

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 the early 2000’s 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 soon after 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 October 2023, membership stands at approximately 220. 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 tools and traditional wood working tools such as planes, chisels, mallets, drills and marking gauges for use by members.

So, 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, we run courses covering introductory woodworking, fine furniture making, face plate and spindle

turning, wood carving, scroll sawing, box making, marquetry 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, but we also 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 reasonable prices.

How the Club operates

The Club has a constitution which requires, amongst other things, the election of a nine-member Management Committee at the Club’s AGM. We have bi-monthly general meetings on the second Saturday of the months of February, April, June (+ the AGM), 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 woodcraft show where members are encouraged to display, and perhaps even sell, their woodworking efforts. Talking of selling, the Club runs a shop in the Clubhouse where members can sell their work.

Membership and other fees

Annual fee for the 1 April-31 March membership year is \$80. The fee is pro-rated based on the date you join during the year. A one-off \$20 joining fee applies.

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

Volunteering

Bottom line – the \$80 annual membership fee is not enough for us to run the Club. The Club depends on fund raising and members volunteering. We need members to: form a Management Committee, run courses, be Duty Officers, undertake on-going roles (e.g. Newsletter Editor) and help organise and run activities, including the Club’s Annual Woodcraft Show. We understand if you are working or have on-going commitments, volunteering is challenging. Nevertheless, opportunities exist for you to give the Club a few hours of your time on a weekend or evening over the year to support the Club in some way. If you can’t volunteer, then perhaps our Club is not the one for you. We need you to be a ‘giver’ as well as a ‘taker’.

Where are we?

The Clubhouse and workshop are located at 8 Lower Mill Road, COOROY. Our mill is at Ringtail Creek.

More information

More details about the Club can be found on our website at www.cooroorawoodworkersclub.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@cooroorawoodworkersclub.com.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

FEES: You are required to pay (1) a joining fee of \$20 **PLUS** (2) a pro-rated membership fee **BEFORE** your application can be processed. The pro-rating is as follows: If you apply in – Apr-Jun: \$80; Jul-Sep: \$60; Oct-Dec: \$40; Jan-Mar: \$80 (includes next CFY m'ship fees).

*Note: Qld legislation and the Club's Constitution require the Club to receive your payment of fees **BEFORE** your application is processed.*

If you choose to pay via a bank transfer, 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.

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

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

We endeavour to notify you of the outcome of your application within 2 weeks of submission.

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

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| Date of application | | |
| Surname | | |
| Given name | | |
| Preferred name (on badge) | | |
| Date of birth | | |
| Mobile phone # | | |
| email address (print clearly) | | |
| Address: House no. & street | | |
| Address: Suburb & Postcode | | P/C: |
| Partner's name | | |
| Emergency contact (ICE) name | | |
| Emergency contact ph. no. | | |
| Volunteering | As a member of the Club, I understand I am expected to volunteer a few hours over the membership year. In this regard, I accept the Club may contact me from time to time to fill a roster. | |
| Signature of the applicant: | | |
| Payment method | Cash <input type="checkbox"/> | Credit card <input type="checkbox"/> Bank transfer <input type="checkbox"/> |

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