

Bribie Shavings

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Another seven boxes were presented by June and Kim to Pia Hirsh from the Advanced Breast Cancer Support Group. The boxes are known as Remembrance Boxes where treasured items are kept to be passed onto the family. Around sixty boxes have been made by Kim Bowers over the last five years and donated with love from the Woodies.

For members who live off the Island and don't get the local papers, Woodies are getting plenty of news coverage as can be seen by these articles. Arthur Horsfall is measuring up for new walls for the Art Centre with help from Stephanie White



Susumu Tomiyama, from Penang, visits Bribie Island once a year to teach woodwork.



Jim Daley and June Jeffreys. John Grubb and Bill Plant.

Words from the President

It is always good to have some constants in our life. Good events roll around on our calendars to remind us that life is worth living. Events such as meeting with friends, regularly happen every day at woodies. It's almost as though the woodwork we do at the club is incidental to the enjoyment we get from being at our clubhouse.

One not so pleasant constant in our life at woodies is seeing machinery being used incorrectly or in an unsafe way. In frustration, a shame board has been erected in the entrance to the clean shed. This is done in the hope that any member who does the wrong thing may see on the board what they have done and will discontinue that practice. Photos are not posted on the board to upset anyone who think that they are being unjustly targeted. If you are not the guilty party or that things happened on your watch then you should not feel guilty. I do not enjoy having to bash on about this issue but it seems to be necessary.

Work on the library catalogue is progressing. If you wish to borrow a book, and that is what the library is for, please fill out the page in the LIBRARY LENDING BOOK, both on lending and return.

A committee to plan for our annual exhibition and competition in October has been formed and is well underway to organise this big event. Members can start planning with production of their own contribution to the event with entries in the competition or display items. This is our opportunity to showcase to the community what talented members we have.

Our project team, led by Arthur continues their good work. As well as display walls for the Matthew Flinders Gallery, this last month three 'FRIENDSHIP BENCHES" were delivered to the two State Schools at Bribie. The history of FRIENDSHIP BENCHES goes back some years to the UK where they were installed in schools as a measure against bullying. If a child feels lonely or has been suffering bullying, they could sit there and the hope is that other children who wanted to offer them friendship and support could sit with them. The project has now spread worldwide and to schools in Australia. This was a project by Bribie Rotary and will be given coverage in 'The Bribie Islander' Newspaper. I think that the Woodies should be proud to be part of such a worthwhile project.

Happy woodworking

Ian Trail



There was plenty of assistance helping to launch the Friendship Benches at the schools.

Meanwhile Ian our President might still be waiting for the offer of a helping hand.

General Meeting Days 4th Tuesday each Month

While many members aren't bothered to attend a meeting, there is always something interesting and worthwhile to see and hear. At the May meeting John Rogers showed and told of the turning he has done over the many years he has been involved with wood.



Just a few interesting pieces he brought to show. He seems to have a "thing" about dinosaurs playing in his workshop.



After a short "cuppa" and cake break, Trevor Adams demonstrated the art of flocking and how he uses it on the jewellery boxes he makes.

If you check "flocking" on the internet there is a host of instructions for using and making your own flocking powder, though Trevor's methods were concise and easily understood.



After the initial preparations, you paint it, then you pour the sifted flocking in, then you do the "hokey pokey" and turn it all around and then that's what it's all about.

Oh you missed it! Then come to the next meeting on June 26th to hear another guest speaker.

Tamara Bradley of Crouch & Co. will speak about Wills, Power of Attorney, Advanced Health Directives and any other associated matters.

The meeting isn't over till we draw the raffle. Ten dollars to spend in "Jack's Shop" is the very popular prize and "your's truly" the editor won it for May, making me a little luckier than usual as I have had a couple of wins this year.

The Shame Board



Have you all seen “The Shame Board” on the outside of the Trevor Peters shed?

If it is your mistake displayed, you need to “fess up” and be sure you aren’t featured there again.

Be prepared to speak up and offer a helping hand to your fellow woodie if you see something happening that isn’t correct.

Robert Sorby Tool Demonstration



Carbatec, in conjunction with Sorby, have offered us the chance to hold a half day demonstration by Chris Pouncy. He will be demonstrating woodturning techniques and the use of Sorby tools and equipment. This demonstration will be from 9.00am on Thursday 28th June. Unfortunately this will interrupt normal workshop activities that use noisy machinery in the Roy Molyneux shed and the dust extractor. Please plan your projects around this.

Banksia Group News

Our group meets every 1st Tuesday of the month at 10.00am usually at the Woodies. This month they visited the Seaside Museum here on Bribie at the South Esplanade. The display was very much linked to our location featuring the arrival of ships here in the Moreton Bay Region along with aborigine “Bongaree” after which the suburb is named.

Eight Banksias participated: Tom and Thelma Farrell, John and Dawn Hinckley, George Hurlstone, Fred Myer, his friend Jim, and Pat White. Although some of them are visually handicapped they were able to enjoy the tour as others described the displays to them. Unfortunately Betty Peters was unable to come as she is still recovering from a recent fall. Currently she is not too mobile but still in good spirits and happy to hear the news when I visit.

Apart from the viewing the highlight of the visit was Leone had prepared Tea and Coffee served with Scones jam and cream. Leone has been a long time friend of the Woodies since working for Bicas some years ago.

Current Woodie members are welcome to our very social get-to-gethers. Guest speakers would provide great interest should anyone be willing to participate. If you are interested please come and introduce yourself.

Pat White

If a book is well written, I always find it too short. Jane Austen.

One(two)of Us – **Carole and Rick Desmier**



"I can't take any more of this, you go on without me and I'll meet you there." We had been married less than six months and Carole was threatening to leave me already. Admittedly the pre-dawn wailing from the Mosques that penetrated the walls of our tent was getting unbearable but I thought Carole was over-reacting to our situation. We were hitch-hiking our way to Australia and had got as far as Istanbul in Turkey. That is where West meets East and things change. To Carole, a Registered Nurse, it was the start of 'the Land of the Great Unwashed' and a big jolt to her standards of hygiene and cleanliness. We had both travelled around many European countries together as well as separately and I had been to Istanbul four years previously but it was all a bit too much for Carole. In the end I managed to persuade her to continue the trip with a few concessions, we packed away the tent and started staying in 'hotels' and catching local transport. The wailing from the minarets didn't stop, however, until we got to India as it was the month of Ramadan.

When we got to Singapore the authorities held my passport (and Carole) until I had got my haircut, not that it was long but they didn't like young travellers in those days. After a haircut they gave us three days to book an onward journey as they didn't think we had much money. After booking and presenting an onward ticket our visa was extended to about a fortnight.

We arrived in Fremantle in December 1972 after catching a cruise ship from Singapore working between Perth, Indonesia and Malaysia. Immigration gave us a card to fill out and state whether we were tourists or wanted to stay permanently. We ticked the "Stay" box reasoning they couldn't keep us here if we wanted to go back. By the time we caught a train to Perth and found a hotel to stay in it was after midday and being a Saturday the city was closed for the weekend except for the pubs. That was our introduction to Australia.

Carole got a job the next week after we had hired a car for a few days to look around but it took me a bit longer. I eventually got work moving irrigation sprinklers on an oval in Subiaco. That was my introduction to a career in Water Resources Management! We remember thinking they had given Carole too much money in her first pay packet but the pay office checked and said it was right. Life was enjoyable in Perth but we felt a bit isolated from the rest of the country and so after six months we loaded up our Ute and drove to Melbourne.

After a few casual jobs I got a permanent appointment as Assistant District Engineer at the Redcliffs Irrigation District in Sunraysia. The job came with a large house in Mildura it was just a pity that we didn't have any furniture. Like so many New Australians we got caught when asked to bring a plate to someone's house wondering why they didn't buy some paper one's if they were that short! Back in England I had graduated with an honours degree in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne so I was reasonably well suited to the job with a knowledge of irrigation theory and agriculture (I didn't bother to mention my first Perth job to them). The work was mainly designing pipelines to replace open channel irrigation systems for the Blockies and to the distribution network. In those days if you needed a copy of a plan you put the tracing over some light sensitive paper put them both under a sheet of glass and went outside into the sun with it for ten seconds then came in and

applied a fixer. It never occurred to me you could do that when in England! Carole easily got a job at the Mildura Base Hospital and in fact has always just walked into a job wherever we have ended up.

My childhood was in the south of England where my dad had a forty acre rented hobby farm raising beef cattle and keeping battery cage poultry. He also reared Christmas turkeys. His hobby got a bit out of hand and he had to employ a worker to help my mum do the day to day work on the farm while he worked as a Telecommunications Engineer in London. Fortunately he did shift work so he was frequently at home for at least part of the day.

After a year or two we got restless and I got a job as a Research Officer with the Department of Agriculture in Northern Victoria. The job was to look at more efficient irrigation systems in stone-fruit orchards. After a while there, we decided to go back to UK so Carole could give birth to our first daughter Ros. Everything went well in England but we got a bit homesick for Australia after about six months and so we came back to Australia, this time settling in Adelaide as we knew the city from our time living in Mildura.

Carole of course got a job straight away. I looked after our daughter and made us some furniture to put in our rented properties. In those days it was all hand held tools and working on the kitchen table (yes the router was a bit messy!). We still have all the furniture I made in those days forty years ago. It took a while for me to get a job that paid as well as Carole's so in the mean time I made some occasional tables by laminating hardwood 42x 19's and sold them through handcraft shops.

Eventually I got a job in the Research and Development section of an irrigation equipment manufacturer designing micro-sprinklers, drippers and fertiliser injection equipment. After a few years I got work as a Research Officer with the SA Department of Agriculture working on irrigation practices and salinity issues along the Murray. When Federal funding for that work ran out I worked on projects associated with upgrading the open channel distribution systems in the South Australian Riverland for the Engineering & Water Supply Department. I was also sub-contracted back to the Dept. Agriculture to develop licensing systems for groundwater irrigation areas in the South East of the State.

Over the years we had two more daughters with Carole continuing to work part-time when she could. As the girls got older Carole undertook studies to convert her hospital based nursing qualifications to a degree. I remember she got so frustrated with the "mickey mouse" sociology, non-technical subjects she had to study that she took a break from it and completed a course in Intensive Care Nursing to learn something more demanding and useful. She has worked in Intensive and Coronary Care roles from then on but did eventually go back to complete her degree.

For the last ten or so years of my working life I was employed by UWI then a company jointly owned by Thames Water and Compagnie Generale des Eaux (now absorbed into Veolia). I mainly worked on developing concept plans for the reuse of treated wastewater as an alternative to discharging it into rivers. I also had a major involvement in developing guidelines for the treatment and reuse of biosolids (sewage sludge) with the CSIRO and South Australian government agencies. Subsequent to this I was contracted by SA Water to develop and implement a programme to reuse the biosolids produced from the Adelaide wastewater treatment plants on agricultural crops (Carole called me a sh*t salesman!). While working for this company I managed to undertake several study trips to Israel, California, UK and France.

I knew it was time for me to retire when I went to New Zealand for a two day work trip and ended up in hospital for about two weeks. When I eventually got home, as a result of follow up tests, I found out I had Prostate Cancer as well. I got that fixed up but started to realise I was getting old and we had a few more things to achieve before falling off the perch. In 2007 we sold our home on a half acre in South Australia where we had kept chickens, bees and goats as well as human kids and their pets. We moved to a small property in Elimbah where we had about fifty different types of fruit trees, mostly South American varieties that I had never heard of before. That was good, up until a few years ago when we stopped getting decent summer rains so, rather than install irrigation, we sold up and moved to Bribie Island.

I eventually allowed Carole to retire and when she is not travelling to visit our daughters and grandchildren in Perth and Auckland she finds time to do a bit of Pyrography. My woodwork these days is mainly Intarsia and some model-making but besides this I spend a fair bit of time compiling and writing up my family history

Another great story from a Woodies member. The editor still requires more “One of Us” stories. Please put “fingers to the keyboard” or “pen to paper” and send your story to the Editor at anitamcd@bigpond.com

If your story is hand written I will happily type it up. All stories welcome. Ed.

Bunnings BBQ

Thanks to all who have helped with the BBQs and given their time to raise funds for the club. The dates for 2018 are on the board in the clean shed. Enter your name if you can assist. Kim Bowers is still looking for willing workers.

Monday 11th June
Monday 9th July
Monday 13th August



Monday 10th September
Monday 15th October
Monday 12th November
Monday 10th December

Kim's Krafty Korner Tip

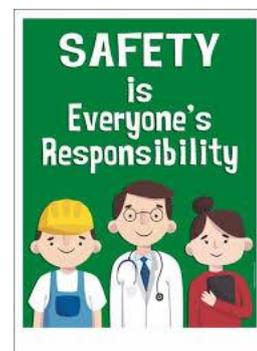
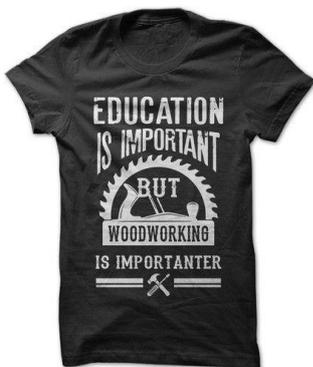
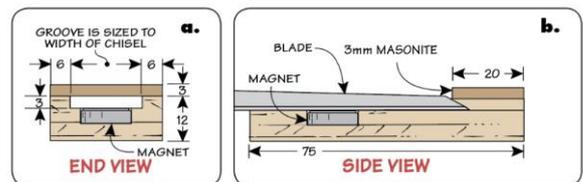
Chisel Edge Protector

A chisel must have a sharp edge free of nicks if it's going to perform well. But this edge can be easily damaged, especially when tossed in a toolbox for jobs away from the workshop.

Instead of using a large tool roll, I made edge protectors for each of my chisels. You can see in the photo that they're just a piece of plywood with a shallow groove cut to the width of each chisel. A piece of Masonite glued to one end protects the sharp edge. And a recessed, rare-earth magnet holds the chisel in place.



NOTE: MAGNET SIZE MUST MATCH WITH WIDTH OF CHISEL



Mother's Day Raffle

The raffle was drawn by a member of the public at the April markets. The winners were very happy with their prizes. Congratulations to the winners.



Local Bribie resident Karen Towers happily draws the winning tickets.



Woodies member, David Senior accepting first prize on behalf of wife Patricia.



Rita Ross also a Bribie resident was thrilled with her win of the second prize.



Maleny Wood Expo



With the Macaw overseeing the procedures, the Maleny Wood Expo was a very popular place to visit. The weather was perfect for the weekend with many woodie's members attending. Trevor and Tina Adams were happily displaying their Wamboxes while Des Wirges took in the Chip Carving class by Zina Burloiu. (apologies to Zina for misspelling her name in the May Shavings)

Market Sundays

The Woodies market for **June is Sunday 24th**. You might set up a table to sell your wares as there are spaces available. Demonstrating your preferred art to the public is always appreciated and gives you that extra time to finish a project.

The entertainment for June market is **Irish Fiddler (Theme all things Irish) on the patio stage or even at the Woodies.**

Woodies Competition and Exhibition

“ART from the WOODPILE”

There is a theme and the committee is hard at work to bring another successful Competition and Exhibition to the Bribie Art Centre for all to see.

Opening night is **Friday 19th October** where you will get first look at the wonderful display of the talents of the woodcrafters.

The exhibition is then open to the public from **October Saturday 20th and closes on Sunday 28th.**

Mark your calendars for **Monday 19th November** for the presentation dinner at the Bribie Island Bowls Club. More details to come in future editions of “Shavings”

Unexpected but Interesting

I recently received the email below and was pleasantly surprised to know others besides our own members read our newsletter. Ed.

Hi

Been reading your web site – good stuff. Sounds like you are interested in more than just the wood. I’m a forest scientist and tree grower from just over the strait in the Otway Ranges – we grow a lot of species that would be easy to grow in your area (both native and exotic). I planted our first trees in 1987 and now harvest, mill, dry and build with the timbers.

Your members might be interested in my new book: “Heartwood – the art and science of growing trees for conservation and profit.”

I could write a story for your newsletter.

Check it out at: www.agroforestry.net.au

Thanks
Rowan

I replied, asking how he had come to be reading our web site and he replied that he searches the web to see who is working with trees and timber. I have accepted his offer of a story for our newsletter when he sends it. Ed



Life made Easier



A ladder, platform and an opening hatch has made life so much easier for those working at removing the sawdust from the bin into the trailer. Thanks to Kim Bowers and Ian Bulger for their initiative and hard work.

Woody of the Year

We are fast approaching that time of the year when special awards and recognitions are made, mainly through the Annual Competition and Exhibition. This will be upon us before we know it and in fact is only five months away so get stuck in to your competition projects. The organising committee has already had a number of meetings. The presentation of the results of the Annual Competition takes place at the Awards Night Dinner, this year to be held on 19th November, and the venue again will be the Bribie Island Bowls Club. Apart from the presentation of awards to all prize winners and the Trevor Peters Award recipient, the overall Grand Champion, another award is made to the WOODY OF THE YEAR. (WOTY)

That is the purpose of this article, to explain what the WOTY award is all about. The presentation of this award gives the opportunity for all members to recognise a fellow member in the following manner. Voting forms will be available in the Clean Shed and completed forms to be placed in the appropriate box provided. Dates and further details will be provided closer to the time. One vote per member with one name only placed on each form.

Every member may choose one fellow member as the person to whom they consider to have, during the past year, been one that is worthy of special recognition for their service to the Association and has been especially helpful with guidance and assistance on a personal basis. The only restriction for nomination is that any member who has received the WOTY award during the past FIVE years is ineligible.



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Those members who are ineligible to receive the award for 2018 are:- Ivan Medew (2017), Pauline Smith (2016), Brian Williams (2015), June Jeffreys (2014) and Des Wirges (2013).

The winner of the award will be presented, at the awards night dinner, with the perpetual trophy which is held until the following year. It will be labelled with an engraved badge bearing the recipients name. The actual trophy, in the form of a wooden turned cup, was made (turned) by past member The Late Stuart White, husband of Life Member and Library Assistant, Pat White and handles carved by past member Peter Quilton. The cup was turned from Jacaranda, the base from Queensland Maple and the handles are from Beech.

So start looking out for that one member who stands out to you and look for the voting details from around mid October. Also get stuck in to your competition entry(s). The competition will be upon us before you know it.

Article compiled by **John Grubb**.

Duty Officer's Rosters for June 2018

MONDAYS. 4th Barry Wyton; 11th John Tunks; 18th Ian Trail;
25th Ron Butterfield

THURSDAYS. 7th John Grubb; 14th Alan Wilson;
21st June Jeffreys; 28th Pauline Smith

SATURDAY. 2nd Mike Power / Ken Hooper; 9th Arthur Horsfall / Barry Wyton;
16th John Tunks / Pauline Smith; 23rd John Grubb / Des Wirges;
30th Max West / Nev Goudy

Market Clean up. 23rd John Grubb; George Hurlstone; Gerry Hurst; June Jeffreys.

Duty Officers are reminded to fill out the Log Sheet.

Orientation Day Reminder

If you are a new member Ian Trail is at the shed on the first Tuesday of the month from 8.00am to 10.00am to take you through your orientation. Ian asks that you call or text him on 0401 134 384 or email him on trailil2@bigpond.com with your name. He will confirm with you a reminder so he is not waiting at the shed for people who do not turn up.

Next orientation day is 5th June 2018

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

Accreditation on Machinery

Prior arrangement must be made with the assessors before any accreditation will be undertaken. The list of assessors to contact can be found in the clean shed.

Shop Locally and Support Your Club.

If you are wondering what "Jack's Shop" is, it is the little room in the corner of the "Clean Shed"

We can buy a lot of what we need at "Jack's Shop". Jack is on hand Monday and Thursday mornings until Smoko for personal service.

THE RANGE AVAILABLE AT JACK'S SHOP

	\$		\$
Clock Movement	9.00	Lazy Susan 4 inch	4.00
160 mm. Clock	24.00	Lazy Susan 6 inch	9.00
100 mm. Clock	15.00	Lazy Susan 8 inch	13.00
70 mm. Clock	10.00	Dusk Masks	2.00
60 mm. Clock	10.00	Moisture Meters	18.00
Pen Kits	4.00	Masking Tape	2.50
Pen Refills	1.00	Lacquer 50%-100% per litre	11.00
Sand Paper per metre	4.50	Sanding Sealer per litre	11.00
Candle Cups	2.50	Thinners per litre	5.00
Pot Pouri Lids	4.00	Expert Advice	Free

Club Shirts



Announcing that Club Polo shirts are now available in the following sizes: S, M, L, XL, XXL

Only \$35.00 Available any colour as long as it is fawn
Available at fashionable outlets such as the clean shed, Bribie Woodies

Important Events in Coming Months

Ipswich V Bribie Competition Sunday 5th August

Cooroora Woodworkers Club Competition Friday 28th and Saturday 29th September

Watch for more information in coming issues of the Shavings

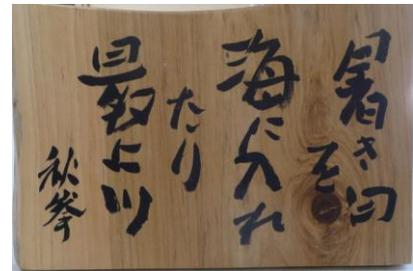
Welcome to Our New Members



Whatever you were doing in your previous occupation we hope you enjoy your new hobby.

Photo of the Month

Photo of the month goes to the written words from our visiting friend Susumu Tomiyama from Penang. Susumu visits each year to learn all about woodwork. He is also a Master Calligrapher and made this plaque for the club as a token of friendship and appreciation. The meaning, though not translating fully is about “a river flowing into the ocean on a hot summer day”. Susumu is a very gracious man and we thank him for the gift.



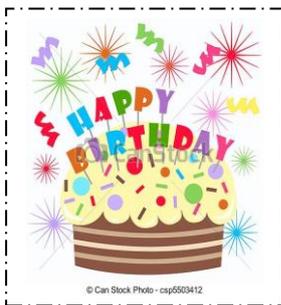
Words of Wisdom

“When you go into court you are putting your fate into the hands of twelve people who weren’t smart enough to get out of jury duty.”

Norm Crosby.

“The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity.”

Ellen Parr.



Birthdays

To all members born in June, we wish you a very happy birthday. May your day be filled with good wishes and much joy.

Common sense is like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it.

The best feeling of HAPPINESS is when you’re happy because you’ve made someone else happy.

From the Editor



News items are always required. Tell your club members what is happening in your area of the Woodies.

Please send all items for publication in the Shavings direct to the Editor. The deadline for news items or any contributions is **25th of the month**

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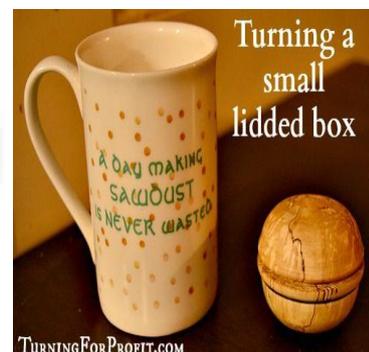
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Committee Meetings held on the third (3rd) Tuesday each month.

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



DATE SAVERS

MAY 2018

End of May..... Bribie Shavings June Issue.

JUNE 2018

11th. June.....Bunnings BBQ

19th. June.....Management Committee Meeting.

24th. JuneWoodies Markets

26th. JuneWoodies General Meeting

28th. June.....Robert Sorby (tools)Demonstration.

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

JULY 2018

9th. July.....Bunnings BBQ

17th JulyManagement Committee Meeting

24th July.....Woodies General Meeting

29th July.....Woodies Markets

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

AUGUST

5th. AugustIpswich V Bribie Competition **Can we bring the trophy home this year?**

13th. August.....Bunnings BBQ

21st AugustManagement Committee Meeting

26th August.....Woodies Markets

28th August.....Woodies General Meeting

End of AugustBribie Shavings September Issue

SEPTEMBER

10th. September.....Bunnings BBQ

18th. SeptemberManagement Committee Meeting

25th. September.....Woodies General Meeting

28th. 29th. September...Cooroora Competition

30th. September.....Woodies Markets

End of September.....Bribie Shavings October Issue

OCTOBER

15th. October.....Bunnings BBQ

16th. October.....Management Committee Meeting

19th. October.....Opening Night for Exhibition **Don't miss a great night out.**

20th -28th.October.....Woodies Competition and Exhibition.

23rd. October.....Woodies General Meeting

28th. October.....Woodies Markets

End of October.....Bribie Shavings November Issue