



IPSWICH WOODCRAFTS CLUB

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Early Model car by J Holland

Calendar

Ipswich Woodcrafts Open Day demo display/sales	Sat 28th August
Ipswich Woodcrafts AGM & Auction	Sat 4 th September
Ipswich Hobby and Lifestyle Show	11 th – 12 th September
Cooroora Wood & Craft Show & Competition	5 th – 6 th November
Christmas Party at Club Services Ipswich	Saturday 4 th December
Christmas Challenge	Wednesday 15 th December

President's Report

Geoff Holloway

Dear members,

The Special Projects Group has started, creating small useful items, gifted to the aged, handicapped and the young. Presently the group work on this project Tuesday mornings, if you would like to help please see Bill Bopf or just turn up. The wood, sandpaper and finishes are supplied by the club, members working in this group are not required to pay the day fee. Bill has an article with more detailed information on the Special Projects Group further on in this newsletter.

The equipment received from a recent grant include: midi lathe, stand & chuck, bandsaw, scroll saw, stand & mag light, router table fence and plate and battery chainsaw. The router table top and the dust extraction system are on back order.

Ipswich Woodcrafts Open Day on the 28th August will be incorporated in the Ipswich Galvanized Heritage Festival held for two weeks from 27th August to 7th September. In addition to the wood crafts display & sales and the in house competition there will be an antique tools display, a local timber display including the history of logging in the Ipswich area, Trevor Gaskell wood sales and of course woodworking demonstrations by willing members.

Ipswich Woodcrafts will be an exhibitor at the Hobby and Lifestyle Expo, 11th & 12th September, Ipswich Showgrounds. More details provided when available.

Machinery safety accreditation is a priority, are you accredited on all the equipment you use? Please ask a Shed Captain to check on your status.

A reminder to read the updated safety policy which includes **Risk Management**: Risk identification, assessment, manage, review. Please report any identified safety risks as we may be able to eliminate or manage them.

Editorial

Renae Barnes

Hope everyone is going ok with being in and out of lockdown! My thoughts and prayers go out to all of our friends, families and fellow Australians south of the border. Hopefully as many of us eligible so far have been able to get the covid vaccine to help speed up the time until we can get back to relative normality! Being in lockdown for me also restricts significantly what I can do with woodworking as I have no machinery of my own. But looking forward to being back in the club this coming weekend and to the shows and open days coming up soon that will hopefully go ahead without a hitch.

With the year over halfway gone already it's almost time for the more organised among us to start thinking about Christmas planning. If anyone has any great ideas for hand made gifts for any age I would love to feature some of them in the next newsletter so please send any ideas, pictures and/or explanations through so I can share them with everyone. My mum has requested that I make her a set of 2 lazy susans... anyone who has made one of these and has any tips or advice please let me know because I sure haven't done them before!!

Some excellent events coming up over the next few months so make a note in your calendar for all of these. Keep any articles, photos, advice or any other tidbits coming through, especially as mentioned above those Christmas gift ideas for the next edition.

Cya at the club!



Demonstrations of
*Turning, Scrollsawing
Pyrography, Carving.*
Woodcraft displays
Woodcraft sales
Wood sales
Vintage display of
woodworking tools
Display of the local
timber species
logged, when and
where.

Ipswich Woodcrafts Club Open Day

29 Swan Street Brassall - Saturday 28th August 9am-3pm



Notice of AGM and Annual Auction

Our annual general meeting and auction is coming up on Saturday 4th September. Always a fun filled day with the auction and a good chance to have a say in the running of our club with the AGM. All club members are strongly encouraged to come along and participate but please remember that as per the reminder below, fees are due by the end of August and you have to have paid to be able to vote! Keep an eye on your inbox for further information being sent out about the AGM and auction and hope to see you all there.

Annual Membership Fees Due



Don't forget! Annual membership is due by the end of this month (31st August).

The full fee structure is outlined in the Notice of the Annual General Meeting which was sent out by email a few days ago or on the last page of this newsletter for your convenience.

Single membership \$45
Family Membership \$62

You can pay by cash directly to our treasurer Lee Holland or by direct deposit into the club bank account, details below:

Bendigo Bank
BSB 633-000
Account Number 163436363

Please make sure you include your name on the payment as a reference so we know who has paid.

Queensland Kauri Pine

(*Agathis robusta*) – by Geoff Holloway

The Family *Araucariaceae* thrived in Australia for 175 million years and once covered much of the super continent, Gondwanaland. The other members of the *Araucariaceae* family are the Bull Kauri (*Agathis microstachya*), Hoop Pine (*Araucaria cunninghamii*), Bunya Pine (*Araucaria bidwillii*) and the Wollemi Pine (*Wollemia nobilis*). A fine, even texture set this timber apart from the more common Hoop pine. During the 1800's the Kauri was mainly found on Fraser Island, the Fraser coast of Queensland and the Atherton Tablelands. Lifespan can be 100 to 300 years and can grow to 40 metres and 2 metre diameter, the oldest and biggest trees up to 50 metres tall and 2.5 metre diameter were heavily harvested in the early settlement period, Historically, because of the size of the trunk it was possible to obtain fairly wide boards. Very even texture, seasons very readily with little movement, not durable in contact with the ground, but otherwise stands up to exposure quite well. The wood is creamy-white, fine straight grain, 480 kg/m³, easily worked and can be finished to a beautiful glossy surface. Stains and polishes well.

Uses: Plywood, flooring, cabinet work, furniture, indoor fittings, boat building, turning. In early homes was used for kitchen sinks and bench tops, considered the better timber of the native conifers.

Considered a most stately tree, planted in many parks, gardens and avenues in the Eastern States of Australia and South Australia.



Queensland Kauri Pine Tree at Queen's Park Ipswich (left), Kholo Gardens (centre) and Brisbane Terrace Goodna (right)



Shallow bowl and hollow form bowl from Kauri Pine

Risk Management

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Equipment Maintenance Report

- The thicknesser had the motor bearings and the drive belt replaced.
- All portable electrical equipment has been tested and tagged, thanks for the help of two members, Geoff C. and John O.
- All RCD safety circuit breakers have been tested.
- Lockup for battery saw built under grinder bench, thanks Damien.
- Felder bandsaw blade has been replaced.
- VL240 lathe tailstock seized, repaired and lubricated.

Sanding Principles for an Oil Finish

Sand your craftwork using the range of grit from 120, 180, 240 for oil finishes, any finer and the oil won't penetrate the wood. Wet sanding with finer grits 320, 400, 600 between first and second coat 24 hrs apart. A third coat can also be applied after a very light sanding with a very fine grit paper or 0000 steel wool. Whether power sanding or hand sanding, remove remaining sanding scratches by hand sanding with the grain prior to applying oil.

To apply an oil finish, first stir or shake the oil, flood it onto the wood using a brush or a cloth, adding extra to keep the surface wet in areas where the oil is quickly absorbed. After 10 minutes, wipe off everything that has not been absorbed.

Buffing the surface 24 hrs after the last coat can also add shine to the wood.

Cooroora Woodcraft Show and Inter-club Competition

We have been invited to participate in the upcoming Cooroora Woodcraft show and competition. Sharpen those tools and get ready as there is only just under 3 months to go until the INTER-CLUB" competition which once again will be held at the **Cooroy Memorial Hall on Friday 5th November and Saturday 6th November.**

It costs nothing to enter and it is a great opportunity to see other clubs work as well as a chance for the top club to win a great prize from Sunshine Mitre 10 (actual prize not confirmed as yet) and of course the perpetual shield to hang in their clubhouse for the year.

To be in the running for the **Perpetual Shield and 3 major prizes** - all that each club needs is one item in each of the five categories:-**Woodturning, General Woodworking, Carving, Pyrography and Toys.** Independent judges will award points to each item, the club with the most points wins.

Clubs are actively encouraged to put in entries even if they can't make all five categories. All entries are still eligible to win the **People's Choice** (\$100 Prizemoney). It is also a great opportunity to display the rich variety and efforts of our skills as woodies.

Special Projects Group

by Bill Bopf

Our club over the years has run several toy making groups which have done a marvellous job at the time. Any activity or group comes about to satisfy a need but groups generally have a limited lifespan. At this stage in the club's evolution there is a perceived need to again take a more active role in the life of our community. We have therefore taken the opportunity to start a Special Projects Group.

The broader aim of the group is to make useful items for residents of old people's homes, disability organizations and items for younger children rather than to just make toys for disadvantaged families at Christmas or to provide to women's shelters, although we will still be doing this.

The group, which has so far met only twice, has also been making foot rollers, spatulas and pâté knives which can be given to old people's homes. The residents themselves can give a spatula as a gift to their families when they come to visit. We have also started making toys and simple puzzles which can be of benefit to young children in preschool or day care as well as to stimulate elderly folk in nursing or old people's homes. We will eventually be making more elaborate pieces which can be donated to organizations to be used for fundraising as raffle prizes.

There are multiple benefits from taking this step. Firstly, community organisations benefit by receiving some useful gifts from the club. Secondly, the club has an opportunity to showcase some of its work and contribute to the community and thirdly, club members have the opportunity to gain new skills and to work collaboratively in producing high quality pieces as part of a team.

The Special Projects Group meets every Tuesday morning and for these sessions only, while producing items for the community, the session fee of \$4 will be waived. Session fees for all other days will be as normal. All wood, sandpaper and finishes will be supplied by the club.

We need your ideas and your outstanding woodworking skills. If you can't physically participate, email me your ideas to the email address in the title above. It is hoped that this initiative will also provide the catalyst for an increased interest in the age old crafts in woodworking and a renewed interest in the value of membership of our club. Together we can make this an outstanding success.



The Ipswich Woodcrafts Club Inc. gratefully acknowledges the generous support provided by The Ipswich City Council in providing funds to assist the club in meeting the financial challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. It is only through this kind of support from our Council that we can push the virus into the background and continue to offer the much needed recreational and social support to members of the Ipswich Community.

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MISSION STATEMENT

1. To promote an interest in the crafts of woodwork and a forum for discussion.
2. To develop a community interest in the various woodworking trades, especially with the young people.
3. To organize and exhibit the skills of the club members, lending encouragement and guidance.
4. To foster a conservative attitude in our club and local community regarding the use of our natural resources.

The Ipswich Woodcrafts Club Inc. states that its objective in reporting various articles and advice in our Newsletter and communications, both verbal and written, is merely to disseminate information, and not to make recommendations or directives. It also states that the views expressed therein are not necessarily those of the Club or its Committee.

FEES	FULL YEAR SEPT TO AUG	PRO-RATA JAN TO AUG	PRO-RATA MAY TO AUG
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP	\$45	\$35	\$25
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (Member plus his/her Partner)	\$62	\$48	\$32
Each additional Junior Member	+\$17	+\$14	+\$9
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (Plus for each additional member)	\$45 +\$17	\$35 +\$14	\$25 +\$9
COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP	\$23	\$17	\$12
JOINING FEE (Once only)	\$5	\$5	\$5
SESSION FEE (Per session)	\$4	\$4	\$4