with Forstner bits. If it's making a screaming noise & smoking, it's obviously too fast. Speed charts are fixed to side of drill. Balance feed & speed - experience.

10) **Grinders:** Should have correct stone for material being ground & **never** on side of wheel.

**Accreditation:** As stated before, this I believe to have been a farce for appearance sake. We need some qualified persons (T.A.F.E. or whatever) to do a "Train the Trainer course" and get a few qualified persons within our membership to conduct ALL accreditations. I believe with no exceptions, ALL members who are at present accredited, should be re-assessed. All new members or persons unaccredited or who fail the re-assessment, should have to go thru the full accreditation process. Unfortunately after all this, being accredited makes absolutely NO difference if you don't take notice of the image in the full length mirror as numerous accidents happen to very experienced people with formal training, who lose concentration and hence fingertips.

**Personal Safety:** No safety glasses & slippers or other soft footwear is the very first thing that should be addressed!

**Clean Shed:** The hot water system outlet dropping near boiling water onto a stainless sink surround is a joke - as is filling the sink for dishes. \$5 worth of fittings and 300mm of pipe would render totally safe or do we have to wait for someone to be scalded?

Rick, I have said enough for now but will probably say more as events unfold. Please do with this as you wish - bin it or whatever. I would however like to see some feed-back from a few members and not just committee.

I believe the whole concept should be discussed at a Club level and basic guidelines formulated at the same level.

We must keep in mind that this is a club as much for its social aspect of comradeship between people with similar interests as being somewhere to go and make stuff! We have become too commercialised.

I personally have all I need at home, apart from the sander and the companionship and expertise of other members. Let's not frighten everybody off due to the fear of litigation!

Finally, if you decide to purchase a saw stop machine, it should be to replace the newer table saw which the Club could easily sell to a member. If you purchase "saw stop", exactly what are the ongoing testing & servicing costs associated? As far as I am concerned, if a member triggers the safety, it's because of misuse and no other reason. The member should pay, not you and I.

Regards,

Kim

## **Photos of the Month**



This item came from Kevin Cornish and although the chap in the photo is not a Woodies member, I thought the members may enjoy the irony of the situation and may have felt the same way at one time or another.

*"This chap a keen woodworker and friend, went to his shed to check that it was locked, saw the new lathe, dropped his dressing gown, donned his apron and the turning began".*



*Or you could just relax at lunch with friends.*

## For Sale

### Price Adjustment.

Lloyd sold his other machinery which was advertised in last months Shavings. He still has the Symtec copy wood lathe, Model 1800. Accessories include 600mm extension Vicmark 100 chuck with many sets of jaws, steady, roughing gouge, long hole borer and much more. There are several templates.

Lloyd has dropped the price for a fast sale to **\$3,750 neg** and is happy to give a couple of demonstrations to the purchaser as you may never have seen a lathe like this before.



**Contact Lloyd (07) 5498 8145. or Mob. 0490 038 699. Lloyd lives at Donnybrook.**

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### Lathe for Sale

Max West has a Wood lathe 1000 plus chuck, faceplate, tool rest and some tools for sale. It is in good working order and the only reason he is selling is because he has upgraded to a later model lathe. Max would have sent a photo but with his hand seeing better days was unable to assemble everything.

Sale price **\$100.00** Contact Max on mob. 0458 190 206. Max lives at Sandstone Point.

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### Lathe for Sale



Dynalink 4 speed lathe. Has an independently adjustable 4 jaw chuck, 1000mm capacity bed with a max turning diameter of 350mm.

Has small selection of turning gouges.

**Good for a beginner at \$50.00 the lot.**

Call David Senior on 0458 505 065.  
David lives at Bongaree.

## Words of Wisdom

“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

Maya Angelou.

“Whether you think you can or you think you can't, you're right.”

Henry Ford.



## Birthdays

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

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

## **A Wonderful Response**

Again this month, members have been generous with their time and contributions to the newsletter. Thank you all for putting in the effort and I do hope and invite you to continue even when you are again visiting the club on a regular basis.

Keep well everyone and we are all only a phone call away if you feel the need to chat.  
Anita.



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

The deadline for news items or any contributions is **25<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

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**Committee Meetings are held on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday each month.**

**General Meetings are held on the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday each month at 9.00am sharp.**

## **DATE SAVERS**

### **JUNE 2020**

End of June.....Bribie Shavings July Issue

### **JULY 2020**

7<sup>th</sup> July.....Accreditation for new members **Getting back to normal**

21<sup>st</sup> July.....Management Committee meeting

28<sup>th</sup> July.....Woodies General Meeting. **Come along to catch up with the news.**

End of July.....Bribie Shavings August Issue