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This is what happens Steve when you make a mess of the lathe just after it had been cleaned!!!

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Open Day

The Open Day attracted a modest number of visitors, with some stock sold through the shop and several new members joining the Guild. Overall, it was a reasonably successful day.

There are, however, opportunities for improvement at future events. Clearer signage would assist visitors in finding key areas such as the sawmill, smoko room, and shop. It may also be worth considering additional products for sale, including timber, and encouraging members to offer their own items for sale on Open Day.

This also raises a broader question for consideration: do we need to hold two Open Days each year, or would it be more effective to focus shop sales on special occasions such as Easter, Mother's Day, and similar events?

Bundaberg Show

The Bundaberg Show was a great success. Sales were exceptionally strong, to the point that the shop is now nearly empty.

It was especially pleasing to see so many members assisting with setup, demonstrations, sales, and the final clean-up. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and effort.

Thank you also to all members who entered the competition. This remains, in my view, one of the best ways to showcase the skills and craftsmanship of

Guild members.

Special thanks go to Darren and his capable assistant, Jenny, for managing the competition entries, as well as to the judges for their time and support.

Around the Sheds

There is not a great deal to report from around the sheds at present. Work from the public continues to come in steadily.

One area of ongoing need is a greater variety of items for the shop. In addition, the number of logs awaiting milling continues to grow. I understand that Robert and Brett will be doing their best to address this backlog.

Looking Ahead

With the departure of Little Keith, we are increasingly appreciating just how valuable a member of the Guild he was. Jenny has kindly taken on the role of store person, and we thank her for stepping into that position. There is still a need for someone to oversee the timber shed on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Member training and sign-off procedures are also areas requiring further attention.

Final Comments

Members are encouraged to put forward ideas they believe would benefit the Guild. If you do have a suggestion, please also give some thought to how it might be put into practice.

One idea that has been raised is to have a project prepared for members who wish to learn how to make small furniture items. This is an excellent concept, but it will require a practical implementation plan. Any thoughts or suggestions on how to move this forward would be greatly appreciated.

That is all for now.

Steve

President

Keith's Farewell

We were saddened to see Keith finally take his leave of the guild and move on to a new future with his lovely wife Anne down in the border country of NSW and Victoria. We did enjoy a lovely morning tea with Keith and gave him a few gifts so he remembers us. Steve, unacustomed to public speaking as he is, said some heartfelt word to wish Keith well in his endeavours.





Club Open Day

Though quieter than usual we still had many visitors through the door. The raffle was popular, and the prizes were much sought after (still lamenting I didn't win that lazy susan). Thank you to Darren for the boxed pens set, Greg for the lazy susan and Jenny for the chip, cheese and dip platter. Many commented on how well set up the Guild is and the range of activities taking place. Quite a few commented that they pass the Guild regularly but didn't realise just what was contained in this space.

Bundaberg Show

Another great year for the club at the show. A huge thank you to Darren for his ongoing commitment to the role of Chief Steward for the woodworking section. The unseen hours you put in administering this section and working with the show committee are beyond amazing and are appreciated by all of us.

The number of entries in the show competition from club members was outstanding with a fabulous display of work members do and demonstrating the range of their skills to the public. Congratulations to all who entered as we would not have such a diverse display without all the entries and well done to all those who won prizes.

Our show stall and wood working demonstrations were again very well received. We passed out information and talked through the guild's range of woodworking options with many a perspective new member. We sold many items from the shop thus making the guild's bank balance look healthier, (don't tell Steve) and the shop shelves much barer!! Thank you to all those who contributed in any way, the help was greatly appreciated.







For Your Information

Jenny is now the storeperson, so if you notice we are running low on consumables please let her know before we run out so a restock can be done. Jenny will also be maintaining the workshop equipment signoff register. When you have been signed off by an official trainer, show Jenny the signed training sheet and she will update the register. Different sections have different trainers to sign members off, these are:-

Scroll Saws – Marg Faulkner, Steve Faulkner

Lathes – Steve Faulkner, Darren Reid

Carpentry Area – Moss Hunt,

Back Shed –Robert Powell, Keith Hiedenrich

CLEAN UP YOUR MESS

We greatly appreciate your efforts! Thank you to those members who have been taking pride in our Guild and cleaning up so machinery is clean and ready for the next person to use. This also presents a professional looking environment when customers and community members step inside.

Upcoming Events

General Meeting: Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Annual General Meeting: Wednesday 23rd September 2026

Guild Competition and Open Day: Saturday 17th October 2026

Gem Fair: 7th/8th November 2026

SHED RULES

1. Two members must be present before using machinery.
2. Covered footwear must be worn.
3. Don't operate machinery unless accredited.
4. Clean up after yourself.
5. Everyone to wear a name badge.

Fundamental Safety Rules.

- Before any machinery is started or operated there must be at least two members present in the shed.
- Members must be Guild accredited before operating any equipment unsupervised.
- Guild Training does not negate the responsibility of the individual member to use Machinery and Hand Tools in a safe and responsible manner.

Bundaberg Woodworkers Guild Inc Polo Shirts (Navy Blue. Male /Female. Long & Short sleeve, pocket available) & Blue Chambray Shirts (Male /Female. Long & Short sleeve) are available from Shawline Embroidery – 17 Walker Street Bundaberg.

The workshop is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 8.30am – 12.00 midday.

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