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- **A feature on Lemon Scented Gum available from the mill**
- **30th Show committee meets soon. Check with Steve Chapman for date and venue.**
- **Get your name down for your favourite timeslot for the Easter Parking.**
- **Fusion coming soon.**
- **Club membership is due.**

Presidents Message

President's Message

It was very good to welcome around 40 members to my shed earlier this month, to demonstrate some techniques for making wooden wheels and to provide an opportunity for something different from the usual Monthly Meeting. Thank you for making the trek to my place and for your interest and kind words of appreciation.



Recent events of note include the installation of 20 solar panel on the roof of our neighbours, the Camphor Laurels, which will supply power to the Kilns and clubhouse. This was a significant investment by our club but one which will pay dividends in only a few years. We also took delivery of a new Lucas mill at the Ringtail Creek site, another major investment, and one which will make the job of milling timber safer and more efficient. Like the solar panels, the new mill should pay for itself over time.

Recently I've been talking with the group managing the Fusion Festival, who were very keen that our club once again support the event. We have committed to doing so, on Saturday 11th May from 9am to 3pm. Our contribution will be refined in due course but will be similar to last year, with an emphasis on families and kids. Please mark your calendars with the date, as we need quite a few members to make it all work.

I hope you've seen the recent emails from our Secretary, Steve Chapman, calling for a few more volunteers to do parking in Noosa at Easter. We earned a substantial amount from this event last year, but there are still several vacant slots. I know it's a family time for many of us, but please try to offer up a few hours.

Steve has also reminded us that our annual fees are due at the end of this month. The preferred method of payment is via EFT but there are other options. Either way, please renew your membership before the cut-off and make sure your name is on the transaction so we know who is paying.

Finally, our AGM is still a couple of months away but several members of the current Management Committee will be making room for new members, me included. Our club is in a great shape and the new Committee needs enthusiastic forward-looking people to keep steering us forward; does that sound like you?

Cheers, John

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	Milling Ian Robertson	8.00am onwards
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

The Major Raffle Prize – Butchers Block

Wanting to assist Denis and Peter with the Butchers Block contact Denis .

JOHN CANTWELL'S HOME WORKSHOP VISIT.

In line with the new program of events for 2019, club President John Cantwell recently hosted a visit by members to his home workshop.

Around 40 members attended, making even John's very large shed look crowded. Everyone wanted to know how he kept his workshop so clean and tidy; John's reply was that 40 years of Army life had drilled the habit into him!



John made two presentations, either side of a morning tea break.

The first was his method of making highly realistic wheels for toy trucks. Members were impressed by how quickly he was able to produce a wheel, using a variety of steps and simple jigs.





Band-sawing the perfect cylinder with a simple jig.



John demonstrating his many jigs used



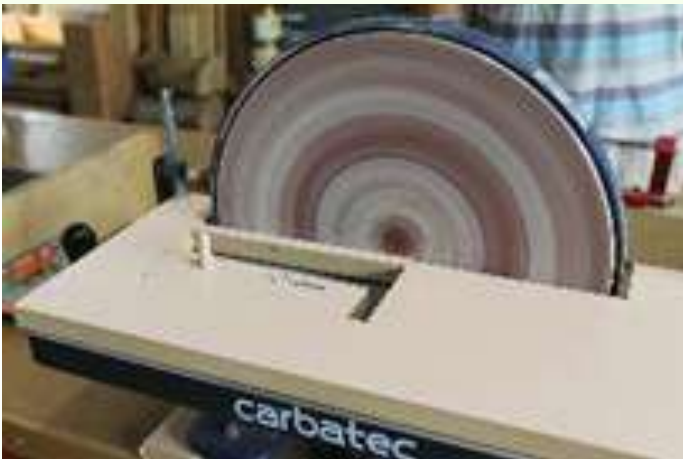


The second demonstration showed how he makes the large chunky truck wheels he has previously displayed at Show and Tell. Again, the use of jigs and some clever techniques produced a wonderful result as can be seen from the photos.





The realistic tread machined by John



A sandpaper box



Many thanks go to John and his wife Jane, who helped lay out morning tea for the members, and also to Vice President John Gygar who served delicious hot dogs to the hungry mob!



The editor would like to apologise for the newsletters irregular distribution timing. This has occurred due to Howard and Tonia travelling to PNG and Tasmania recently. The May and June newsletters will be interesting as May will be collated in Vietnam and the June edition in Sri Lanka, wish me luck . Should be back on track in July.

Member profile was suggested by a club member.

Newsletter Development

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

Membership fees due 1st April

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Ian Robertson

Solid, quality furniture pieces made from distinctive Aussie timber and put to use as practical items of home furniture defines Ian's approach to woodworking. Often using existing furniture pieces as inspiration, Ian creates his own designs starting with his rough hand drawn plans and ending with skilfully made finished products.



Ian was born in Katoomba and raised in Forbes in central NSW and can trace his interest in woodworking to growing up in a rural area and in particular watching his father make rustic and practical wooden pieces for use in the home and on the farm, using only very basic hand tools.

Throughout his school years Ian tells us his school report card had very few flattering comments concerning his academic record which was never anything to brag about. The one exception was woodwork and he has fond memories of his mum proudly showing everyone his woodwork report, particularly the teacher's comments of "Excellent student".

Following a stint as a farm labourer, he began to look further afield and took the chance and joined the Queensland Police Force. He worked his way up to the rank of detective inspector and had a 38 year career serving in far flung places such as Townsville, Innisfail, Charters Towers and Brisbane. With a long career in Homicide and the Paedophile unit no doubt he has seen it all.



Throughout his adult life Ian has made most of the furniture items for the home, starting out with a chipboard chair using a pattern his wife, Sandra found in a Women's Weekly. Next came the kitchen table, bedroom furniture, coffee table, an outdoor setting and a dramatic silky oak dining suite.

After retiring to Cooroy five years ago Ian extended an existing shed to make his well set out workshop and his wife's pottery studio.



He feels we are spoilt for choice living where we do with our ready access to excellent cabinet timbers, his favourites being silky oak, red cedar, hoop pine and particularly camphor laurel, one of his favourite timbers with its good looks, its ability to cut, work and glue well, taking well to most finishes and as a bonus, having a wonderful aroma.

He is now the “boss” of the club’s milling operations at Ringtail Creek, with the operation under his stewardship running smoothly with a friendly team of members.

His well used workbench made of swamp paperbark, left.



A favourite item in his workshop is a mortice and tenon jig, ideal when making kitchen and dining chairs when hundreds of these joints are required. Although a relatively expensive piece of equipment, the

time saved is impressive.



The pic on the right shows the cutter forming the tenon for a kitchen chair.



One of his favourite small projects is to make wooden hinges on the router using a jig he designed himself. This delicate operation uses bamboo skewers as hinge pins



Above are a sample of Ian’s work, the pottery studio counter, left, a redgum outdoor setting, centre and a board game storage box using unusually figured silky oak.

Keep an eye out for his next project, maybe at our monthly show and tell we will see more of his work

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

Timber
Camphor Laurel
Rose She Oak



Some of the beautiful Camphor Laurel slabs

Feature Timber

Lemon Scented Gum

Lemon Scented gum is one of Australia’s premium native hardwoods with a striking appearance and a high degree of natural durability and strength, making it an ideal timber for a variety of structural, exterior and interior applications. Woodworkers value spotted gum timbers for their back-sawn grain structure, attractive markings and vibrant colour palette.



Spotted gum is the common commercial name for four species (Lemon Scented being one species) that grow along the east coast of Australia, from northeast Victoria to the northern tablelands of Queensland, with some occurrence in western areas of southern Queensland. These species have straight, slender trunks with smooth bark that is shed in patches, giving the trees their characteristic spotted appearance.

The species referred to as spotted gum vary in appearance but not in durability class or other properties. The heartwood ranges from light brown through to dark red-brown hues. Sapwood is usually white to light brown in colour. The presence of a wavy grain can produce an attractive fiddle-back figure. The wood has a slightly greasy feel, a characteristic that aids machining and boring.

Applications include boatbuilding, tool and implement handles, polo sticks and diving boards. Compared to other Australian hardwoods, spotted gum is a minimal staining timber as it is less prone to bleed-through of tannins than other species. Spotted gum is also a good timber for carving and woodturning.

Unseasoned	Seasoned
Strength	
S2 High	SD2 High
Stress Grade	
F8 to F27	F14 to F34
Density	
1180 kg/m ³	990 kg/m ³

Durability	
In Ground 20 Years	Above Ground 40+ years
Insect Susceptibility	
Lyctid Borer	Susceptible
Termite	Resistant
Fire Properties	
Moderately Combustible	



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Next Club Meeting:

Meeting Day: 13th April 2019

General Meeting at Clubhouse



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