

COOROORA WOODWORKERS CLUB



Newsletter

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Heritage Day Eumundi

Cooroora Woodworkers Club was again invited to participate in the second of this new annual event. Club members John Gygar, Alex Findlay and Peter Bradford volunteered to give demonstrations of turning, pyrography and carving respectively. John Sturtz took along the rocking horse and together with Richard Roe, David Mearns and Jim Pound were able to take the opportunity to sell raffle tickets. With the weather alternating between torrential rain and blazing sun, the crowd fluctuated between zero and a lot. Nevertheless at most times there were interested spectators asking questions and watching the demos. Fortunately the organisers had provided not only marquees for us but a large marquee to protect the crowd watching our work. The new club banners had their first public display and reflected the professional quality of our demonstrators.



Show Committee Meeting Saturday 8th April at the Clubhouse 8am
followed by
General Meeting at 9am

Clubhouse & Workshop Roster

Dave Putland is no longer available for the workshop roster and we are looking for someone to take over this day. Simply add your name to the roster board.

DAY	CLUBHOUSE 9am to 12 noon	WORKSHOP (Kilns) 9am to 12 noon
MONDAY	Charlie Cobb	am: Reserved for induction/training pm: Bob Chaplin (school)
TUESDAY	Alan Bartley	Jeff Fraser
WEDNESDAY		Dennis Donnelly Bill Todd (sometimes)
THURSDAY	Graham Eastman	POSITION VACANT
FRIDAY	Richard Roe	John Gygar
SATURDAY	Usually members present in both clubhouse and workshop	

All the above members are volunteers and may not always be there due to illness etc. Also if no other member turns up the volunteer might leave earlier than usual. So make sure to arrive early, say before 9am or phone the listed member to check. Remember the rule is that you cannot use the workshop solo. Please consider adding your name to the roster.

Charlie Cobb	5442 5616	Bob Chaplin	5476 2837
Alan Bartley	5442 6491	Jeff Fraser	5485 2030
Dennis Donnelly	0409 639 335	Bill Todd	5442 5850
Graham Eastman	5471 0039		
Richard Roe	0475 441 802	John Gygar	0416 127 598

Long-time Member Turns 85



George shared his birthday cake with members

Life member George Pearce joined the club in February 1989. He has the membership No.21. George turned 85years on the 24th March. He comes from a family of 9 children and has three older sisters going strong at 99, 96 and 91 years.

In the days when our show was held at the Memorial Hall George was our spruiker telling visitors not to miss this or that demonstration or display. He was well known for turning the tiniest goblets which he always gave to his audience.

Our club membership application does not request the applicants birth date so we don't know if George is our oldest member but he has been a club member longer than anyone except John Johnson, Ron Salmon and Alan Warner.

Show & Tell General Meeting Saturday 11th March 2017



Alex Findlay showed *Leaf shaped platter made from quarter cut silky oak and finished in Libron oil.
 *A Hairy Oak vase. *A lidded circular box made from some mango Alex and Dennis had harvested eight or nine years ago. *Mango bowl.



Ian Robertson showed a boxed chess and draughts set with playing board inlaid in the top of the box. Timbers were forest red gum, lemon scented gum and iron bark.

Ian also made a pair of wooden hinges.



Bob Chaplin showed his segmented platter, made from Jacaranda, Australian Walnut, and ancient red cedar. In response to the question of time required, Bob said about 2.5 days per week for three months.

Bob also showed a modified coping saw with extra frame stiffening. Allows the blade to be much tighter and lasting longer. It is also helps to put the blade in backwards, cutting on the pull stroke.



Editorial

Like all clubs the Cooroora Woodworkers Club depends on members to volunteer their time and expertise. Not only for the formal club offices without which there could not be a club, but for the myriad of jobs that need to be done to keep the club running. Volunteers such as the timber milling team and the Eumundi parking team raise the critical funds that help to cover the on-going expenses. Without these funds the membership fees would need to be raised dramatically and would then probably be beyond the pocket of most members. The annual Cooroora Wood and Craft Show is another vital fund raiser for the club and the competitions, raffles, displays and demonstrations help to keep alive the craft of woodworking and show our work to the public.

Some clubs insist that their members volunteer a certain amount of time to the club. Cooroora Woodworkers Club has not taken this path. The club realises that not every member can commit in the same way and while every member should feel some obligation, the various issues of family, health and work mean that each member's situation will be unique. What the club asks is that all members do their best to help. Please consider this when you are being asked to fill roles particularly at the upcoming Cooroora Wood & Craft Show.

Lorraine Fraser

A group of club members attended the funeral of Lorraine Fraser which was held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Pomona. After the service the group formed an impromptu guard of honour to say goodbye as the cask was taken from the church. A gathering followed at the old Pomona Railway Station where her friends and family recalled the good and not so good moments in Lorraine's life.

Past president of our club John Gygar wrote the following eulogy;

"I am honoured to write a few words about Lorraine as a member of the Cooroora Woodworkers Club – she had been a member for almost ten years.

Less than a month ago Lorraine asked to be allowed to address our group at a monthly meeting. This caught everyone by surprise. She had thought about it; prepared a speech and whether we liked it or not she was going to have her say. She included some humour; she thanked those who had helped her along her woodworking journey; and concluded with some frank advice about how we could lift our game.

Who could have thought that this was her way of saying "goodbye"!!

Lorraine was one of those people who always spoke their minds without fear or favour.you always knew where you stood with her even if it was obvious that her opinion was different to yours. If you tried to take her on and change her mind you were in for a challenge. On a couple of occasions I can remember getting a "whatever" after a debate over something. She always had an eye for a bargain and would sometimes harass the milling boys to give her a discount because she thought she deserved it.

She was always a willing volunteer. (sometimes to a fault) A few years ago she volunteered to be our treasurer even though it was quite obvious her health would not permit that. She always helped with our annual show in some ways. I remember, at our annual show last year, she arrived, quite unexpectedly, with a big box of sandwiches to sell on the canteen – we sold nearly all of them.

Our club is poorer for her passing

Our hearts go out to Jeff and the boys in their time of grief and we hope to see Jeff back at the club amazing us with his many creative talents when the time is right.

May she rest in peace!"



Cooroora Wood & Craft Show 2017 - Update

Main Raffle

Aline says street sales are going well with recent appearances at IGA Cooroy, Eumundi Heritage Day and Noosa Harbour. Volunteers are still needed so please see the roster on the notice board and add your name. Members have all received books of tickets and it is hoped that everyone will do their best to sell as many as possible.



For the first time our club is taking a stall at the Body Art Festival in Cooroy on Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th April. The main purpose is to sell raffle tickets and promote our own show. Again we need volunteers so please consider.

Club Stall at the Show

John Gyar appealed to all club members to make an item that would sell in the \$10 to \$50 range. Volunteers are also needed to help John operate the stall. Please see John.

Cafe

John Gyar has also taken on the job of running the cafe at the show. He needs volunteers and donations of foods. Please contact John.

Competitions

Invitations have been sent out for the Inter club and School Student competitions. Follow-up documents will go out beginning of April.

Stall Holders

Of the eleven stalls at last years show some were reserved for club use such as demonstrations and the balance for supporters. Invitations for those supporters will now go out. In addition there is room for additional marquees sites and these are available to members without charge but need to be booked. Booking forms available in the clubhouse. Further invitations will also be sent to organisations who have common interest with CWC in environmental, recycling and timber use.

Show Brochures

The design has been completed and it is ready for printing.

Show Committee Meeting Saturday 8th April at the Clubhouse 8am

A Personal Note

I was 71 years old when I joined the club as a novice at the beginning of 2010. Soon after I joined the timber milling team and had a great few years until my age caught up with me. I took on the editing of the club newsletter for a few years and then again recently. It is an interesting job which combines photography, page setting and making up stories. If you have an interest in any of these you will find the job challenging and rewarding. The reason I am nattering on here is that again my age as well as sciatica has caught up with me and sitting at the computer has become an onerous task. So I have decided it is time to pass on the banner and the this newsletter will be my last issue. I will of course help the new editor as much as possible so please feel free contact me if you are interested in the job. Many thanks to all those members who contributed articles and photos. You may have noticed that the text in this issue is in Times Roman font which is supposed to be easier to read. Rgds to all.... Jim Pound

A Note From Don Neuendorf

Farewell and Thank-you

A few years ago I tentatively applied for Membership of our Woodworks Club. After ten years of living withdrawn from people following a breakdown I attempted to get going again. Not being a practical person I tried my hand a wood turning under the tutoring of Alan Warner. He persevered with me to a level of me gaining second prize in the novice section of woodturning at our Show.

To give something back to the Club I offered to work with the Mill Team on Wednesday mornings. I still can taste the smells which assailed us when we were situated near the sewerage works. Its much more pleasant at our current location. The Milling Team is a diverse bunch of blokes from different backgrounds and professions, but they accepted me without question and the support we give each other will remain with me.

So firstly thank you to the Members who has supported and helped me during my stay with the Club and I say farewell as Rosemary and myself go into retirement again as we settle in Bargara. It has been difficult downsizing and these words still ring in me ears: "You are not taking ALL that wood, are you?" Words which many men hear no doubt!

..Don Neuendorf



CLUB CALENDAR 2017

MONTH	EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
April	General Meeting	Saturday 8th 9am	CWC Clubhouse
April	Body Art Festival	Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th	Park Opposite Library
May	Cooroora Wood & Craft Show	Friday May 12th	CWC Clubhouse
		Saturday May 13th	CWC Clubhouse
June	Annual General Meeting	Saturday 10th 9am	CWC Clubhouse

Targeting Windows



Windows in the clubhouse office were again targeted by vandals . Alan Warner took on the repair job and has replaced the broken glass panes with polycarbonate.

Important Notice Annual Fees

Annual fees came due at the end of March. The fees remain unchanged at \$50. Simply put you cash or cheque in an envelope, write your name on the envelope together with "Annual Fees" and place it in the white cash box in the office.



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WOODWORKING CLASSES

Monday: Cabinet Making with Bob Chaplin 12 noon to 4pm. You will need to contact Bob 5476 2837 to book into this class as places are restricted.

Tuesday: Carving informal group usually from 9am to noon

Wednesday: Turning informal group but check with Dennis Donnelly for tuition classes

Saturday: Spindle Turning with Alan Warner
1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturdays

WORKSHOP HOURS

The club has introduced a scheme of daily workshop duty officers (WDO) with the aim of improving safety and reducing damage to machinery. No one should use the workshop unless a WDO is present. And there must always be two members present including the WDO.

Normal hours are

Tuesday - Saturday 9am to 12 noon

(Monday morning has been reserved for maintenance and machine accreditation.

Monday afternoon is reserved for the cabinetry school run by Bob Chaplin)

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The objectives for which the Association is established are:-

- (1) To provide fellowship for those who share the common interest of woodwork.
- (2) To purchase and/or exchange associated materials
- (3) To offer assistance and advice on the hobby of woodturning and woodworking to all members.
- (4) To promote club activities within the community as the opportunity presents itself.
- (5) Whilst essentially comprised of amateur woodworkers, commercial woodworkers are welcome as members, on the basis that the club will always be an amateur, non commercial organisation.

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