

# Bribie Shavings

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COMMITTEE – John Dann; Ken Hooper; Max West; John Westerhuis; Peter Wood

**Bribie & District Woodcrafters Association Inc.**

**February 2023 Newsletter.**

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## Position Vacant

### APPLY WITHIN. Man or Woman.

June Jeffreys has been the Providore at this club for several years. Possibly eight or nine years, too many to remember. Now she is handing in her purchasing card and cupboard key. To make things easier than she had it in the early years, there is no handling of money and you don't have to go far to shop.

The shopping is done at Cornetts Supa IGA Bribie Island store. Everything is purchased with the card and you may only need to shop every two or three weeks.

These photos show the cupboard that you have a key for and you can also see what items are needed to be stocked. Mainly it is milk, sugar, tea, coffee, biscuits, condiments, hand towels, dishwashing liquid.

**June will hand over the key and the card at the AGM** which as you all know, is before the general meeting on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**. There are no "ifs or buts" about this as June may be travelling again this year and won't be around to supply the members with their morning teas. So if you want a cuppa at the club, it may be up to you (someone) to do the buying.



You now have two month's notice to decide to contribute your time doing something other than woodwork.



**While on the subject of positions vacant**, there will be nine vacant positions at the AGM in March.



As you are aware each position is declared vacant until filled by the incoming new committee.

As the AGM is only two months away, this is a reminder and there will be full details in the March Shavings which will be on the club web page at the end of February.

This is a photo of the present Committee and if you would like to contribute to the running of the club and be part of a team now is the time to think about nominating for a position.

**Without these positions the club will not operate.**

### **Words from your President.**

At the January committee meeting the matter of the number of members we have in the club was discussed. Our current membership stands at two hundred and thirteen members. Obviously not all of our two hundred and thirteen members attend at the same time. However on certain days there are more members attending and working in our workshops than we can safely accommodate.

One suggestion is that we could limit our membership overall or on any given day, so that we don't have an overcrowding problem. The difficulty with this is that, our constitution states, clause 5.5 - The number of members in each class shall be unlimited.

While we are not a registered workplace, as a club we have an obligation to our members to provide a safe working environment. If the unthinkable should happen, that we have a serious accident it may subsequently result in an investigation. That investigation may find that the club is not providing a safe working environment.

As a start to address this situation we will be holding a **Special General Meeting** of members to amend our constitution. The meeting will be held in **conjunction with our monthly meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> February.**

Notice of this special meeting will be sent to all members **at least two weeks before that meeting.**

The motion put to the meeting will change clause 5.5 to read that the **Management Committee will have the option to limit the number of members overall or in any situation.** If passed, the minutes of that meeting will be sent to the Office of Fair Trading to be accepted and registered with them.

The details of what the committee can do to address the overcrowding situation, can subsequently be developed.

On another matter, there are probably not many of our current members who can remember back to 1997, when Jack Sweeney, a life member, used to run the consumables supply shop in the clean shed. Jack was also in charge of the timber sales in a lean-to out the back. All this was well before our current wood compound was built and our shop moved to the auditorium.

Jack has continued in the shop role until a couple of weeks ago when he announced he would not be able to continue in that role. Jack has real trouble with his legs and is afraid of having a fall at the club, so felt it would be best if he were not to continue in that role. Over the years Jack has provided a service that has benefited the club and all our members. If there were a special award to reward this type of service, Jack would certainly qualify. However we hereby say to Jack, "Well done and thanks". John Grubb has continued in Jacks absence, but would welcome any member taking on the role of shop sales.

**Ian Trail.**



## **A concerned Woody!** By Ron Butterfield.

Am I out of line expressing my concern for my fellow Woodies?

I was asked, “What qualifications do I have to be demonstrating my concern by sending photographs of mistakes made by members to be published in the Shavings?”

Do you think it is easy for me? I am human too and I also make mistakes!

But, do I bury my head in the ground and ignore what is going on around me, or do I find some way to express my concerns.

### **My qualifications: -**

Back in the 1960's I started an apprenticeship as a Fitter and the remainder of my working life as a Fitter and Turner, doing the full range of work that a Mechanical

Trades person would do.

I also spent time as a Planner, scheduling maintenance work for the Maintenance Teams.

**I was also a Team Safety Representative and Safety Resource Officer.**

**So, am I qualified to show my concerns? I will leave that for you to decide!**

Over the years, I have observed and seen the results of many “accidents” and injuries and it was mostly not inexperienced people that had these incidents, they were experienced in their work!

I have done this myself! So, you can imagine how difficult it is for me.

I have seen the result of a finger being removed, because an experienced Turner had placed his finger in the center hole of a turning/rotating steel bar. Even he could not explain why he did that!

Even at the Woodies, we have had some major injuries! Once again, a lost finger on the Table Saw!

We are the Woodies, we have our different days at the workshops, we do our own thing, but we are not alone.

There are others at the sheds with us. Do they care about you, do you care about them?

I would like to think, that if I make a mistake, that someone cares enough to point it out and help me make it right.

**Do you care enough about your fellow woody?**



Ron's follow up from his previous story of the drill should have all members keeping alert to their surroundings.

Constructive criticism should be welcomed and accepted in the manner that it is given.

**As members of a club, we should all be thinking of how to help each other stay safe.**

If you made that or any mistake at the shed, surely a timely reminder would/should prevent you from making the same mistake again. **Ed.**

**STAY ALERT,  
DON'T GET HURT**

**SAFETY  
IS NO  
ACCIDENT**

## **Box of the Month.**

**Piano Box** by Trev Spencer.



This box was cut from a 60mm thick block of mango.

I thought about staining it a darker colour but this would not have shown the various colours that natural mango has. I tried to make it from Bribie Pine but the piece cracked across the straight grain on the curve, so I started again.

I made a pattern shape for the box and the cabriole legs from MDF. Because of the shape there was a lot of sanding, but I think the result was worth the effort.

I am helping Neils Andersen and John Dann on Fridays so they can make a similar box. It is one way to give back for all the help they give to other box makers.



If you are hoping to do the Beginner's Box Making Courses this year, Neils (the instructor) has sent this message.

***“Only those people who have done the required machine accreditation will be contacted. Members will also need to have done the first aid training and have paid their 2023 membership fees. If you are on the list and want to get on the next course make sure you have completed all these tasks”.***

Several club rules/conditions are printed in the Shavings newsletter monthly. As a club member it would be to your advantage to read the newsletter. Neils Andersen made this statement in an email to me.

***“Everyone should read the newsletter. It's there to inform members about the goings on in the club”.***

I have been advocating this for almost seven years, trying to get a count on how many members do bother to read their newsletter. I would think barely half the membership would read it, very few comment on it and less retain the information they read. **Ed.**

## **Orientation Day Reminder.**

**Ian Trail** will be conducting orientation on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month commencing at 8.00am.

Ian can be contacted on 0401 134 384 or [traili2@bigpond.com](mailto:traili2@bigpond.com)

**Next orientation day will be Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023.**

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

## **Welcome to Our New Members.**

Welcome to new members Kim Boyter and Chris Kirkness.

Welcome back Greg Forber-Simpson and Lyn Wymer.

We hope you enjoy your time at the club.

**Remember the membership year is from January to December.**

**All members**, new and old 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.**

## Woodies Bank Details and a 2023 Membership reminder.

The club's financial year ended on **31<sup>st</sup> December**. You now have an extended time till the end of February to pay your 2023 fee. This is **\$50.00** and can be paid at the club or direct to the bank account.

Bank details are: The Bank of Queensland. BSB 124390 account number is 23172299.

**Don't forget to add your name to bank payments.**

**If you aren't a paid up member by end of February you cannot attend the sheds.**

### First Aid for 2023.

Each year it is a **MUST** that you familiarize yourself with the first aid cabinet at the club.



**Have you done your First Aid?** Only one more day on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 10.00am** that is available. After this you will have to attend on the **first Tuesday** of the month after the orientation course.

**The rule of this club is, "You cannot attend and use any machinery if you have not completed your First Aid".**

### Editorial.

One reader asked me *"Where do I get all the stories from to put in the Shavings?"*

My reply, "I chase them". If I hear someone is going on holidays or if they have made something special I follow it up. I am not always at the club so I rely on others to send me items. This does not happen often and if you are a consistent reader of the Shavings you will know who my reporters are.

This year 2023, I would like you the member to write and send me items and photos for your monthly newsletter.

It is only fair that you all contribute and I will be happy to edit. **5.00pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month is deadline.**

Remember the newsletter looks better in colour so if you have the internet that is the place to see it.

We do have some black and white copies for those members who don't have the internet.

### Wearing of Name Badges When on the Premises.

**This applies to any time. More particularly if it isn't your regular day at the club.**

This badge is worn for a reason.

The wearing of your badge is not a request but a requirement of being a club member.

Please don't leave it at home, in the car or say it is lost.

**So when you bring cash for your days work, also bring an extra dollar or wear your badge.**

## **Around the Sheds.**



**What did you do during the holidays?** Some members were busy.

I had an email from **Desley Horsfall** along with photo and story. Their grandson **Julian** visited for two days over the holidays and Desley wrote, "He made a new gear knob for Tracy's (mother) old Suzuki Swift as the knob had broken. It is made from New Guinea Rosewood and Jacaranda.

*The markings Rowan (brother) found on the net and put on tracing paper for printers. Then he lacquered it over. It is the best part of the old car".*

Julian has been taught well. One might say "a chip off the old block".

Meanwhile just before Christmas, **Arthur Horsfall** had made this table for Chris Denlay's daughter.



**Chris Denlay** supplied these photos with the wording,

*"How many people does it take to install handles on a wall bed?"*

*Handles were made at Woodies."*

**John Westerhuis** has been making improvements to his Holden Ute.



My roving reporter **June Jeffreys**, was on the spot to snap these photos. John didn't seem to think they were worthy of printing, but everything made with love and your hands is worthy of sharing with others. Thanks June.



Anita McDicken (**editor**) was happy to do the pyrography on this board that was made by **John Grubb**.

Perhaps the chef could supply a dish of Italian cuisine for taste testing.

**Arthur Horsfall** said this table was the Project Team's first completed job for 2023.



**June Jeffreys** has been working in her garden since returning from her travels. She was impressed with this stunning Bat Plant flower.

Please send photos and a story if you have something you are proud of and would like to share.

**February Shed Captains/Duty Officer.**

If your name is on this list, you are the shed captain/duty officer for that day. It is up to you as a shed captain to check the list each month to know which day you are rostered on. The list is also located by the sign on book.

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| February. | Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> John Westerhuis. | Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> John Arkinstall. | Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> Allen Bailey. |
|           | Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> John Grubb.       | Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Danny Strong. | Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Pauline Smith. |
|           | Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Alan Wilson.    | Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Bruce Burt.     |  |

**Kim's Krafty Korner Tip.**

**STAIN HISTORY**

I found a permanent solution for remembering the finishing details on my projects. I record the information in a hidden place, such as the underside of a drawer.

This removes future guesswork when matching stains.



## 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 (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday of the month commencing at **9.00am sharp**.

Learn more about your club. At times there is a guest speaker and members sometimes bring "show and tell".

The next general meeting will be on the **28<sup>th</sup> February 2023**.

If you know of anyone that would be an interesting guest speaker please tell the committee.

**The AGM is March 28<sup>th</sup>. It is now time to start thinking, what can I do for my Club?**



**January** meeting had thirty eight members attending. More than usual but with two hundred and thirteen members in the club there could be more and for those new members you are also welcome.

Lucky door prize of a Bunnings \$20.00 voucher was won by **Andrew Wilmot** and a donated 2023 calendar was won by **Paul Soldatenko**.

By 9.45am we were having morning tea and waiting for the guest speakers.



Katrina, Colleen and Bree, volunteers from Wildlife Rescue Queensland, shared very interesting information about the rescuing, caring and releasing of Australian Wildlife.



This was an interesting presentation with members listening intently.

Some members also got up close and personal with the possums.





President **Ian Trail** presented the ladies with one of our pyrography plates.

**Did you know “a Joey can live for three days in the pouch after the mother has been killed?”**

This group is always looking for volunteers in any capacity. There are several ways to donate, either in time or money or fundraising.

There is a comprehensive write up on their web site as to helping, caring and donating to this worthy cause.

Please visit [WWW.WRQ.ORG.AU](http://WWW.WRQ.ORG.AU) if you are interested.

### **February Open Day.**

The next open day will be February 26<sup>th</sup> 2023. Our open day is on the last Sunday of each month.

If you require a table contact **John Dann on 0415 237 167.**

### **It's not all about Woodwork.**

**Jean Hurst**, a Tuesday pyrographer turns her hand at many things. I've seen her with a sketch pad and also coloured pencils. This time her love of art took a different direction.

Thanks to husband, **Gerry Hurst** we have the full story.

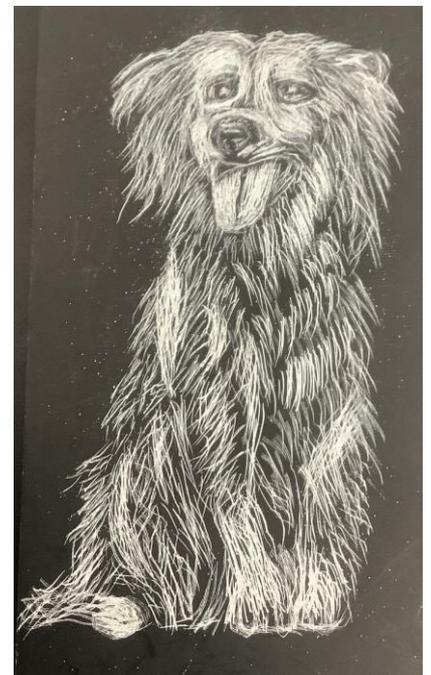


*"In November, we attended the Queensland Realistic Wildlife Artists exhibition at Mount Coottha. Jean sat in on a thirty minute demonstration of Scratchboard art run by Rieka O'Sullivan's (another Tuesday pyrographer) daughter Esther, who is president of this group.*

*Scratchboarding is using a fine pointed implement, a dentist's cleaning tool is ideal, on a black board that consists of a layer of fine white clay on a Masonite board covered with black pigment.*

*As you scratch you reveal the white underneath to draw your picture so no mistakes allowed!*

*The photo is Jean's first attempt at home of this technique. Will there be more? Who can tell!"*



**And that my readers, is how easy it is to send a story to your Editor for your newsletter. Ed.**

***I heard the latest Bunnings Sausage Sizzle 14<sup>th</sup> January was a great success. Club funds got a big boost.***

***If you were a helper, thanks for all your hard work. Other members may like to offer their time to assist.***

## **Facebook.**

Bribie and District Woodcrafters now have their own Facebook page. This is managed by **Chris Denlay**.

If you require any information or have anything you might need added to the page, email Chris. If it is suitable Chris will post it on the Facebook page.

Chris's email is [nikelady1@earthlink.net](mailto:nikelady1@earthlink.net)

## **Notice to all members.**

Please remember, if you change your home address, email address and/or phone numbers (especially if you no longer have a landline) to notify the Member Recording Officer to have details changed on the membership list.

The Officer is Pauline Smith and her contact information is ph. 0407 375 491 or email [billpauline69@bigpond.com](mailto:billpauline69@bigpond.com)

## **Members,**

If your medical history has changed at all, don't forget to change the details on your paperwork located in the box in the first aid cupboard.

### **Our Thoughts are with All of You.**

To our Woodie members and mates who are not well and cannot be with us, we are thinking of you.

**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 or of interest anywhere that would be worthy of the newsletter, please send it and the story to me.

The Shavings isn't only about woodwork.

**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.**

**If it isn't in these formats I cannot accept the story, as I am unable to edit in any other format.**

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.

*Anita* (Editor).

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

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

Shavings Editor Anita McDicken

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### **Club Shirts.**

There is a shortage of shirts and the club is trying to find a new provider. If you know a company who might be able to supply our colour and style please inform the committee.

Should you wish to have your name embroidered on it, please see Anita McDicken.

Anita is at the shed for Tuesday's general meeting from 9.00am or from 11.30am every Tuesday at pyrography.

### **Birthdays.**

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

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

### **Words of Wisdom.**

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

Maya Angelou.

When I was five years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up.

I wrote down 'happy'. They told me I didn't understand the assignment and I told them they didn't understand life.

John Lennon.

### **Woodies Management and Committee Members at a Glance.**

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Committee Meetings are held on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday each month at 8.00am sharp.  
General Meetings are held on the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Tuesday each month at 9.00am sharp.



Taken from their web page.

Maleny Wood Expo. 29<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May.

Check their web page for more information.

## **DATE SAVERS.**

***If you know of any dates of woodworking clubs or wood shows that need to go on this list please let me know. I do try to check the dates of the shows that I am aware of but there are many I don't know about. Thank you. Ed.***

### **JANUARY 2023.**

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

### **FEBRUARY 2023.**

7<sup>th</sup> February ..... Orientation/First Aid Day.

21<sup>st</sup> February .....Committee Meeting.

26<sup>th</sup> February .....Open Day at the Club.

28<sup>th</sup> February .....General Meeting. **Next month is the AGM. Think about the committee.**

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

### **MARCH 2023.**

7<sup>th</sup> March ..... Orientation/First Aid Day.

21<sup>st</sup> March .....Committee Meeting. **Last meeting before the new committee.**

26<sup>th</sup> March .....Open Day at the Club.

28<sup>th</sup> March .....AGM and General Meeting. **Time again for you to show up. Your vote may be needed.**

End of March .....Bribie Shavings April Issue.

### **APRIL 2023.**

4<sup>th</sup> April ..... Orientation/First Aid Day.

7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> April .....Easter Public Holidays. **Enjoy your break and watch the calorie intake.**

18<sup>th</sup> April .....Committee Meeting. **First for the new Committee.**

25<sup>th</sup> April .....ANZAC DAY Public Holiday. **Remember to Remember. No general meeting.**

29<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May .....Maleny Wood Expo. **It's on again check the web page for further information.**

30<sup>th</sup> April .....Open Day at the Club. **Remember there are five Sundays this month.**

**This is also a long weekend as Monday the 1<sup>st</sup> of May is Labour Day in Queensland.**

End of April .....Bribie Shavings May Issue.

### **MAY 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> May .....Labour Day Public Holiday. **Labour Day. Or a day at Maleny for the Wood Expo.**

2<sup>nd</sup> May ..... Orientation/First Aid Day.

14<sup>th</sup> May.....Mothers Day. **Spoil the lady of the house today.**

16<sup>th</sup> May ..... Committee Meeting. **How is the new committee going?**

23<sup>rd</sup> May .....General Meeting. **No meeting last month so come to this one.**

28<sup>th</sup> May.....Open Day at the Club.

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

**If you are interested in wood shows, you will need to check the internet for confirmation or cancellations.**