

COOROORA WOODWORKERS CLUB Inc.



We are a not-for-profit, incorporated association of like-minded people with a passion for working with wood.

Objectives of the Club

1. Provide fellowship and shared enjoyment of amateur woodworking.
2. Assist members to constantly improve their woodworking skills and knowledge.
3. Provide a positive, safe and friendly environment for all members.
4. Source and mill timber for purchase by members and the public.
5. Actively engage with our community and support other community groups.

A bit of history

The inaugural meeting of the Cooroora Woodworkers Club was held at the Tewantin Scout Den on 14 December 1988. Founding and first Club President, Ron Salmon, placed an advertisement in a local newspaper which attracted about fourteen interested “woodies”. The foundations laid by these, and built on by many subsequent, woodworking tragi-comics have allowed the Club to grow and prosper.

After a few location shifts, the Club settled into 8 Lower Mill Road in 1997 when Noosa Shire Council granted us permission to use the remnant drying kilns from Cooroy’s lower sawmill as our workshop. The Clubhouse was relocated in 1996 from the Cooroy Butter Factory site where it had been the Manager’s Office. Club members refurbished the building to what we have today.

The Club today

The Club has steadily grown over the years in terms of membership and financial security. As at March 2023, membership stands at approximately 200. We maintain a cash reserve at bank that ensures our long term viability.

The Club owns a range of modern and well maintained woodworking equipment including table saws, band saws, drop saws, thicknessers, jointer/planer, wood turning lathes, routers and various types and sizes of sanders. Also, we maintain a range of hand-held power and traditional wood working tools such as planes, chisels, mallets, drills and marking gauges for use by members.

But what do we do with all this gear? Lots of things!! Mostly, club members come in to use the equipment for their own woodworking projects. When they need advice, the Club has several members who have skills and experience in a wide range of woodworking endeavours who help and mentor other members. In addition to one-on-one guidance, they run courses in activities such as introductory woodworking, fine furniture making, face

plate and spindle turning, wood carving, scroll sawing, box making, toy making and pyrography. And if that’s not enough, we have a library and we subscribe to several quality woodworking journals. If you have a woodworking issue, the Club has someone who can help you.

Not only does the Club provide the capacity for members to turn sawn timber into works of art, we provide the sawn timber! The Club has a sawmill where we mill locally acquired logs. Timber species milled over the last 12 months include camphor laurel, silky oak, hoop and bunya pine, blue gum, blackbutt, mango, river she oak, jacaranda, quandong and avocado. As a result, the Club offers quality timber to members at very reasonable prices.

How the Club operates

The Club has a constitution which requires, amongst other things, the election of a seven member Management Committee at the Club’s AGM. It has bi-monthly general meetings on the second Saturday of the months of February, April, June, August, October and December. The workshop and clubhouse are open 9am to 12 noon Monday to Saturday for use by members. Special Interest Groups and courses (e.g., furniture making, wood turning and box making) run at times to suit participating members. Newsletters are produced regularly and News Updates are circulated when members need to be informed of important matters.

The Club runs an Annual Wood Craft show where members are encouraged to display, and perhaps even sell, their woodworking efforts. And talking of selling, the Club runs a shop in the Clubhouse where members can sell their creations.

Volunteering

Sadly, after many attempts to secure one, we have not been able to acquire a Good Fairy to run the Club. This means members need to step up and help run the Club. We cannot maintain our equipment or continue to offer varied and challenging woodworking experiences to members using only the annual membership fee. We need you to give us some of your valuable time to help run the Club by taking on a role or participating in fund raising activities. We would love you to join the club, but also we would love you to be a ‘giver’ as well as a ‘taker’. Whilst we are special in many ways, the Club is the same as any other voluntary organisation – we need you to volunteer for the Club to function.

Membership and other fees

Annual fees for the 1 April-31 March membership year are \$60. Fees are pro-rated based on the date you join during the year. A one-off joining fee of \$20 applies.

Fees are usually charged for courses to cover materials and incidentals (glues, fixings, hinges, finishes, etc.).

Where are we?

The Clubhouse and workshop are located at 8 Lower Mill Road, COOROY.

More information

More details about the Club can be found on our website at www.coororawoodworkersclub.com or check out our page on Facebook. Otherwise, email your questions using the Club email address that is on the website or to membership@coororawoodworkersclub.com.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

You must be 18 years or older to be a member of the Club.

You are required to pay your joining and membership fees BEFORE this application can be processed. For an EFT, the Club's bank details are:

BSB #: 633 000, Account #: 122732076, Account name: Cooroora Woodworkers Club Inc. Alternatively, you can pay at the Clubhouse by credit/debit card or cash.

FEES: Joining fee: \$20, PLUS pro-rated membership fee as follows: If you join in –
Apr-Jun: \$60; Jul-Sep: \$45; Oct-Dec: \$30; Jan-Mar: \$60 (incl. next CFY m'ship fees).

After completing this form and paying your fees, either scan and email to the Membership Officer at membership@cooroorawoodworkersclub.com or deliver to the Clubhouse between 9am and 12 noon Monday to Saturday.

Insurance. The Club carries several policies including public liability insurance for \$20m.

Questions regarding your application can be directed to the Club's Membership Officer.

Date of application		
Surname		
Given name		
Preferred name (on badge)		
Date of birth		
Home phone #		
Mobile phone #		
email address (print clearly)		
Residential address	House no. & street	
	Suburb	
	Postcode	
Partner's name		
Emergency contact (ICE) name		
Emergency contact ph. no.		
Signature of the applicant:		
Payment method	<input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Credit card <input type="checkbox"/> EFT/bank transfer	

CLUB USE ONLY			
Two club members must propose this applicant.			
Proposer (PRINT)			
Secunder (PRINT)			
Date fees paid		Date Register entry	