



Editor Update

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February is the Focus on safety month. Have a read of the latest workshop report and the safety focus will be apparent. Often members ask what is the maximum capability of a machine. The question should be, what is a good rate of work for the machine. Often a slower feed, a shallower cut will take the pressure off the machine resulting in cutting and blades lasting longer, work being completed safer. When you are machining , ask yourself what is a good work rate for the machine. The milling team are back hard at work, so as a way of saying thank you, the milling team is cover page material.

Regards Howard Croft



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 for our next skill development session.

Weekly Planner Calendar

Day	Activity/Co-ordinator	Time
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Milling Ian Robertson	8.00am onwards
Thursday	Woodworking Ian Robertson	pm
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		

Vale

It is with great sadness, that I wish to announce the passing of club member - Jim Daley. Jim from Eumundi, joined our club on 8th January, 2019. He passed away in December, 2019. Sincere condolences to his wife, Sue. May Jim's noble soul, Rest In Peace.

Need to use a club machine 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.

Safety in the workshop

A recent incident highlighted the need for members to report all damage to any machinery. As part of the maintenance crew I am well aware that damage or simply wear to tools and machines occurs. The incident. A member was using the large table saw cutting a piece of 3mm craft-wood about 300 x 300 square. A soft piece of timber, thin, easily within the machines cutting capabilities. The piece of timber was being correctly feed into the saw blade using the fence, no operator error at all. The timber bound on the saw and was forcibility ejected into the operator. The



injury was 2 broken fingers (so badly broken that internal metal supports were required) and extensive lacerations to not only those fingers, but other fingers and the hand as well. As with all incidents in the workshop, the incident was reviewed by the workshop manager, the workplace Health and Safety Officer and other experienced club members. The elimination of risks within the workshop is a constant focus of the workshop team. What caused this to happen. Originally, it was thought that



the craft wood being soft may have had an edge bevel caused by handling or some other action which allowed the piece to slide under the fence. Fences have been known to move up with thin timber. It was on closer inspection by our WH&S officer that the damage to the fence was discovered. The aluminum fence had made contact with the saw blade removing part of the fence material.



Safety in the workshop

This small amount of damage was the reason the timber slid under the fence, causing the timber to travel obliquely ever so slightly but enough for the material to bind into the saw and in less than a heartbeat the timber had forcefully struck the operator. The operator has now has a serious injury through the actions of another club member. The person who caused this damage to the fence would have been aware of the damage although may have considered it minor. All damage should be reported to the WDO and written in the communication book. Will we get angry, no, although I cannot guarantee a shake of the head and a look of disbelief. We have all undertaken tasks and looked back and thought that there was a better safer way. I came in on Tuesday to find a nut from the new router table on the floor. Easily replaced and tightened up.



If you find something like this including any damage to machines, let the WDO know. Not sure how to fix the problem, WDO's tag the machine (tags are in the pouch as you walk into the workshop about knee height) with your name (clearly, no signatures please) and the problem. Text Howard on 0429 872 833 about the problem and I shall come down as soon as possible to repair the machine.

The accreditation sheets have been updated, it is the members responsibility to ensure they are accredited on their chosen machines. Have not used a machine or even a feature on a machine for awhile and want a refresher. Just ask the WDO or an experienced club member. Howard will be doing the final computer update in early March. Lets make February our focus on safety month. Do the rounds of the sheets so we can have a more light blue (easily seen and indicates the member is accredited) then white.

The accreditation table for the DeWalt table saw is on the following page. Your name will appear at the same place on every sheet. When the sheets are updated your name may move slightly, but again it will be in the same place on every sheet. This will make it easy for each member to check if they are accredited. This sheet does not reflect recent accreditations (it is two weeks old and only for demonstration purposes, the one in the workshop is up to date by having hand written accreditations) .

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Dewalt Workman Table Saw

(T = Transfer from previous sheet)

10/01/2020

Name	Date	Assessor	Name	Date	Assessor	Name	Date	Assessor
Amos D			Gore D			Stevenson J		
Barber R			Gott J			Stokes E		
Barnsley A			Gray N			Sturtz J		
Bartley A			Gygar J	T		Tarrant S	T	
Bartley M			Hager M			Taylor Les	T	
Bateman V			Hanicek S			Taylor Louise		
Beveridge B			Hart Z			Tincknell B		
Black D			Heaney S	T		Todd B	T	
Bloomfield R			Herron R			Topp L		
Bowden M			Hobbs G			Turner P		
Bradford P	T		Hunne F			Warner A	T	
Bramley J			Huntress J			Warrick J		
Breedyk V			Jackson R			White B		
Brewer D			James P			Whiteman B		
Brewer K			Johnston J			Williams R		
Briggs A			Jones B			Yates L		
Briggs D			Kennedy J					
Brown V			King J					
Byrne T			King M					
Campbell B			Ladd S					
Cantwell J	T		Lee R					
Carseldine S			Lovatt J					
Chaplin R			MacCarthy B					
Chapman S			Mackay M					
Christensen N			Macleod L					
Claypole J			Magnan H	T				
Close J			McPhee A	T				
Cobb C			Mearns D					
Cobb J	T		Millar R					
Coe T			Mitchell M					
Collins L			Mohr James					
Cottrell J			Morgan H					
Croft H	T		Ogilvie M					
Daley J			Otte R	T				
Davis T			Passmore G	T				
Dayton M			Pearce B					
Denyer R	T		Pound J	T				
Donnelly D			Price-Wilson N					
Duncan D			Price-Wilson T					
Eastman S			Richard-Preston					
Esson J			Robertson I					
Esworthy A			Roe R					
Eyster J			Sargaison J					
Finlay A	T		Sharp R					
Fraser J	T		Smith R					

Member of the Month

Howard Croft

Howard was born in Brisbane, the second youngest of 5 children, living a carefree childhood around Petrie which was a rural farming area in the 1960's, fishing, boating and enjoying an adventurous country life. This included walking 3 miles to school (minus 100 yards) as a 4-year-old. The bus was free if you lived over 3 miles and my mother made us walk as a matter of principle. Being sent to kindergarten as a 3-year-old, Howard would often (daily) escape to the primary school to visit his older brother. To save the kindergarten teachers any more grief searching for him, when Howard turned 4 in February, he joined the year one class. This meant that he started senior (year 12) as a 15-year-



Howard's bathtub self wicking salad garden beds and timber locker ready for chilly winter

At 18 Howard decided that a more stable lifestyle was needed and applied to join the Navy. Having scuba dived for a few years, clearance diver looked like an exciting job. There was an 18 month wait list for clearance divers, so Howard went travelling again, working in Townsville for winter and Brisbane for the summer. Upon joining the Navy at HMAS Cerberus, rugby was an avenue to get off base and so off to Melbourne to play Box Hill, returning with a black eye. The next day was my diving test, so with a black eye, in the Victorian winter, Howard completed the 200-meter open ocean swim, 4-meter hookah air hose dive. While warming up a Lieutenant -Commander noticed my black eye and stated Howard was not permitted to dive that day and would have to complete the test in 2 weeks' time. Howard said he would not be redoing the test as a result of Navy mismanagement and after many senior sailors and officers spoke to Howard, the Lieutenant Commander said there was no place for him in this man's Navy and so was the end of Howard's clearance diving career. After doing well in recruit training, he was offered a choice of career options and ship wright trade sounded like a good workplace. When in Melbourne, Howard met his wife Tonia. They had a long-distance romance while he was at sea, travelling as far as the Arabian Gulf and Indian Ocean and to the West Coast of the USA.

After 11 years and 7 days in the Navy, Howard left Sydney to return to Queensland. A University scholarship for tradesmen at Griffith University to become Manual Arts/Design and Technology teachers had Howard and Tonia living in Brisbane for the next 7 years. Teaching saw Howard, Tonia and their son, Bantray, travel around Queensland and the Northern Territory as he taught in Pine River State High School, Brisbane, Cunnamulla State School, Sunshine Beach State High School (for one day), Sunshine Coast Grammar School, Mirani State High School, Sheppardson College (Elcho Island NT) and Angurugu School (Groote Eylandt NT). This meant that he finally did get to Darwin.

Tractor work on the
hobby farm



After taking early retirement Tonia and Howard moved back to Cooroy and spend time on their hobby farm, going to the beach and travelling with Singapore, India, Greece and Europe on the agenda for 2020. He will be in India when you read this. Howard joined the Cooroora Woodworkers not because he had projects to make, but just wanted a woodworking club in Cooroy when he needed it. Somehow, much to Tonia's dismay Howard fell into the being the newsletter and CCBSW editors and the workshop manager. People have asked, what does Howard make at the club, not a lot yet as there are so many other projects in the pipeline, sheds, gardens, retaining walls, bridges and an expanded orchard.



The latest project was a sailing boat launching trolley and road trailer. Always a project on the go.



Car parking



Thank you to all the members who enjoyed our toasty summer directing cars. An excellent effort by all.

Congratulations to the carparking team of Howard Croft, Michael Mitchell and Jeff Fraser who were voted number one car parking team for summer 2019/2020. And they are a top team in the workshop.



Workshop Hours

Normal clubhouse and workshop hours are Monday to Saturday 9am to 12 noon

Timber Terms

Air-dried

Dried in a natural atmosphere.

Air-dry

Having a moisture content in equilibrium with the local atmosphere. The equilibrium moisture content varies with seasons and climates.

Board

A piece of sawn, hewn or dressed timber of greater width than thickness. The manufactured product supplied as a rigid sheet.

Checks or splits

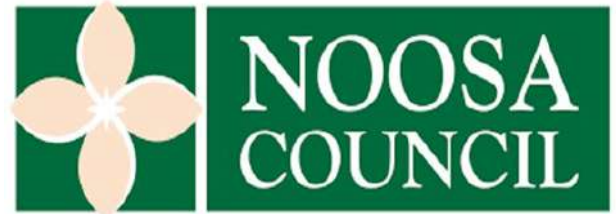
Separations which extend along the grain, the result of moisture loss and shrinking during drying.

Clear timber

Timber free of any imperfections.

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Next Club Activity:

Monthly activity, check emails for the latest details.

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 31th 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. (Saturday morning is best). Normal clubhouse and workshop hours are Monday to Saturday 9am to 12 noon

Celebrating 31 Years of woodworking, fellowship and community service.

