



# The Bayside Woodies Newsletter

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## Presidents Report.

Where has this month gone it only seems like yesterday that I was thinking what to write?

I have to start with the news that Joe Diamond has passed away, Joe has been a member of our Club for a lot of years, he has been a great worker and supported Beryl while she was the president of the Club. Joe has not been very well for some time, all our thoughts are with Beryl at this sad time.

There are still a number of our members on the sick list I am sure that our best wishes for a speedy recovery are with them all.

The Club has been to the Spring Festival, while it was a lot of work for the members who setup and manned our display it was a success with members able to sell quite a number of their craft items and a good result from the raffle which was a fantastic rocking horse made by one of our own members. Many thanks to all members who helped in any way.

Our demo at the beginning of the month, well it seemed to go ok, if anyone is having trouble with the sharpening of their tools please don't hesitate to ask anyone at the Club for assistance, there is nothing more frustrating than trying to turn with chisels that are not properly sharpened.

Brian Fairbrother makes a DVD of our demos, if you would like a copy for yourself they will be available at \$2.00 each, I have not spoken to Derrick yet but I am sure that he will take your order and pass it on to Brian.

Demos this month, first is the 1<sup>st</sup> October and will be Rob McGregor, Rob always puts on a great demo, followed by Graham Sprout from Redcliffe we will have a BBQ lunch following Grahams demo.

Displays;- Moreton Shores Retirement Village 9.30 am Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
Moreton Bay Girls Collage 2 to 5 pm Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Gumdale School Fete  
( I should know the times but they have slipped my mind)

That it from me this month only a short one again.

Bill S  
President

## Editorial.

Sorry for being late with the newsletter but we are not the best at present

.It was very sad news of the passing of our member Joe Diamond, Joe was a 100% club member, if something needed to be done then Joe was doing it, if he had something to say then he said it, and we all respected him for his qualities, the other thing I miss about Joe was the ringing of the BELL to call our attention to the starting of the Show and Tell.

We all miss you mate, Rest in Peace.

Apparently one of our members isn't sure on the art of using the large Bandsaw, even though last month's Newsletter ran an Article, on the uses of this machine.  
There was more damage to the bandsaw, THESE Blades cost around \$40, and they should last at least 6mths. So if you're not sure, then ask for assistance.  
I have a ¼ in blade on my bandsaw, it's been there for 3yrs and now needs replacing very soon.

These Rules should apply;

Common Sense.

If you open it, **CLOSE IT**

If you turn it on, **TURN IT OFF**

If you break it, **REPAIR IT.**

If you use it, **TAKE CARE OF IT.**

If you don't know how to operate it, **LEAVE IT ALONE.**

And once again, **COMMON SENSE.**

## GATTON WEEKEND.

The Gatton Truck Show was a huge success with several of our members joining up with the Laidley Woodies to have a fantastic weekend,

Our members were happy with sales apparently all covered their fuel costs plus.

The chief for the weekend will be highly recommended for further outings, but the Bag pipe player apparently ran out of puff.

Big thanks to all members that attended this great weekend.

## Place this into your Diaries.

### Scroll saw / Intarsia.

Colin McAlister and myself will run lessons from the 12<sup>th</sup> Oct to the 30<sup>th</sup> Nov .  
We will be making Colin's Shell Jewerelly Box.

All materials will be supplied for a small cost to you; we are sourcing the timber now.  
Please contact us ASAP if you, if you want to make this Box for a Christmas Present.

### MACHINERY GROUP.

The machinery group is finishing off their last project "A Fuji Japanese Lamp" and the next meeting on Saturday 8th October from 9.00 to 12.00 will see the start of a new short one day project.

All Bayside Club Members are welcome to come and join in. Each participant will take home an extremely useful Golden Mean (Phi) calculator/ruler. This enables you to instantly see and determine the perfect proportions/size of turnings or articles you produce.

The purpose of the group is to help each other and to develop skills that can assist you in enjoyment in achieving your objectives and producing beautiful items.

### Committee Meetings

The first Thursday night of each month 6-30 sharp.

### The Gwynne Clan arrives in town.

Another great Demo to look forward to.

The First Demo in November which will be the Saturday of the 5<sup>th</sup> is a Very Special Event  
We have a Brother, Sister-in-law and a second Brother to show off their skills.

As you wonder who it may be, ah yes, it's the Gwynne clan coming down from Toowoomba to combine with the Wynnum clan.

This will be a great day, and yes the lady [Jill] will probably show up the boys [a usual].  
Once again this event will be followed by another B B Q.

### FIRST DEMO DAY.

The first Demo this month is Rob McGregor and he will guide you through his surprise turning, we have seen a little to wet the whistle. So if you forget to attend I suppose you're going to miss out again.  
This is a very handy Demo to help you in making Christmas Presents

### Second Demo Day 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat of the mth.

Craft Day for Scroll sawing and Intarsia, the members will tantalize you in the wonderful world of these arts.

### THIRD DEMO DAY.

Mr Graham Sprout from Redcliffe Woodies will Demonstrate, the Art of Inside / Outside Turning of a Bowl, followed by a B B Q

This will be a Not to be Missed Demo, we all remember the fantastic Demo Graham did on the last visit

## Demo DVDS

As you are aware, Brian videos all Demos at the club, and if you would like a copy of these DVDs contact Brian or Derrick, and place an order, the cost will be \$2 per copy, half goes to Brian as his time and product are being used, and the other half going to the club, which will again assist with day to day running expense's.

## Trips away.

Oct 11 <sup>th</sup>	Morton Shores Retirement Village 10am to Noon
Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	Morton Bay Girls College 2 to 5pm
Oct 21 <sup>st</sup>	Gumdale State School 4 pm
Nov 19th	Y.E.T Festival. Cedar Creek 9 to 3pm.
June 2012	15 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> Q-Turn



Ed Newbury with his next work of art, Ed's Segmented turning is amazing, keep up the lovely work.

**The Club wishes to thank**

Mr Michael Choi. MP. Qld Parliament.

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Rob McGregor and Ken Groves on a regular occurrence, organizes and delivers a trailer load of timber to the club, for members to take home and use,

The source is The Woodworkers at Moorooka.

Arthur Wishart has taken some of the timber home on occasions to make his speciality boxes.

This box was made by Arthur to be given to the owner of the business who donates the timber.

We thank the three members for their effort.

## Thought of the Month.

It takes only a minute to have a crush on someone

An hour to like someone

And a day to love someone

But it takes a lifetime to forget someone.

## PUSHSTICKS by Bob Hains

If you use a router or a saw bench and you want SAFETY and CONTROL, the most essential piece of equipment is a variety of pushsticks.

They can be the plastic type that you buy from a hardware store but these are too short for most uses , they do not keep the hand far enough from the blade. Whilst they can be homemade in a large number of shapes the most useful on the table saw is a long narrow push stick about 450mm (18") long with a notch in the end to lock in onto the wood being cut.

Wider pieces of wood can be pushed through by hand as long as you have enough clearance from the blade to safely control the wood. With narrow pieces of wood pushsticks are critical.



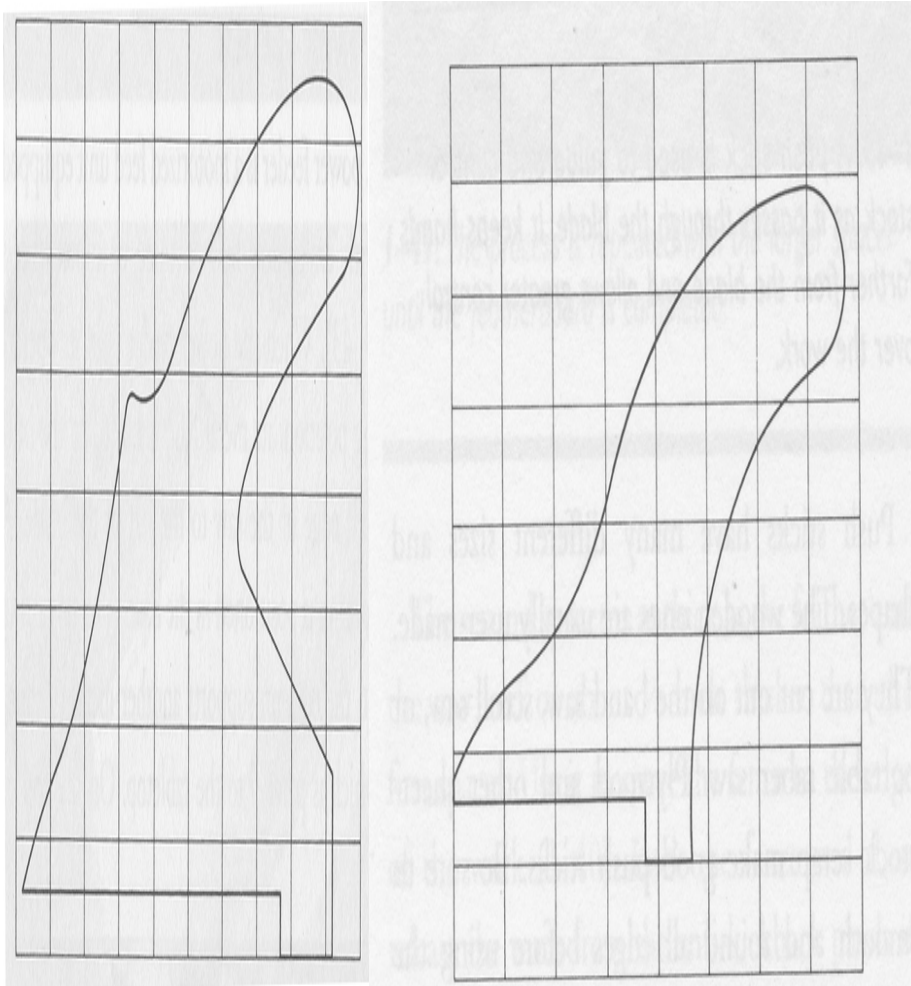
If your pushsticks look like this they are a danger to themselves and you, but you can see what would have happened to your hands if they had been in place of the wooden stick



*It's time to remake them to get crisp smooth edges. The edges must be rounded over to avoid sharp splinters being driven into your hands in the case of a kickback.*

I make my sticks from hardwood but the best is 12mm (1/2") or 18mm (3/4") ply. A simple pattern like those shown above work best. The angle at the foot of the stick is about 45 degrees, a long straight handle (450mm) with a comfortable width (about 30mm) is drawn on the wood and then cut out with a band saw, scroll saw or portable saber saw, they don't have to be flash but round the edges over with sand paper or ideally on the linisher (the club has one).

If you need very close control then a handle like we used on hand planes is a good choice.



This type of handle works well with thin short stock on the table saw and is also very useful on the router bench. You can make several sticks of this type with a different length base and the small tag at the rear of the stick can be glued on to a flat edge as a waste strip that is easily replaced when you cut through it with the saw, the depth of this waste piece will vary with the thickness of the wood being supported/pushed. I have about 12 different types of pushsticks which all have their uses in differing circumstances. If you have a different problem then you just dream up a different solution.

With the same approach as above and using a section of pine, the pushsticks can be made much wider and longer which allows for the hand to push forward and down, and your forearm to rest on the rear of the base. For small pieces this means the pushsticks covers the piece being cut. The blade or router height is adjusted to just go through the wood. This will slightly score the base of the pushsticks but you will make lots of save controlled cuts before it is time to replace the base.



The other bit, just doctor it if you think it can be improved.

Just keep having fun and..... MAKIN SHAVINS

Bob Hains

## Fill-ins;

Why, Why, Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?

**Why do banks charge a fee due to insufficient funds when they already know you're broke?**

**Why is it that when someone tells you that there are one billion stars in the universe, you believe them but, if they tell you there is wet paint, you have to touch it to check?**

**Why is it that no plastic bag will open from the first end you try?**

How do those dead bugs get into enclosed light fixtures?

**When we are in the supermarket and someone rams our ankle with a shopping cart, then apologizes for doing so, why do we say, "It's all right"? Well, it isn't all right, so why don't we say, "That really hurt, why don't you watch where you're going?" (I do say it)**

**How come you never hear father-in-law jokes?**

**AND A PATTERN FOR THE SCROLLERS.**

