



Off the Block

March 2026

Presidents Report - March 26

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Marg Faulkner

Jenny Carey

I hope everyone has come through the recent heavy weather without issue. Fortunately, it appears that no water entered the sheds.

Cleaning continues to be an ongoing challenge for the Guild. As a group, the best approach we can take is to encourage and support one another in maintaining a clean and safe workspace. A positive and consistent effort from all members will make a meaningful difference.

I would like to encourage everyone to consider entering the Bundaberg Show Competition. Participation is not just about winning, but about showcasing our work to the public and promoting our Guild to potential new members.

Our Open Day is fast approaching, and preparations will need to begin shortly. Please note the date—**2 May**—and, if possible, make yourself available to assist on the day. Your support is essential to making the event a success.

The shop is looking outstanding—well done to everyone involved in its transformation. The next step is to ensure we have quality items available for sale. What we offer in the shop reflects directly on our Guild, so please take extra care in the craftsmanship and finishing of your work. If you have ideas for products that may sell well, I encourage you to share them with myself, Marg, or Jenny.

Finally, I would like to raise a matter for your consideration. It has been a privilege to serve as President of the Guild for an extended period. However, I believe it may be time for someone else to step forward and take on the role. I encourage members to consider becoming more involved in the leadership and ongoing management of the Guild.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Steve

We hope everyone stayed high and dry in the recent flood event. We again apologise for having to shut the guild on the Tuesday but it was far too difficult for many members to travel safely.

As Keith Cooper is leaving us, other members have big shoes to fill taking on the many roles that Keith has quietly been performing for many years. Keith's active membership is one we will miss for a long time to come!

Jenny will now be storeperson so if you notice we are running low on consumables please let me 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:-

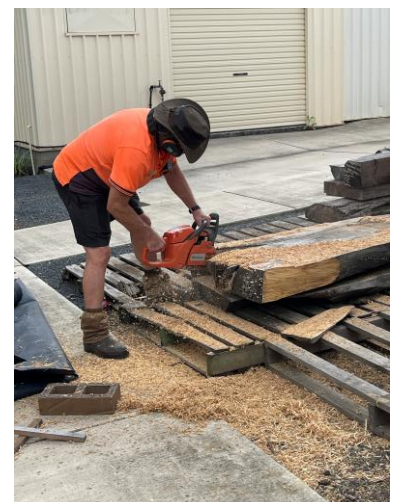
Scroll Saws – Marg Faulkner, Steve Faulkner

Lathes – Steve Faulkner, Darren Reid

Carpentry Area – Moss Hunt,

Back Shed –Robert Powell, Keith Hiedenrich

Around the traps



Keith gets stuck in on the chainsaw so some of the larger logs cut down before he leaves us.



Terry prepares her timber for using on the scroll saw.



Keith finishes the edges of his tabletop on the route



Tony also completing a job with a spot of sanding.



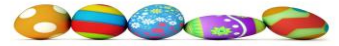
Marg a figure of concentration to paint the fiddly bits on the trains.



Jenny making shavings, turning a large flat bowl or platter or matchsticks – you can never tell!!



Turners Challenge – Something New!



To try to improve on our skills using a variety of chisels and techniques, and to also increase the variety of turned stock available in the shop, each couple of months there will be a challenge for the turners. Before Easter the challenge is to make **Easter Eggs and Egg cups** to match. Please see Jenny or Steve for patterns. We may even be able to prevail upon our pyrographers to decorate the eggs for us 😊.

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 after themselves 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 25th March 2026 – 10am in the smoko room

Guild Open Day

Saturday 2nd May 2026 – we will be asking for volunteers to help out on the day with a multitude of tasks, please start thinking of how you may be able to help out.

We will need the shop well stocked. At the moment we have plenty of bowls and vases! Please try to think of other items to make that we would be able to sell. Thanks Lynley for the beautiful clock and Terry for the yarn bowls, these items are different and bound to draw attention.

Bundaberg Show

28-30 May 2026

(Hope those entries are coming along!! We would like to see as many members as possible entering items sooooo..... get onto the tools and see what great work you can do 😊)

SHED RULES

1. Sign in upon arrival.
2. Two members must be present before using machinery.
3. Covered footwear must be worn.
4. Don't operate machinery unless accredited.
5. Clean up after yourself.
6. 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 – 12.00midday.

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