

# Bayside Woodturners & Woodcrafters Newsletter

AUGUST 2010

This newsletter is our main means of communications and we use it to keep every member informed of what is going on within the club. I have no idea how many people actually read it but would encourage you to do so because we have no other way of have of updating you on planned events and changes to advertised programmes.

**Editor**

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## **From the President**

The leasehold for the club is up for renewal in September 2011. In common with most other clubs who have facilities on Brisbane City Council (BCC) land, our lease period is five years. Concerns have been expressed about the length of the lease and also about our security of tenure. Additionally, particularly in light of the growing popularity of our Wednesday morning meetings and the fact that it is often standing room only, we have been a bit exercised about the future of the club in terms of available space. Dave has written to the BCC seeking clarification of our lease tenure and raising the question of clubhouse space.

We had a meeting at the club with the BCC Leasing Officer who set our minds at rest about our security of tenure and that is no longer an issue. In response to our request for assistance with our space problem, specifically the idea of raising the clubhouse to provide additional accommodation by moving from a single level to two levels, she indicated that we need to develop a Master Plan incorporating all of our hopes and aspirations which can then be submitted to Council for consideration and possible funding down the track.

Later in this newsletter I have included a draft Master Plan. It contains is a distillation of ideas which come from discussions and suggestions of which I am aware that have taken place within the club over the last few years by a large number of people. In fact the document I originally read to the Wednesday morning meeting has been changed to pick up some of the additional comments that were made during that discussion for which I am grateful. What this “where we can go from here” document contains must be a reflection of the majority view of club members so it is very important that every member of the club consider this and comment favourable or unfavourably on what I have written so that we can develop a consolidated membership view. This can then be considered by our Committee at our next committee meeting and forwarded to council. So please take the time to read it and let me know what you think.

**Bob**

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## **Our Web Address**

<http://baysidewoodies.com/> Those members who are on the net are encouraged to visit our site on a regular basis. Recently some new photos have been added and you are encouraged to add photos of your own work. When you send your photo or photos to Mark, please include a short précis of what it is and which of the sections in the Web Pages that you would like it to be displayed.

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## Weekly/Monthly Club Program

Unless notified to the contrary because of other events, the club program for the year will continue as follows:

Monday 7pm	Pyrography Group
Tuesday 7pm	Carving Group
Wednesday 9am	Show & Tell
Fourth Wednesday	Competition
Wednesday 1pm	Turning classes
Thursday 9am	Machinery group
First Saturday	Woodturning
Second Saturday	Machinery Group
Third Saturday	Woodcrafters day
Fourth Saturday	Committee Meeting

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## Bayside Web Pages

Want to see photo's of your wood work on our website send them to

[photo.box@baysidewoodies.com](mailto:photo.box@baysidewoodies.com)

Also let us know which title you would like to see them under

**Woodturning, Woodcarving, Scroll Saw, Furniture /Machinery Group, Pyrography**

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## A Wish List

Below are the items that appear on our wish list. The committee considered this list at the last committee meeting and have approved the list. If you have any suggestions to add to the list please write to the Secretary and it will be considered at the next committee meeting. At the July committee meeting the list will be prioritised.

Chain saw 24" blade / blades & safety gear  
Laptop computer  
Video camera  
Flat screen monitor  
Audio Visual setup  
Digital camera  
Metal Lathe - AL-335 Geared Head

Variable speed motors for all wood lathes  
Belt /Drum Sander  
Digital readout for thicknessed.  
Wood lathe

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## Newsletter Printing

Special thanks as usual to Michael Choi (Member for Capalaba) and to Mel and Chris in his office who produce the printed version of our newsletter promptly and efficiently.

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## Wood turning Demonstrations - 2010

7 August	-	Jim Butler
28 August	-	Bill Sedgewick
2 October	-	Jim Thallon
6 November	-	Ed Newbury

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## Competition items for 2010

Date	Item	Demonstrator
25 August-	Goblet	Jim Butler
29 September-	Cake Stand	Bill Sedgewick
27 October –	Clock	Jim Thallon
24 November -	Bird feeder	Ed Newbury

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## Old Tools for PNG

Terry O'Keeffe is collecting tools to send to PNG so if you have any tools you no longer require and are interested in donating them would you please see Terry.

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## Electronic Newsletter on our WebPages

Instead of receiving the full newsletter in your emails as we have done in the past, we will send you an email which will contain the link to our Web Pages together with the advice that the newsletter is now available on our WebPages. Simply clicking on the link will take you to the Newsletter. This will reduce the amount of data in your inbox and will focus attention on the Web Pages and generally expedite the process.

### **July Competition**

This month's competition item was a bud vase. It was very encouraging that we had 11 entries and to see just how many versions of a bud vase people can come up with. There is little doubt as evidenced by the standard of the competition entries that the competition is having a positive effect.

First Place     Adrian Wilkinson  
Second Place   Arthur Wishart  
Third Place     Bruce Patch

Congratulation to all who were prepared to submit their work for the competition. This part of the club program will only succeed if members support it.

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### **Doing it tough list**

Unable to make it to the club right now and facing a few health issues at the moment:

Ron Sivyer  
Joe Diamond  
Vince Hayes

Hang in there guys you are certainly not forgotten.

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### **Golden Gouge**

The Toowoomba Woodturners are staging the Golden Gouge competition in September .There are a number of categories and application forms can be obtained from the Toowoomba Woodturners. Application forms have also been placed on the notice board at the club and can also be obtained by contacting Laurie Gwynne or by emailing me.

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### **Awning Installation**

After careful examination of all applicants for the job of Awning installation, I am happy to report that the self-selected team has now done the job and we are more than grateful for the free advice provided by our resident consultancy firm of Butler Butler and Butler.

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### **Committee Meetings**

Due to other activities, committee meetings have been more spasmodic than is desirable but we take the view that sometimes a committee meeting is less important

than an event. We do however try to keep our finger on the pulse and keep on top of administrative issues. The last two committee meetings have barely made the quorum which is a concern.

This Saturday's committee meeting was well attended and productive. Each committee member has been provided with a copy of the Wish List and asked to provide their individual priorities. A priority Wish List will be developed from this and published in the next newsletter.

Due to the timing of the Redfest Festival our monthly committee meeting has been replace by our monthly woodturning demonstration and the next committee meeting will take place on September 25.

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### **Use and Abuse of Club Equipment**

During committee discussions about further equipment purchases, the issue of abuse of some equipment by a very small number of members was raised again because it is a recurring problem. It is, from time to time, necessary to remind this small number of members to treat our club equipment with care and respect so that unpleasant confrontations can be avoided.

We have just replaced the plastic connector between the thickneser and the dust extractor. It looked like somebody had placed it on the floor and jumped on it.

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### **The Third Saturday – Woodcrafters Day**

Woodcrafters Saturday saw a good role up this month and it is possible it will become permanent part of our program. While the carver numbers were down this time, we had two scroll saws in action and two people from the machinery group did some work on their latest project. It is a pleasant way to spend a couple of hours and the increase in numbers suggests it is meeting a need.

## **Behind the Scenes**

Over the rest of the year the newsletter will include a small section that recognises the behind the scenes contributions by a number of members, some of whom are well known to most people in the club, and others who are not so widely known. We will include two people each month in no particular order because every contribution, past and present, made by every member is important. This is a unique club for a number of reasons which we need to guard, protect and to build on. One is that we try to be a friendly club and the other is that although we started out as a woodturning club have since added other skills and interests and this is a great strength.

## **Bev Weeks**

Bev joined the club on 1 January 2003 bringing with her remarkable pyrography skills. Since joining the club she has selflessly and regularly taken classes in pyrography and there is an almost endless list of people within the club who have learned this craft from her. One of the beauties of pyrography is that it can be undertaken as a stand alone work of art or alternatively can become an enhancement on other wooden craft work, particularly wood turning. She is held in great esteem and affection by her students and every student I have spoken to say the same sorts of things about her; she is a quiet, unassuming, patient and gentle lady and they enjoy being part of her classes. The quality of her work makes it obvious that she is highly talented and her pyrography is in demand. Many talented people are reluctant to share their skills because they have no wish to create rivals but this does not apply to Bev. She has become a constant and we have every reason to be very grateful that she joined our club. Thank you Bev.

## **Jim Thallon**

Jim joined the club on 3 June 2000. Jim is well known in wood turning circles throughout Queensland for good reason. He is a remarkably gifted wood turner whose work compares favourably with any I have seen in my wood turning journey. He is forever attempting to innovate and to enhance and is willing to have a go at pretty well anything. Each Wednesday afternoon sees Jim down in the shed taking lessons and passing on his ideas and his skills. He is frequently asked to judge and provide expert comment by any number of clubs around

Brisbane and gives freely of his time and talents to encourage others to develop their skills and wood turning expertise. One of the most frequent quotes you will hear at the club when somebody is developing their wood turning skills is "I asked Jim what he thought about it and he suggested....". He is held in great affection by members of the club. His remarkable knowledge of Queensland timbers and a wonderful grasp of the fundamentals of getting the best results from timber blanks ranging from the plain and ordinary to the more featured and exotic, is frequently sought after. Of course if you ask Jim about himself he usually tells you that he is just like the rest of us, developing his skills, but the truth is that his work stands apart and we are grateful to have him as part of our club. Thank you Jim.

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## **Scroll Saw Tuition - Teacher Required**

We need a scroll saw teacher.

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## **Recent Additions to Club Membership**

This month we welcome Ed HOFFIE into the club. We are pleased you have joined us and we hope your club membership can be mutually beneficial.

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## **Woodworkers Required**

An organisation called Scattered Arts is looking for woodworkers to join their ranks. This is a cooperative group which is a retail outlet for those of its members with craft to sell.

Membership costs   Single \$40 pa  
                                  Family \$60 pa

There is a membership obligation to staff the shop for 2 full days or 4 half days per month.

It is open 9am to 4pm Mon to Sat and 25 percent commission is charged on sales.

Interested people can contact them at 6 Newman Ave, Camp Hill. Phone 33989370 Email [scattart@bigpond.net.au](mailto:scattart@bigpond.net.au)

## **Burls**

Could you please let your members know about some timber that I currently am stocking for sale. I currently have in stock large amounts of Coolabah, Red Mallee, Brown Mallee and Red Gum. I also have a good selection of burl slices and burl pen blanks. Prices range from up to \$8.50 per kilo for burls and \$3 per pen blank. My website is [www.beyburl.com](http://www.beyburl.com) or I can be contacted on 0408 879 209.

Todd Beyers

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## **Carving Commission – Sign for a boat**

I am looking for someone to carve a sign for me I own a large wooden yacht, and on the transom is the yacht's name and port on separate rose mahogany boards that can be removed from the yacht. Currently the carved sign says "Sydney" and I need a new sign carved to say "Brisbane". The existing sign base can probably be re-used.

This would of course be on a fee for service basis.

Matthew Holliday  
74 Carlton Terrace  
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## **Mt Gravatt Show**

There were modest returns this year and unfortunately we had a couple of incidents including a break-in, during which several valuable wooden art works were stolen, a table went missing and something fell out of the trailer and was not there when the search got under way the next day. We will have to replace the table cloths and tea towels but Colin's beautiful jeweller boxes are unlikely to be replaced.

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## **Motor for sale – Silent Auction**

The motor from the Woodfast lathe which has been replaced as part of the variable speed project is for sale and it will be on display in the clubhouse. It is a 1hp, single phase, 240v, 1440 rpm motor which is the standard used on most wood lathes Interested members should put in their bids.

## **A Small Income Opportunity**

A group of "grey nomads" have a disc throwing game and require somebody to make the discs. There are 12 discs in a set with a wooden container to hold them. The disc measure approximately 186mm by 25mm and are shaped. Currently they are paying approximately \$108 dollar a set including the carrier and use about 50 sets a year. They are made from MDF and there is, I am told, a free supply of off cuts. Continuous exposure to MDF is not something I would personally not recommend to members because of concerns about the health effects of turning them. However there may be other options including purchasing the material and pricing that into the job. The turning itself is simple and would probably be best accomplished with a suitably shaped scraper. The discs are painted, six green and six gold, with an epoxy base paint.

There are three options, decline, set up a team or several teams to spend some time making the discs as a club project or for an individual or individuals within the club to take it on independently of the club. So if there is anybody within the club who may be interested in setting this up as a club activity or alternatively taking the project on themselves, could you please let me know?

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## **Carving Group**

The carving group will be meeting at the club on Friday 27 August from 9.30 am to 3pm. Any members who may be interested in joining this group are welcome.

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## **Celebration of the Club's 21<sup>st</sup>**

It is planned to hold a function to celebrate 21 years of club activity in March 2011. A small sub committee if busily getting details sorted and you will be advised further as the plans are finalised.

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## **Redfest Festival (Formerly the Strawberry/Spring Festival)**

The Redfest festival will be held at the Cleveland Show Grounds on 3, 4 and 5 September. Further details will be posted on the club notice board.

## September Woodturning Demonstration

In view of the clash of dates between the Redfest festival and our normal woodturning demonstration on the first Saturday of the month, the September demonstration will be conducted on Saturday 28 August. This demonstration will be carried out by Bill Sedgwick and will be a cake stand.

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## Variable Speed Control

Since the committee's approval of the purchase of a variable speed control system for the lathe that is located in the clubhouse work has progressed at a measured pace and the modified lathe is expected to be operational within the next week or two. Thanks to those who are involved in this project, it is going to make a significant difference to woodturning demonstrations which are usually conducted on this lathe.

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## A Summary of Events for 2010

August	Historical Truck Show
September	Spring Festival
October	Vet Bush Fair

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## DRAFT - FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION BY ALL MEMBERS - A MASTER PLAN

### Our Aim

We aim to provide a community facility where old craft skills are kept alive and relevant, but which is alive to changing technologies. A place where the members of the community can come to observe the creation of wooden art and to obtain mementoes produced, in the main, from Queensland timbers. It is also important that we continue to be a place where individuals, particularly but not only, retired men, can come to be taught the sorts skills and knowledge they need to be able to create, with their own hands, wooden art that they once thought was beyond them. Our objective is to have the club open from 9am to 5pm weekdays and 9am to noon on Saturdays and to continue with our current evening classes. An outline of our history and the sorts of work our members do can be seen at <http://www.baysidewoodies.com/> and we encourage you to make a visit.  
where the wood shed is now and use the existing shed

## Assumption

This Master Plan is based upon the assumption that we are confined to the existing land area footprint. In the event that Council is prepared to extend the land available to us by several meters to the south, we would be able to explore cheaper building options including simply extending the existing low set clubhouse rather than lifting it. We could also then consider building shed extensions, at ground level, to provide the facilities referred to in the next paragraphs. Needless to say, the older we get the less attracted we are to stairs so low set buildings are the preferred option.

### Stage 1

Lift the clubhouse and use the ground floor for a "working gallery" with a community demonstration and interaction facility. The gallery would be small with carefully selected items available to the public and also as the point of access to the top floor. We would then gut the top floor leaving only the kitchen and toilets and this would be used exclusively for meetings and general get togethers.

### Stage 2

We build a second story above the sheds connected to the top floor of the clubhouse via a walkway. This to be used for low interference type activity including a computer centre and internet café with opportunities for younger and more computer literate members to use computer aided design to make the most of new equipment which is around the corner. We will undertake to provide computer literacy courses to all those members who are interested. In addition to internet access this area will also house office accommodation and a telephone. The top floor would be subdivided and house our library and also a lounge area for viewing of craft videos. We would like to be able to provide a "respite area" where members can simply come to interact with other club members when there are no specific activities in which they may be interested.

### Stage 3

We build a specific and carefully designed trailer shed

space for metal work with a lathe and related equipment. Our move into metal work is not only related to a desire to use expertise already existent within the club but also to cater for some members who suffer from breathing difficulties or have developed allergies to wood dust.

#### **Stage 4**

In the event that we were granted leasehold access to additional land, in addition to changes to any building plans, it will also allow us to create covered, paved and fenced areas outside the buildings and to take advantage, particularly during the summer months, of the shade offered by the giant camphor laurel trees. We would like to see the gardens extended to include larger items of wooden art and wooden sculptures and to become a place where people could simply sit and enjoy and area which is currently pretty well ignored.

#### **Parking**

Parking is a significant issue for the club now and will increasingly be so into the future. We ask that the possibility of extensions to the existing off street parking be considered to avoid us becoming a source of irritation to local residents whose continued support of our club is very important to us.

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#### **Social Secretary Required**

If you are interested in creating the role of Social Secretary in the club would you please let me know? There is not formalised Position Description or Selection Criteria for this function and you get to write your own.

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#### **Bayside Club Contact Information**

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