



Presidents Message

- **Bribie and District Woodcrafters Association members visit.**
- **Who's who in the club**
- **Yearly planner and a what's on each week (under development.)**
- **A huge Show and Tell**
- **The latest from the mill**
- **A feature on timbers available from the mill**
- **30th Show committee meets soon. Check with Steve Chapman**

It's time to shake off that post-festive season lethargy and get on to the tools again!

2019 will be a special year for our club as we celebrate our 30th anniversary. The founding members first gathered in late 1988 but it wasn't until 8 October 1989 that we became an Incorporated Association. Congratulations, Cooroora Woodworkers Club!



One of the projects we plan to undertake this year is the installation of solar panels to offset our substantial electricity costs. The plan is to use space on the roof of the Camphor Laurel shed next door, which is very helpful of them. Their President, Stuart Campbell, has also provided some very useful advice based on their recent switch to solar. We now have a competitive quote for the work and plan to go ahead soon.

As we kick off another year it's great to be able to report that we had a really excellent result from the car parking duties in Noosa over Christmas. Many thanks to those members who volunteered. Thanks to their efforts our coffers will receive a handsome boost. Several wonderful members did three and even four sessions; I'll mention them by name at the next General Meeting.

Finally, sincere thanks to the club members who checked on my well-being during my recent period of leave from the job as President, brought on by some health issues. I'm feeling much better and ready to return to the fray.

Stay safe and enjoy your woodworking!

Cheers, John

Newsletter development

Got ideas on what you would like to see in our newsletter. Drop a line to Howard at howard.croft12731960@gmail.com

Looking for show committee members

The show is only around the corner (it's already half way through February), and after the great event last year, the show committee will be meeting soon and is looking for fresh faces. Contact Steve Chapman to be a fresh face.

Whos Who

ROLE	CURRENT ROLEHOLDER
PRESIDENT	John Cantwell
VICE PRESIDENT	John Gygar
SECRETARY	Steve Chapman
TREASURER	Bob Jones
MEMBERSHIP OFFICER	Jeff Fraser
HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER	John Gygar
WORKSHOP SUPERVISOR	Bill Todd
MILLING SUPERVISOR	Ian Robertson

Easter parking Roster

The Christmas parking was a financial windfall for the club and Easter parking will be again with your help. See Andy Esworthy to add your name to the roster.

Weekly Planner

Day	Activity/Co-ordinator	Time
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		

Yearly Calendar

Month	Date	Planned Activity
January	12th	Training Day
February	9th	General Meeting
March	9th	Shed Visit....John Cantwell
April	13th	General Meeting
May	11th	Open Day (in conjunction with Fusion Festival)
June	8th	General Meeting
July	13th	
August	10th	General Meeting
September	14th	Annual Show - 19th - 20th September
October	12th	General Meeting
November	9th	
December	14th	General Meeting

Newsflash

The missing **Lathe Tools** have been returned. Full confessions to follow.

BRIBIE AND DISTRICT WOODCRAFTERS ASSOCIATION VISIT.



Bribie visitors Paul Soldatenko, Neils Anderson and John Dann with John Cantwell trying his guillotine on a variety of timbers of differing hardness.

The Bribie club are planning to buy a horizontal guillotine for their box making group, for cutting 45 degree mitres. One of their members saw John Cantwell using his guillotine during our Woodcraft Show and asked if he and a couple of other members could visit his home workshop to try it and were very impressed by the precision that can be obtained on mitred corners. The Bribie woodcrafters would warmly welcome a visit by members of our club.



Fixing the mill chain again. Thank you to the milling team for your skill, patience and most of all, sawn timber.



Show and Tell

Denis Amos with multi timber turned bowls with excellent sealing finial topped lids.



Peter Bradford's turned bowls with coloured highlights.



Please fill out the show and tell forms with as much detail as possible as this information drives the newsletter show and tell text . Many thanks from the editor.

Show and Tell



Jim Pound's high quality marquetry



Graham Eastman's s pen displaying superb craftsmanship



Dennis Donnelly's delicious bowl of turned fruit.



Jeff Fraser's spoon collection with interesting resin highlights and square bowl.

The Mill Update

Each month the newsletter will have an update of timber available from the mill. This will permit members to have first selection on freshly milled unseasoned timber, as often the best timber can be sold even before club members are aware of its availability. Members can continue to purchase seasoned timber, but if you have an special upcoming project you can select your timber before the general public and season it yourself or speak to Ian on the best course of action.

Timber
Red Cedar Small sizes
Blue Gum
Lemon Scented Gum
Camphor Laurel
Silky Oak
Hoop Pine
Leopard Tree
Foamwood
A selection of gum to be milled shortly

Feature Timber

Camphor Laurel

Camphor laurel yields a beautiful, rich honey-coloured timber with a clean, fresh camphor smell that is perfect for furniture, carving, and cabinetry. The tree is native to Taiwan, southern Japan, southeast China and Indochina, where it has great cultural significance as a source of scent, oil and crystallised blocks for use in religious ceremonies and for medicinal purposes. It is used as a valuable timber for furniture and carving icons.

In Australia, the camphor laurel has a less respectable reputation. The 20 – 30 metre tall evergreen tree was introduced in the 1820s and quickly displaced and inhibited native vegetation. It was widely used for windbreaks and as a measure against soil erosion and as a result has proliferated on disused pasture along the coastal hinterland of NSW and parts of Queensland. It is now categorised as a weed and can easily be identified by its glossy, waxy leaves that smell strongly of camphor when crushed.

Nevertheless, camphor laurel timber is excellent for creating fine furniture. Its heartwood varies widely in colour from pale to mid brown and is often streaked with darker brown or red. The sapwood is very wide and pale brown. The timber’s grain is usually interlocked with a moderately fine and even texture. All camphor laurel wood features the characteristic camphor smell that repels moths and other insects, making it perfect for clothes storage cabinets. Camphor laurel also has antibacterial properties prized for use in crafting handsome chopping and carving boards. Camphor laurel works fairly well but may require sanding to remove torn grain. An excellent timber for turning, it accepts coatings, bends well, and is fixes easily. Take care when gluing as it can be oily.



Unseasoned	Seasoned
Strength	
S6 Reasonably Low	SD6 Reasonably Low
Stress Grade	
F4 to F8	F5 to F14
Density	
1000 kg/m ³	485 kg/m ³

Durability	
In Ground 5-15 Years	Above Ground 15—40 years
Insect Susceptibility	
Lyctid Borer	Susceptible
Termite	Not Resistant
Fire Properties	
Slightly combustible	



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Next Club Meeting:

Training Day: 9th March 2019

Members Shed Visit: John Cantwell

Workshop Hours
Normal clubhouse and workshop hours



Free Training!

The Cooroora Woodworkers Club offers free training in a whole range of woodworking skills such as turning, carving, furniture making and intricate box making. That's right, it's totally free to club members. Come join us in our 30th year.

We sell high-quality timber to our members and the public, with all proceeds going back to the club.
Visit our clubhouse to see what's on offer.

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