



Editor Update

After attending the Fremantle Class Patrol Boats reunion in Gladstone followed by an extended break on Curtis Island off Gladstone fishing and crabbing, I have combined March and April newsletter together. Many changes have occurred since my departure. To keep up the latest club status, check Steve's (club secretary) email updates (page 2 has a list of all recent emails to check if you have read them all). The kilns and clubhouse have closed due to COVID-19 (coronavirus) government laws and we have been directed to stay home for the foreseeable future. Due to the woodworking machines not being used and with the current humid weather, all machines with cast iron components and steel/ iron tools have been oiled to prevent corrosion. I have included my email address, (howard.croft12731960@gmail.com) so we keep up with the great work you are completing at home and do not forget to include some text on how it all came together. Thanks to Steve for photos Jim Pound's table (more in show and tell inside). Look after yourselves ,stay and healthy until we see each other again



Regards Howard Croft

Want to keep up to date with all the club activities .The clubs facebook page and web site are great sources of the latest happening especially while the club house and kilns ae closed due to social distancing laws.



Whos Who

ROLE	CURRENT ROLEHOLDER
PRESIDENT	John Gygar
VICE PRESIDENT	Bill Todd
SECRETARY	Steve Chapman
TREASURER	Alan Richard-Preston
MEMBERSHIP OFFICER	Jeff Fraser
HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER	Bill Todd
WORKSHOP SUPERVISOR	Howard Croft
MILLING SUPERVISOR	Ian Robertson

Next Meeting
Keep tuned to
emails. Below is a list
of Secretary's emails
on club updates

The committee will remain unchanged until the club can conduct it's Annual General Meeting. Due to current government regulations the date for this meeting is unknown at this time. The secretary's/ president's emails will provide the most up to date information regarding all club activities and will always supersede any newsletter information. The committee meets via Zoom conducting normal club management duties.

Communication to Membership during March & April, 2020

Secretary's Stuff	When	What
Secretary's Stuff 5/20	17/03/20	Coronavirus advice, Easter Parking roster, Fees, date claimers
Secretary's Stuff 6/20	22/03/20	Coronavirus advice, Easter Parking roster, Fees, Dave Putland's woodworking gear, cancellations of Maleny Wood Expo, Fusion Festival.
Secretary's Stuff 7/20	23/03/20	COVID-19 measures in place for CWC.
Secretary's Stuff 8/20	31/03/20	Closure of CWC facilities and activities, Eastyer parking cancelled, Fees, Council of Woodworking Clubs newsletter.
President's Message	07/04/20	Message from the President – recent decisions made.
Secretary's Stuff 9/20	09/04/20	President's message, Fees, Timber sales, Show us Your Project'
March/April Newsletter	18/04/20	Club newsletter
Secretary's Stuff 10/20	19/04/20	Newsletter, February General Meeting Minutes, Show Us Your Project

In the workshop

The dust extraction system had a full service including replacing the pleated fine dust canister. Remember to check the course dust/ wood shavings 105-liter drum before commencing any work requiring dust extraction and listen out for the pleated canister brushes rotating. The clogging of the system last time was caused by a loose wire in the control box permitting the pleated fine dust canister to become clogged and therefore over pressurizing the system and blowing the fine plastic dust bag off. A big Thank you for Bill Todd for meeting the Gregory's service person as I was still enjoying mud crab lunches on Curtis Island.

All machines have been oiled for preservation during the club shutdown and will need to be thoroughly cleaned and the preservation oil removed before use. All machines will need to be serviced before use to ensure they are operating correctly and safely. When the government lifts the limits on social gatherings, we will clean, adjust and service each machine, complete other maintenance tasks are required. Using the machines and tools before they are thoroughly cleaned may result in the preservation oil contaminating and dis-colouring the timber.



Need to use a club machine when we open again such as the table saw or thicknesser for an extended time. Contact or text Howard to assist on 0429 872 833 to organize a suitable time.

The Club Timber Mill is closed until further notice.

E Show and tell from

Games Table

Jim Pound

March 31, 2020

I started this project over 12 months ago inspired by this photo.



The table is approximately knee high. The centre panel is removable with chess on one side and a decorative pattern on the other. The backgammon board is recessed in the usual way. I decided to make the table a little higher. This was my first mistake. I also decided that two drawers were required to house the chess pieces and that was my second mistake.

After many calculations and redrawings my plan was to make a central box using cedar that slotted into the table (and could be lifted out). The table to be made from silky oak with cedar tabletop.

I used mdf for the central removable panel. The chess pattern was cut from Qld. walnut and silver ash veneers using a veneer saw. Silver ash tends to break edges when cut by knife. On my first attempt the edges of the squares didn't line up well. On my second attempt I used yellow masking tape to stop movement. After gluing up and pressing overnight the masking tape refused to be removed without taking some of the veneer with it. So on my third attempt I used veneer tape to hold the strips together. I applied Titebond 3 by roller to both the veneer and mdf and pressed overnight. The result is not perfect but ok. For the decorative side of the panel I purchased a nice burl veneer with a pinky colour but unknown species and set it in a book-match pattern.

The tricks used to cut out the chess pattern didn't work with the acute triangles of the backgammon board. Using NG rosewood veneer as the background together with walnut and silver ash veneers I found after a couple of attempts that marking the corners of the triangles with a sharp pointed pin gave the best result for cutting accuracy. The pinky burl veneer was used in the centre of the pattern. After gluing to an mdf panel all looked fine when taken from the press. A few weeks later after finishing I noticed some bubbles in the burl veneer. They seemed to go up and down with the weather. Huge disappointment! After the usual Google search I followed what seemed the best advice. Make a small hole in the bubble, inject super glue, press and hold the bubble down with baking paper to protect the finger. Then sand carefully and refinish.

We have had some really good cedar from our excellent milling team over the years. But it is now in short supply especially if you want nice straight grain, as we all do. Unfortunately the only cedar available had a random grain pattern and a poor surface no matter which way it went through the thicknesser. In making the central box the crazy grain pattern of the cedar made poor joints due to bits falling off. On the table top I used the best side of the strips to show, however there is no pleasing grain matching and it looks a bit weird. It is extremely open pored.

The table frame was made with silky oak using the club's mortise cutter. It works fine but you do need to use a strong light to see your markings. I would rather use a spiral router bit for a cleaner result but I don't have one. I did some marquetry for decoration. A crown on the front and back rails and arrows on the legs. A sub-frame of commercial pine holds the games box in place. There is a drawer at each of the longer ends of the table to hold the chess pieces.

Gluing up the table frame was a challenge because of the number of joints that had to be brought together at the same time. Mortise joints on the main frame and dowelled joints on the sub-frame. The glue (Titebond 3) was setting too quickly and I got into a bit of a panic. Fortunately one of our new club members saw my predicament and advised me to stand the table on it's feet on the floor and reclamp. He helped me do this and saved my project. My sincere thanks to him for his timely advice and help.

I downloaded plans for the chess pieces intending to cut them out with the scroll saw. I spent a whole day to cut out one piece which was horrible. My new friend eBay supplied me with a whole wooden set for \$20.

I used sanding sealer and clear gloss lacquer to finish the table.

I mentioned at the start that increasing the height and increasing the length were mistakes. The finished table just doesn't quite have the look of the one that was my inspiration. So overall I am a little disappointed. Next time maybe do the table top with veneered plywood, a lower height and no drawers. Cheers Jim

The completed table ready for a game. Opps, forgot to say, I don't play chess.





It is camphor laurel and blue resin with marine gloss coat. Cheers Fred Hunne (a past member who has moved back to Melbourne).

Once a Cooroora Woodworker always a Cooroora Woodworker at heart.



A 'table' for kid's bathroom. This is where family heirloom furniture starts. Nick P-W.



Richard R's eggs - Camphor, Guava and inside the egg - mini kaleidoscopes. These are the results of Dennis D's urgings. Excellent stuff.





Here's a special from our master turner Alan W - a turned Jacaranda Jewellery Box with opening drawers and Ebony feet and finials. Inside the domed lid there is an inlaid mirror.



Workshop Hours

The clubhouse and workshop kilns are closed
until further notice.



Ranald M's entry room divider aquarium stand "The Cave". (Improves Feng Shui Chi after it rushes up our driveway. Front is camphor laurel, legs are pear tree, feet are leftovers of camphor. shelf for fish stand is black painted clear pine.

Assembly/joinery due to the weight is batten screws plugged with same species where applicable. Most natural edges with some of his ordinary carving.

Finish is 5 coats of matt estapol.

As I have been basically self isolating for 6 months due to attempts to sell our property (during droughts/fires; floods; covit-19), I have been having fun with more curios for the property.

The grand kids & adults too just love em & so easy to make from scraps previously destined for the fire. If interested I can send more pics. I have totems, Aliens, Buzz light years 1960 letterbox, Tigger the tiger shark, road works, stolen generation, poacher, Ned's back up, planter boxes, etc etc etc. Thanks Ranald M.

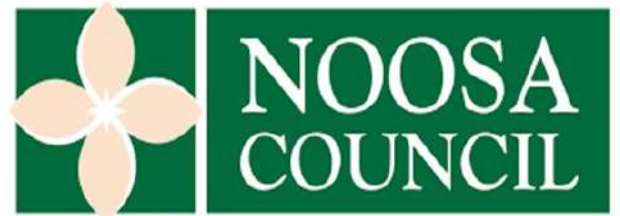


Not as fine work as so many other people but the built up garden beds did have some timber, as well as old roofing iron that was laying about on the wood and metal racks. Fresh vegetables at Howard C's place soon.



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Membership fees are now overdue. Check Steve's emails to find the most suitable method of payment for you. Steve Chapman even has one payment with no name, could this be you, if so check

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