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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to my August report. Our long awaited Woodmizer finally arrived, been set up and tested by our keen team of woodcutters. A big thank you to our local member Kerrie-Ann Dooley who has delivered on her election promise to provide the funds for this machine.

A grant from the men's shed has provided funds to allow us to get some professional made training and safety videos. These valuable assets will be used for competency training sessions and for our annual refresher courses. The first video off the rank is the Drum Sander with progress well on its way. Thanks to the assessors and captain woodies who are assisting with this project.

Our recent special morning teas have been a great hit with show sponsors on July the 29th, where we acknowledge the sponsors, the competition participants and judges, the show committee and all the volunteers before, during and after the event. Our special morning tea on the 12th August was organised to thank our grant sponsors during the 24-25 year. Sharing a morning tea with these people where we get the opportunity to talk one on one with our Council, Government and Business representatives is very beneficial to our club and we appreciate their time they give to us.

We have also received a federal government grant which will allow us to update our aging laptop computers and purchase some much needed audio-visual equipment for use in our meeting room. The audio-visual equipment will be utilised for competency training sessions, refresher courses, guest speakers and other times. (*Continued page 2*)

President's report continued

With the AGM fast approaching and all management committee positions open it is time to seriously consider nominating for a position. Our club can not function without an active committee, and new members are always welcome.

Ernie Hobson

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**Signs &
Designs**

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The logo for Signs & Designs features a stylized graphic of two overlapping shapes, one green and one grey, on the left. The company name is in white and green text on a black background. Below the name, the address and phone number are listed in white capital letters.

Recognition and a thank you morning tea for our Competition Sponsors

Special thanks to two of our many Show Sponsors who were able to attend the Morning Tea this morning - Traditional Funerals and Utopia Woodcraft (both pictured). Other Redcliffe Show Competition sponsors were: Abrasiflex, Aussie Escape Caravan Repair and Service, Combined Saw and Knife, Ernie's Electrical Service, Signs and Designs, Eales Concreting, Red Poppy Art Directive, Sunstate Timbers and Woodland Fitouts. We are very grateful for your support.



Many thanks to the **Youth Space 'Connections Catering Team'** and their young trainees for making and delivering a beautiful package of scones, jam and cream as well as some beautiful tea. Wow!!! We were thrilled by your thoughtfulness and the delicious treats that you provided. We look forward to further strengthening our relationship in the future. You are amazing!!!!



Men's Shed 13

Laurieton, NSW

We just happened to be driving past as they were locking up but they happily re-opened everything and took us on a tour of this huge facility which has a bit of everything.

The opening times are 8am - 1.30pm 5 days a week but usually the President and Vice President work on a Saturday getting the finances sorted.

They have 150 members and about 50 active members who turn up regularly. They have monthly members meetings.

The shed covers a huge range of activities including but not limited to wood, metal, electronics, pottery, gems/jewellery making, vegetable garden, bees and processing honey, blacksmithing and automobile repairs.

They have a dedicated, dust free area for the woodworkers (mainly) for painting, an automobile hoist for repairs (currently repairing a trailer), storage areas and memorial garden.

On a monthly basis they have pizza lunch, they made their own pizza oven where they start the fire on arrival and cook pizzas at lunch time. It is \$5 for pizza and beer and \$2 a beer after that.

The club takes up 8600 sq mt with the main workshops housed in a shed 50m x 10m. They built the shed themselves. It has a well organised extraction system, runs on tank water, houses a recreation room and full kitchen with two stoves and ovens. They are also getting solar. There are two stand alone buildings for the gems/jewellery (which includes a tool museum) and the other for pottery.

They have at least 5 Shipping containers for storage and one of these is dedicated to storing members projects so that they aren't left in workshops.

The produce from the vegetable garden is either used for their lunches or distributed to members.

They also host lunches for the nursing homes to celebrate Mothers Day, Fathers Day and Christmas - the bring your wife lunch wasn't as popular.

They have a stall at the local monthly markets and sell goods but think in future they will keep their stall but only use to promote the club.

They do surprise bacon and egg burgers every now and then for members who turn up regularly, they don't tell people this as they just want the regulars to benefit.

In the grounds they allow members to store their caravans, boats and other items, they are even storing a fishing trawler turned into houseboat but the owner has signed it over to them and they will sell it whole or in scrap.

Speaking of money, they have significant funds in the bank and they have accrued this through market sales, community work (eg making cages for the local Fauna group), and annual Garage sale where they make roughly \$8000 from selling donated gear (members do not get for free), they make firewood and sell it for \$15 for 15kg, they make minor bird traps and sell for \$75 each and they extract and sell the honey from 10 hives.

They have a Men's Shed 4WD car and two trailers.

They also have a choir that sings at various local places and this promotes the club to others who don't know about it.

Like other Men's Sheds, there are no women involved.

Shona

Rec Room and Kitchen:



BBQ and Shed:



Workshops (check out the extraction system):



A pegged and turned lidded box



Words and photos: Kerry Cameron

I first saw this form of embellishment many years ago with a turned bowl created by a Townsville Woodturning Club member, Jack Wooderson. I have used the concept in a few of my turnings with one of the most recent being the turned and carved bowl Migration that was an entry in my club's annual competition. The 'pegging' decoration is done by drilling a pattern of holes using Forstner bits and using plug cutters to create contrasting round infills.



1. Holes were drilled with a Forstner bit.



2. Pre-cut plugs of various species are inserted.



3. Turning off the pegs.



4. The blank is now ready for final shaping



5. Gluing on the 'collared' lid before turning out the box to expose the plugs on the inside.



6. The box has its lid taped back on for turning and further drilling and inserting of additional plugs.



7. The completed box prior to the shaping of the base.



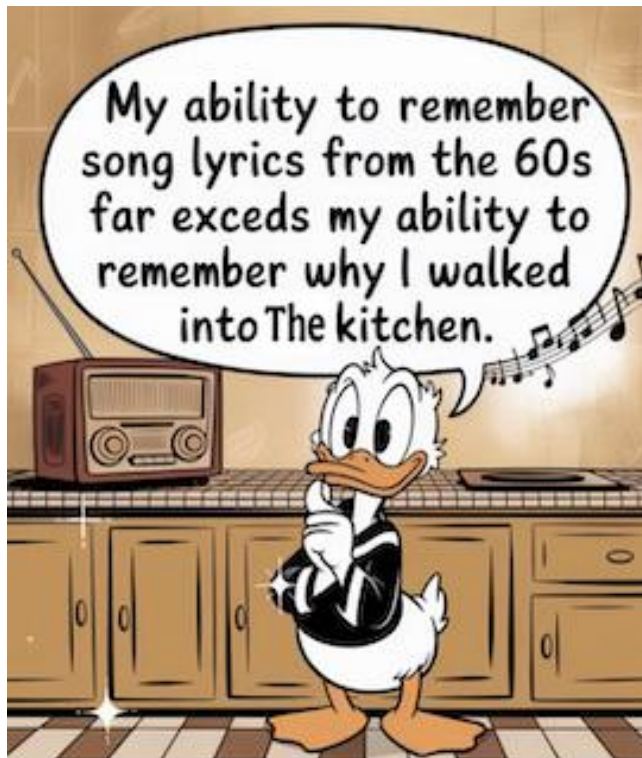
8. Three small feet were carved out on the base using the Dremel before finishing the box in a satin lacquer.



9. some extra plugs were also inserted in the lid to correspond with the body.



One of my early experiments using pegging, laminates in resin and piercing. *Kerry*



■ WORKSHOP TIPS

Toggle Clamp Sanding Block

I made this quick-release sanding block from four pieces of 1/2"-thick birch plywood. The top three pieces are glued together. Wrap a quarter sheet of sandpaper around the bottom piece and slip on the top assembly. The toggle clamp locks the top assembly to the bottom.

All four pieces measure 2 1/2" wide by 7" long. The toggle clamp mounts on the bottom piece. The second piece has a hole just large enough for the toggle clamp's base to fit through. This leaves a lip for the toggle to clamp onto. The third piece has a clearance hole for the entire clamp. The fourth piece is the same as the third, and builds up the block so the clamp sits inside. I glued on pieces of cork to cushion the sanding surface and fortify the toggle clamp's grip. — Mark Thur



WHAT TREE IS THAT?

Sycamore, *Sycamore Maple* **Scientific name** *Acer pseudoplatanus* L

I am currently planning a wall table and my stash of usable timber short of the designed vertical supports. When I was discussing the supports with my design consultant it was suggested that they would look good in black, with that in mind I looked through the Clubs stock of pre-cut timber and found some suitable **Sycamore** appears could be stained using diluted Black Japan and still recognise the grain under.

In doing so I didn't know much about the timber, hence this **What tree is that?**

I have presumed that the Sycamore that Marilyn and the team have milled is the Australian Maple version and not the American 'Plane' or other variations.

Common Names. dool tree, erable sycamore, great maple, grief tree, hanging tree, joug tree, maple, planetree maple, purple sycamore, Scottish maple, sycamore, sycamore maple, whistlewood

Origin. Originating from the mountainous parts of southern and central Europe, and also native to the Caucasus mountains in central Asia (i.e. Turkey, Georgia and Russia)

Cultivation. sycamore maple is widely cultivated and is a popular garden ornamental in the cooler parts of south-eastern Australia. Numerous cultivars and varieties of this species are commercially available in Australia

Habitat. In Australia, sycamore maple grows in tall wet forests (e.g. wet sclerophyll forests), along waterways (i.e. in riparian vegetation), and in gardens in wetter temperate regions.

Habit. A moderately-sized to large tree with a spreading crown usually growing 12-25 m tall, but occasionally reaching up to 35 m in height. It loses all of its leaves during autumn and winter, and new foliage emerges each spring (i.e. it is deciduous).

Uses. Sycamore wood is used for various purposes, including musical instruments, furniture, and joinery. The sap can also be used to make sugar and syrup.

In summary, the Sycamore maple, *Acer pseudoplatanus*, is an introduced tree species that has naturalized in Australia, particularly in the southern regions. It's a large, fast-growing tree with a tendency to spread and potentially impact native vegetation.



The tree



Foliage in Autumn



A bland representative Sycamore grain

'Apollo' Finds a New Home



At 8:15am on Tuesday 5 August 'Apollo' drove through the front gates and into the arms of the sawmilling team (minus the 'boss') at Redcliffe and District Woodcraft. Our new Woodmizer is a result of funding by our state Member of Parliament, Kerri-Anne Dooley.

Installation began with Terry behind the wheel of the forklift, Ed directing traffic and Shona taking photos. We inched our way from the trailer to the new home. There may have been a few issues getting it into position but with the problem-solving team and a couple of makeshift struts, it was achieved.



Ian and Nick from CSK managed the installation with expertise and patience and after a bit of adjustment because of the uneven concrete floor our new Woodmizer was in place.

We did a couple of trial runs and the Woodmizer purred beautifully. We are looking forward to putting this baby through its' paces in the near future. But for now, it is settling into its' new home and waiting for Marilyn and Kerri-Anne to crack a bottle of bubbly (well maybe not crack).



SHOW AND TELL



Tuesday 5th August

Wow, Show and Tell today blew us away. Firstly Peter L's friend Michael had a stroke and lost the use of the left side of his body and still wanted to be able to play a slide guitar. Peter L came up with the idea and produced a model with the help of Peter C and his 3D printing - so they are hoping that Michael will be able to play the slide guitar with one leg and one arm. Unbelievable



John finished his beautiful lute in time to enter into the Pine Rivers Show - not only did he win the Novice section but he also won the Adult Grand Champion - Craft, a stunning tea back and scroll work. Well deserved.



Michael is truly innovative in his multi discipline (wood with cane) bowls. It was a huge effort with up to 50 procedures involved for large bowl.



A close up of Michael's Wood and Cane creations.



Ken finished his urn and shared with us a jar with threaded lid made from burl. Ken pointed out that finishing and detail is crucial for a great outcome!



John Picard showed and talked about his carving of his Wizard from Bunya Pine



Barry Spillman with two walking canes that he has made for his sons



Wendy with a very impressive collection of her scrollwork creations

Pictorial roundup of our Club's special morning tea in APPRECIATION of organisations that funded some of our recent GRANTS



L to R Kerri-Anne, Redcliffe R.L and Kedron Wavell RSL



Champers toast from State Member for Redcliffe Kerri-Anne Dooley



Kerri-Anne getting into the swing of the action



L to R Woolworths, City of Moreton Bay and Bendigo bank

Looking for Inspiration? Why not check out these informative websites:

Rob Cosman is a very talented woodworker with plenty of ideas, covering many woodworking disciplines, backed by a great range of YouTube instructional videos. <https://robcosman.com>



Phillip Weber As of May 2018, after 42 years, I am no longer designing and making boxes for sale. I have decided to leave the website as is, so that anyone who might be interested can examine and enjoy my past work. Thanks to all of those who have supported and enabled me to do something that was rewarding in many ways. For now, I will enjoy my finally clean and splinter free hands. <https://weberboxes.com>



Michael Hosaluk I am an artist, maker, and educator living in Saskatoon, Canada. My love of woodworking is not only for the beauty and mystery of the material. <https://michaelhosaluk.com>



Turning Trees into Toothpicks

This website is a reflection of my passion for woodwork, particularly woodturning, and the trees and timbers of Queensland Central Highlands district. [Vern](https://www.ttit.id.au)



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An interesting YouTube to watch
A Path to Wood Art
An interview with J.Paul Fennell



Enjoy the journey, Kerry

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The Redcliffe and District Woodcraft Society Inc. - General Information

The aim of our society is to promote, encourage and practice the art of woodcraft and similar arts. Workshops in woodturning, woodcarving, scroll sawing, pyrography, box making, musical instrument making, toy making, general woodworking, and timber preparation are held in the Woodcraft Centre at 463 Oxley Avenue, Redcliffe. The Society is administered by a Management Committee of eleven members who report to the general membership.

Members meet on Tuesdays for general workshop activities and our weekly "show and Tell" at morning tea where members can show and discuss their creations and be inspired by the work of others. Our Club is also open to members on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. The Society has a large range of tools and machinery for members to use and offers regular tuition in different aspects of woodcraft. Our club also conducts a comprehensive system of competency in the operations of its machinery. ALL NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME