

Inquiry into volunteering in Queensland

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Dear Member,

As Publicity Officer for the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild Inc (the Woodies), I wish to provide the following information to your Enquiry.

Volunteering has been part of the Woodies DNA since its formation in 1996.

From a very humble beginning in 1996 when a handful of Blackall Range residents met and decided to form a woodworking group to be called the Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild Inc, when all the tools used, were donated by the members, to today when the BRWG has approx. 200 members and provides a facility for members to enjoy woodworking in 2 very large sheds fully equipped with woodworking equipment, an office building, a solar drying kiln, toilet block, a number of smaller sheds housing the Millers cave, timber storage Paint shed, Wood whiz shed and its own supply of milled, dried timber slabs available for purchase by members. The majority of the above buildings and equipment have been done by members volunteering their time, experience and skills very ably assisted by a number of Government grants.

Members are able to attend the sheds to do woodwork on 6 mornings per week, attend workshops conducted by the Guild from time to time to learn and upgrade woodcraft skills. Open days are held each year when members display woodcraft made by them for sake to the public.

Each year since its formation in 1996, the Woodies have supported the Barung Maleny Wood Expo, and every year during the same period the Woodies have made toys for the annual Salvation Army Toy Appeal. Thousands of wooden toys have been made and donated to the Salvos who distribute them Australia wide to needy children to put smiles on their faces at Christmas.

Two very large projects have been carried out by the Woodies Volunteers – designing and making the front doors for the Maleny Community Centre and also the Mary Cairncross Discovery Centre. Hundreds of hours donated by Woodies members have painstakingly made the beautiful front doors to those Centres and are a magnificent tribute to the workmanship, skills and generosity of the Woodies.





Another significant project saw Woodies members voluntarily converting a mango tree into a Church cross for Maroochydore Catholic Church. Members also made church furniture including credence table and the kneelers.

The Woodies have voluntarily made and donated hundreds of woodcraft items to many community organizations – see attachment.

The Woodies are very proud of the contributions to other Community organizations and intend to continue to build on our reputation for volunteering and donations.

There are plenty of other files available to be included but couldn't be included because of the sizes.

Regards

David Friend

Publicity Officer

Blackall Range Woodcrafters Guild Inc.



Blackall Range Woodworkers Guild Inc

Recipients of donations from BRWG

Salvation Army Christmas Toy Appeal (1996 to 2024)

Sunshine Coast Council

Aussie Helpers Drought Relief

Grantham flood appeal

Victim of Goodna Flood

4 Paws Animal Rescue Inc

Montville Village Boomerang Bench

Montville Chamber of Commerce

Montville Village Assn Inc

St Mark's Church in Montville.

Montville School

Artists on the Green, Montville

Renovation of Telephone Box in Montville

Bunya Dreaming

Unite for Ukraine Community Fundraiser

The Rangebow Festival

Montville Tennis Club

Blackall Range Care Group Ltd

Maleny Rotary (for Outridges)

Art Connect

Maleny Community Centre Entry Doors – The beautiful carved set of 4 doors are 3.6m high and 4m wide

Mary Cairncross Discovery Centre

Maleny Library

Maleny Hospital Auxiliary Inc

Maleny Agricultural Show

Barung Landcare Assn Inc - Maleny Wood Expo (1996 - 2024)

SES Maleny Group

Maleny District Sports and Recreation Club (2 honour boards and a lectern)

Maleny Kindergarten
Maleny Neighbourhood Centre
Maleny Rangers Football Club
Maleny Swimming Club Inc
Maleny Pony Club
Maleny Golf Club
Maleny Credit Union
Police Station Maleny
Horseless Carriage Club Maleny
Mooloolah Community Centre
Beerburum State School Playgroup
Mapleton Library
Nambour Ambulance
Nambour General Hospital Dementia Ward
Sunshine Coast Community Hospice
Sunshine Coast Prostate Cancer Support Group
Sunshine Coast University Hospital Multi-Faith Centre
Sunshine FM (104.9)
Hospital Art Australia Inc
Maroochydore Catholic church {cross, kneelers etc)
Sunshine Coast University Hospital Chapel {furniture, altar and sculpture)
Queensland Rowing
Nambour Hospital Chapel
Coolum Theatre Players Inc
Landsborough & District Historical Society Inc
Landsborough Museum
Glasshouse Country RSL Subbranch Inc
Spinal Muscular Atrophy Assn of Australia
Charity Art Show Buderim
C& K Pre-schooling Professionals
Maryborough Woodturners & Craftsman Guild Inc

Maryborough Street Library

Wishlist

- Cornhole boards (Nambour Dementia ward)
- Stepping frames (also made these for the Maleny Soldiers Hospital)
- Arm movement frames for rehab
- Cupboard for Wishlist office in SCUH
- Finska sets for dementia ward at Nambour
- Workbench and bus stop for dementia ward, Nambour
- Jigsaw puzzle for sight-impaired patients via Wishlist
- Renovation of sponsors wall in Wishlist's reception
- Trophies for Wishlist's Giving Days
- Special key for presentation to retiring CEO

Rehab tools for Selangor and Nambour hospitals

Selangor Hospital's Occupational Therapy unit: big jigsaws with native birds and large pieces for disabled people to handle easier.

Sunshine Coast Children's Therapy Centre

Australian National Gliding Championship

Volunteering Australia

In the past, our club has made and donated some garden-related items to the Nambour Garden Club to raffle, with the proceeds going to the Spinal Muscular Atrophy Association.