



Bribe Shavings

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President's Report August 2026

Sadly, I report on the passing of another one of our long-time members, Alan Wilson. Alan joined the Woodies in 2009 and among the many tasks he took on, he was our point of reference regarding the Club's insurance. We send our condolences to Geraldine and his extended family.

I have been informed that Ian Bulger, who has had a hip replacement, is on the mend and out of hospital. Arthur Horsfall, who also spent a stint in hospital, is back at the Club and in the project area doing what Arthur does.

Work is continuing with our compliance upgrade, the latest being new downpipes added to the Fred Meyer shed. Hillier and the Clean Shed Awnings are next to get additional downpipes added. It is hoped this work will be completed shortly.

Our Fire Drill exercises were conducted over the past week, sadly they did not go as well as hoped. However, on a positive note, we can and must learn from the mistakes which were made and do better when the next series of fire drills are conducted.

The flyers and raffle tickets for our annual Competition and Exhibition are being printed, the raffle prizes are all but complete and the sheets requesting volunteers for the set-up, clean-up and floor walkers, will be up this coming week. If you can assist with any of these tasks, please add your name to the roster. Remember to enter your woodcraft items into the Competition and or the Exhibition. The more entries we receive, the better our exhibition will be.

Congratulations to our members who successfully completed the latest lathe course, well done. I look forward to seeing you at the lathes. Our Box Makers have started their course, and should complete it by the end of September, just in time to put a Box or two into our Competition.

Until next time, let us continue to make plenty of Shavings.

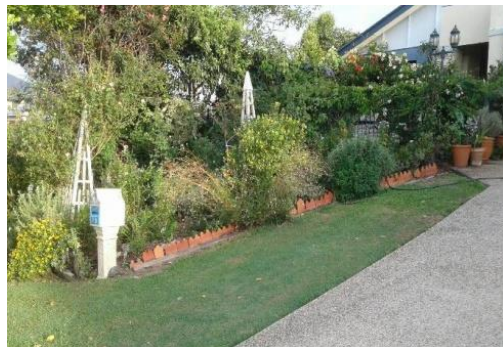
Peter Wood – President



Club members have lost a loved and respected member. In the early days of the Shavings, members were asked to share a little of their life history. Alan was happy to participate and here is his story as I printed it in the April 2018 Newsletter along with photos he supplied.

I was born in 1939 in Grange Private Hospital in Brisbane and for the first two years of my life we lived at Woolooga, outside Gympie. My father was employed by Queensland Rail, so during my childhood we lived at Gympie, Enoggera, Nambour, Caboolture and Toombul in Brisbane. I attended Brisbane State High School for my secondary education.

I started work in 1955 at Atlas Assurance Ltd. and continued my career in Insurance for fifty-three years, mainly in General Insurance. I became self-employed from 1987 and set up as a General Insurance Broker from 1991 until my retirement in 2009.



During my teenage years, I became interested in cars and motor racing. My first car was a Morgan 3-wheeler powered by a 1000cc motorcycle engine. This was replaced by an MG TF sports car.

In 1961, I sold my MG and with the proceeds spent a glorious carefree year in Europe and Britain, visiting most countries in Western Europe. With my interest in motor racing, I followed various major events around Europe, including the Monaco Grand Prix and the twenty-four hour Le Mans sports car classic. It was very cheap to travel in those days, staying at Youth Hostels for twenty-five cents a night. I took three trips around Europe, one of which I hitchhiked, which was a great way of meeting people. However, one night in Germany, I was unable to find a hostel and slept in a ditch alongside an Autobahn. I was awoken by a police patrol who insisted I travel by train, so no more hitch hiking from then on.

In 1968, I married the love of my life and best mate Geraldine Heywood. We are celebrating our Golden Anniversary later this year. We lived at Kenmore in Brisbane for thirty-four years and moved to Sandstone Point in 2002, commuting to my business in Brisbane for five years until retirement.

We have three children. Caitlin is a diplomat and has been posted to Port Moresby, after three years in New York. Victoria is a lecturer in English at Southern Qld. University in Toowoomba and Toby is a Police Detective in Darwin. We were very involved in our children's education and I served on school committees for the duration of their school years.

Upon my retirement, Arthur Horsfall introduced me to Woodies. My father had been an amateur woodworker and had encouraged my interest in woodworking. When I arrived at Woodies, I was fortunate to have Merv Rendell teach me basic skills and he made me feel welcome.

In 2013, I became President of Woodies and served in this role for two years. Last year Jim Daley, John Westerhuis and I made three large seats for the new Butterfly House. Three years ago, with help from Jim Daley, I built a twelve-seater around a large tree in our garden. As my wife Geraldine is a lifelong gardener, I have built twelve obelisks, used by gardeners to support the growth of roses and other garden plants. I have also made many items of wooden furniture. I recently completed a woodturning course and have now completed a box making course.

Woodies have been very beneficial for me in retirement, with my interest in woodworking and companionship with people having like interests.

Alan's story was printed eight years ago and he has been an active member all these years until he became ill.

"Rest in Peace Alan, you will be remembered kindly".



Woodies Management Committee

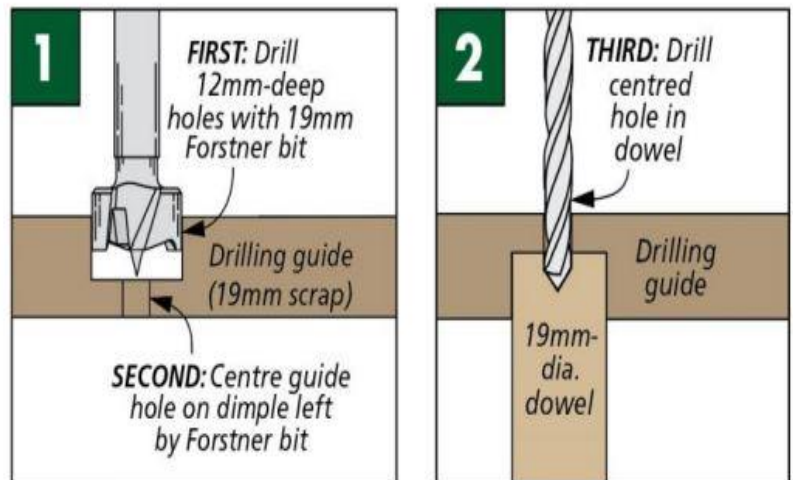
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Kim's Krafty Korner

Perfect Dowel Centres

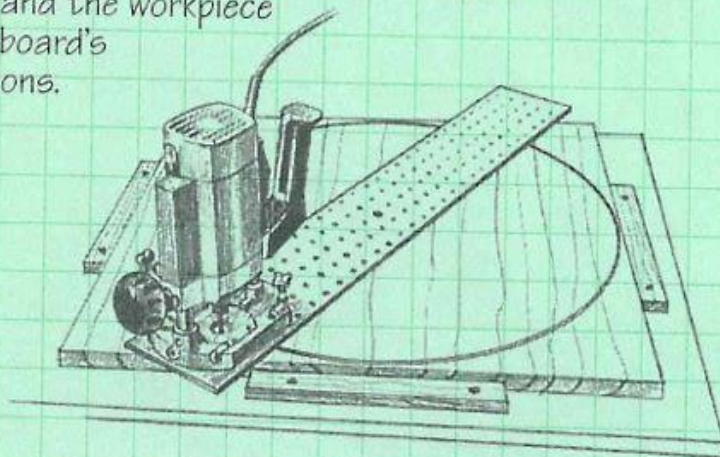
Drilling a centred hole in the end of a dowel is tricky. But I found a way to get great results every time. First, I simply drill a shallow hole in a scrap board using a Forstner bit that matches the diameter of the dowel. Then, I drill a second, smaller hole that's centred on the "dimple" created by the Forstner bit. (Figure1). Now, this scrap piece becomes the drilling guide for the dowel. Position the dowel in the Forstner bit hole then drill into the dowel from the other side to create the centred hole in the end of the dowel. (Figure 2).



SHOP TIP #10

Quick compass jig

Use a strip of perforated hardboard cut slightly wider than the router base plate to fabricate a simple shopmade circle-cutting jig for your tool. Cut the strip so that one row of holes runs down the center of the jig. Use the jig as described above, but attach it to your router and the workpiece through the hardboard's existing perforations.



Wood Turning Course Completed.

Four of our members, John Knowles, Neal Jenner, Brock Shears and Malcolm Hollywood completed the 6-week beginners turning course on Thursday 20th August. When their paperwork is completed, expect them to be practicing their newly learned skills on our lathes.

Ian Trail and Paul Gadsby imparted their advice such as "rub that bevel" and other words of wisdom to the extent that only a couple of catches occurred. It is said that catches in woodturning are like sailing a centerboard dingy in that you can't call yourself a sailor till you have capsized at least seven times. More catches ahead? We hope not.



Box of the Month



This is small box your editor made from Rose Gum with Burl Veneer in the lid. It is made with splined mitre joints and a slide along removable tray. I finished it with hard wax oil.

August General Meeting

By Anita McDicken

Though the attendance was small the enthusiasm was high and by 9.45 we were enjoying cake, bun, tea and coffee in readiness for Danny Strong as guest speaker.

Danny demonstrated the use of the "Slot Mortiser". What is a Mortiser? Dr Google tells me it is "a woodworking tool that cuts square or rectangular holes in wood".

There is a whole range of information on the internet that would be helpful. Of course you could always ask Danny, as I'm sure he would be happy to help.



Asking questions that Danny answered.



Using the machine





Timber Time

Bribie & District Woodcrafters Exhibition 2026



Matthew Flinders Gallery,
Bribie Island Community Arts Centre
Sunderland Drive, Banksia Beach

*Discover the artistic beauty of timber -
turned, carved, sawn, burnt & boxed*

31st October – 7th November

9am – 3.30pm

8th November 9am – 11.30am



Entry by Gold Coin Donation



There are often demonstrations throughout the day in the Woodies sheds at the back of the Arts Centre.

Quality handcrafted items will be available for sale throughout the exhibition.

Great time to buy those special gifts!

**Free entry in
Lucky Door
Prize & People's
Choice Award**



ARIANA DODLAN MP
STATE MEMBER FOR PUMCESTONE



EXHIBITION RAFFLE PRIZES



TELL JOHNSON THAT THE SAFETY OFFICER WOULD LIKE TO
SPEAK WITH HIM...THE SOONER THE BETTER

Some Woodworking Humour

**Why did the carpenter run
away?**

He was making a bolt for the
door!

**Why were the woodworkers'
good witnesses?**

They saw everything.

**What do woodworkers take to
the doctor?**

Stool Samples

DATE SAVERS

September 2026

Tuesday 1 st	New Member Orientation Day	8am
	First Aid Awareness	9:30am
Saturday 12 th	Open Day (Gemfest)	8am – 1pm
Tuesday 15 th	Committee Meeting	8am
Tuesday 22 nd	General Meeting	9am
Sunday 27 th	Open Day	8am - 12:30pm

October 2026

Thursday 1 st	Competition and Exhibition Entry forms open	
Tuesday 6 th	New Member Orientation Day	8am
	First Aid Awareness	9:30am
Thursday 15 th	Competition Entry forms close	12 midday
Tuesday 20 th	Committee Meeting	8am
Monday 26 th	BICAS Gallery setup	
Tuesday 27 th	Competition entries lodged in gallery	10am – 2pm
Wednesday 28 th	Judging of competition entries	
Thursday 29 th	Exhibition & Sale Items lodged in gallery	10am – 2pm
Friday 30 th	Complete setup & Members Preview	3pm – 5pm
Saturday 31 st	Competition and Exhibition open Daily from 9am – 3:30pm til 8 th November	

Show closes on Sunday 8th November at 11:30am

No General Meeting in October / No Open Day in October

November 2026

No New Member Orientation in November

No First Aid Awareness in November

2026 Competition and Exhibition open Daily from 9am – 3:30pm til 8th November

Raffle drawn 11:30am 8th November. Doors close 12 midday. Collection of items 1pm – 3pm

Tuesday 17 th	Committee Meeting	8am
Tuesday 24 th	General Meeting	9am
Saturday 28 th	Bunnings BBQ – Helpers needed	
Sunday 29 th	Open Day	8am - 12:30pm

DUTY OFFICER'S ROSTER

SEPTEMBER 2026

THURSDAY	3 rd	John Westerhuis	0427 542 384
MONDAY	7 th	Bruce Burt	0427 400 934
THURSDAY	10 th	John Grubb	0417 635 093
MONDAY	14 th	Ron Butterfield	0419 371 544
THURSDAY	17 th	Pauline Smith	0407 375 491
MONDAY	21 st	John Arkinstall	0448 042 077
THURSDAY	24 th	Ian Trail	0401 134 384
MONDAY	28 th	Kim Bowers	0427 876 271

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day,
please arrange your own swap.