

Newsletter of the Clarence Valley
Woodworkers Association
Incorporated

Chip Chat

**JUNE
2020**

Clarence Valley Woodworkers Association Incorporated

Committee Members for 2019-2020

President	Roy Ellery
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Treasurer	Bob Montgomery
Purchasing Officer	Terry Hulm
Librarian	Richard Nichols
Workshop Convenor	Bob Aitken
Timber Officer	Max Lloyd
Work Health & Safety Officer	Colin Lang
Newsletter Editor	Olly Forman

Shorties

- .. subs due end June. Don't forget to add name**
- .. club opens 2 July. Will confirm**
- .. Jaca decision on going ahead, 2nd week in September**
- .. General meeting maybe 29th August. Will confirm**
- .. have a look at the CVWA website**

Statement of Objects

The objects of the Incorporated Association are:

- ❖ To promote excellence in woodwork by teaching and encouraging members and students;
- ❖ To assist members in displaying and marketing their woodcraft where necessary;
- ❖ To share information amongst group members and other interested bodies in the form of meetings, demonstrations, exhibitions and workshops;
- ❖ To support and assist members and other interested persons in their pursuit of excellence in woodcraft;
- ❖ To encourage all aspects of good design and workmanship in order to achieve a quality finished article.

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Mc Lennan Deece	South Grafton Club	Wendy Bellamy Encouragement award

FROM PRESIDENT Roy Ellery

Hi to all members,

A short note to bring everyone up to speed.

At this stage we are still in lockdown but we are getting close to a Thursday shed opening. The committee will be meeting soon to discuss procedure and shed policy to achieve an opening time, with regards to social distancing.

A heartfelt thanks go out from Colin and myself to the significant number of people that have given of their time and expertise.

Hoping to see you all soon.

Yours in woodworking,

Roy

INFORMAL MEETING OF COMMITTEE
AT THE ULMARRA SHED
10th JUNE 2020

Present: Roy Ellery, Olly Forman, Bob Aitken, Richard Nicholls, Bob Montgomery, Lyn Roberts and Colin Lang.

Jim Morrison, Terry Hulm and Max Lloyd were unable to attend

The Committee came together on Wednesday to discuss whether the shed could now be opened and how it would comply with the Government restrictions. Roy, Colin and various members have been working hard to get the shed in working order and they feel with the loosening of the restrictions that it could now be opened on Thursdays, with a suggested date of the 2nd July 2020. It is felt that a total of 8 members including the shed manager could be allowed access to the shed on these days. It will be necessary for any member wishing to use the facilities to contact either Roy or me so we can organise numbers.

Just a reminder to bring along your safety protection equipment.

Opening the shed will of course have to be within the Government guidelines at the time.

The shed policy was adopted with minor changes and SOGS are being prepared to cover the Scroll Saw and Grinder. If you have not completed your SOGS would you please contact Colin Lang to arrange a meeting.

We shall also need more shed managers, so if you feel competent to help out here please put your name forward. It is felt that the position would need to be on a roster basis and it was thought that five volunteers for the position the roster could work well. At the moment Roy said he is willing to be on the roster and Colin would be in reserve. So could members put their hands up please.

There was talk about the history of the Club, so if any of the long standing members have any stories to provide please get in touch with Bob Aitken or Lyn Roberts so that notes can be made. Colin Lang will be making a search through the boxes of papers held at the shed to locate a draft put together by Derek Brennen some time ago. There are quite a few boxes so it will be a slow job. Any old photos would be helpful if you have any which were taken in the early days. Let us hear from you.

As to upcoming events, the next Committee Meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday 12th August 2020 and the General Meeting Saturday 29th August 2020. We shall keep you up to date as to whether these meetings will take place and again they will have to comply with the restrictions.

There is no word on the Bunnings BBQs so this year we have no fund raising activity and the Club is running on the funds held at the Bank. With regard to the Jacaranda Festival apparently at this stage it is still going ahead with modifications. Colin will keep us informed in this regard.

As to our own Festival, the South Grafton Club is still under tight restrictions and are unable to say whether we will be able to hold our show there, but if we are not able to utilise the Club then we will look at alternative ways to celebrate.

Please keep making your pieces that you will be showing and selling. We have a dead line of the second week of September for Bob Aitken regarding Jacaranda so let's hope life gets closer to being normal by that time.

There is still wood held at the South Grafton container and this will be relocated to the container next to the shed in Ulmarra once racking has been built to hold it. A quote for the metal is being sought.

We now have a library under way and it is nearly complete. A list of the reference material held in our library will be sent out to you very soon. There is now a large screen TV and DVD player at the shed for members to play the DVD's held in our library whilst attending the shed. The TV was donated by Ken McGrath. Thank you Ken.

The Council have provided us with a draft of the Small Park Plan of Management and draft Small Park Camping Management Strategy and is held at Ulmarra, if anyone is interested.

Subscriptions will be due on the 30th June 2020 and the Treasurer Bob Montgomery will be in touch shortly. If you make a direct deposit into the Bendigo Bank account, please remember to either put your Member Number or Name on the payment.

You will be notified closer to the time regarding the reopening of the shed but please put the 2nd July in your calendar. We hope that everyone is keeping well and safe. Next Committee meeting maybe August 12th.
Lyn

Treasurers report as at the 10th June, 2020.

The balance at bank is shown as \$6,99708 on general account and \$2,000.00 on grants account.

The deposit account remains unchanged at \$5,470.69. Total monies on hand is \$14,467.77

The only liability know at this stage is public liability insurance due on the 30th June, 2020

Rob Montgomery

Jacaranda from High School

CVWA were contacted by Adam a partner of the business Valley Tree Services at Coffs Harbour letting us know that he was going to fell some Jacaranda trees at Grafton High School and would we like some of the timber.

We said **yes** and we got together a few of the Club members with their trailers to collect some of the wood which was then taken to our Ulmarra Shed.

As you can see large lumps of timber were retrieved and there was a lot of puffing and pushing at the shed to get it off the trailers but the oldies won.

Adam was very kind to bring along on his way home, a truck of further billets for us. One of us was very distressed because some of the timber went into the chipper which would have made some lovely bowl blanks.

Lyn



CVWA Library News

At last our library has a dedicated place and facilities that will enhance access and use of the materials stored within it.

Shelving has been made for the storage of the book and DVD collections in the kitchen/ meeting area of the new shed thanks to the handy work of Roy and Colin. The collection will now be held on these shelves instead of stored away in plastic tubs that have to be extricated from cluttered spaces.

Progress is currently being made in adding kindly donated materials to the collections. On completion of entering these books and DVDs on the digitised list of library material a paper copy of this will be available for browsing at the Shed and a machine readable copy will be e-mailed to all members to make you aware of what is available to read / watch whilst at the Shed or borrow to read at home. Borrowing an item is simply a matter of writing your name, the items 'number' and title and date of borrowing in a book, that will be kept near the book shelves, and then the date of return when you drop the item back.

Quite comfy facilities are now available for you to sit and read in the new kitchen/meeting room area and a large TV and DVD player is now available, thanks to their generous donation by Ken McGrath, to view the interesting DVDs in our collection.

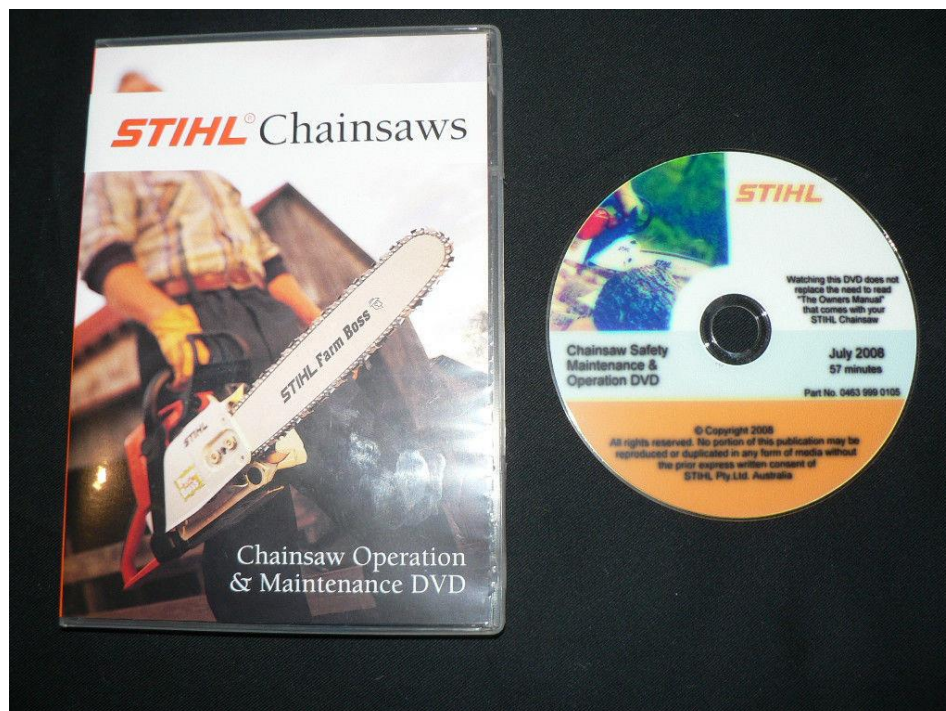
All should be ready to go by July 2nd provided we have approval to open the Shed if the Covid menace has diminished sufficiently to permit.

Cheers, Richard

DVD 81 Chainsaw Operation & Maintenance (box title)

This DVD, produced by Stihl, on Chainsaw Safety, Maintenance & Operation (as titled on the DVD face) is available in our library for viewing at the Shed, or for borrowing to view at home. It seems very comprehensive in matters relating to safety and operation of any chainsaw.

While the Club does not have a chainsaw for use at the shed they are such a part of the woodworkers life that viewing it could significantly improve your safety at home and in the bush.



Working working

The photos below show members working long and hard on the construction of the water feature in Jacaranda Park last year



WEBSITE ON NOW

The CVWA website is up and running, in fact, galloping down the straight.

All credit goes to Alan Bishop webmaster and to fast learning acolyte, Bob Aitkens.

It's very straight forward, easy to navigate, informative and a joy to read - not bogged down in bells and whistles.

<https://clarencevalleywoodies.wordpress.com>

John McBratney's Project

Hello All,

Well the isolation rules have meant my spending quite a lot of time in the workshop, the result has been completion of two projects.

The first for our lounge is a square coffee table 828 mm square and 400 high. I think I sent you construction details last time. Attached a photo is the finished article in our lounge. It is HEAVY, I had to rig a 5:1 pulley from the roof truss in the shed to get it to a cradle I made to carry it on its edge on my two wheeled trolley to the lounge.

The second project is a small lounge side table for my daughter-in-law. It is 400 mm square and 500 mm high. Top and shelf are Tasmanian Celery-top Pine. Legs are NSW Rosewood and the skirt Camphor Laurel. The drawer inside is Silky Oak dovetailed at the front and dado slot joint at the back. Drawer base is from a 6mm sheet of Tasmanian Blackwood left over from a boat project years ago. It runs on Rosewood rails. Again all joints employ Festool Dominos and the top and shelf are edge glued, hand jointed and also use Dominos. Finish is two coats of Tung Oil.

These two have kept me off the streets.

Regards, John





One more item...

The Ferry Park Gallery are keen to invite the CVWA to put on a woodwork exhibition and sale in September.

Details are sketchy at the moment, but a number of members have expressed interest, and looks like the show will go ahead. We will likely also have the opportunity to put on demonstrations during the event.

It seems likely that the Gallery will take 25% commission on sales, so you may need to price your work accordingly.

More info will be posted on the Facebook page and the website shortly.

The good news is that Ferry Park Gallery and Coldstream Gallery in Ulmarra are now open for business again.

CVWA SHED POLICY & PROCEDURES (adopted 10 June 2020)

Policy: Consistent with the objects of CVWA, the Committee will oversee access to and use of the shed for the benefit of all members. Key elements of the policy are:

1. Provide a safe and secure workspace for members to meet and work with wood.
2. Provide a workspace equipped with tools and machinery that allows members to share and develop skills across a wide range of wood crafts
3. All safety features on CVWA equipment must be operational
4. All CVWA electrical equipment must have a current tag attached

5. Members wishing to use the shed must have completed CVWA Safe Operating Guides (SOGs) and be assessed by a Shed Manager as competent to for any equipment they use
6. Shed Managers will oversee access to the shed and the use of equipment
7. CVWA library resources (books and DVDs) ARE AVAILABLE for browsing and/or borrowing by arrangement with the CVWA Librarian
8. CVWA equipment is NOT AVAILABLE for borrowing from the shed
9. No alcoholic drinks are to be stored or consumed at the shed
10. No smoking is permitted in or around the shed
11. Children under 16 are not permitted at the shed

Implementation:

1. ***Several Shed Managers will be appointed from the membership by the CVWA Committee.***
 Credentials for a Shed Manager are:
 - a. Completed all CVWA Safe Operating Guides (SOGS)
 - b. Familiar with the safe operation of the equipment available in the shed
 - c. Competent & comfortable to guide someone else in learning to use the available equipment
2. ***The shed will only operate when a Shed Manager is present.*** As far as possible, a regular roster of Shed Managers will be created and published in Chip Chat to maximise opportunities for members to use the shed without placing too great a demand on any Shed Manager. Additional days of shed operation will be advertised in Chip Chat if and when the level of usage requires (and depending on the availability of Shed Managers)
3. The ***role of Shed Managers*** includes:
 - a. Oversee access to the workshop and safe use of the installed equipment
 NOTE: A Shed Manager may opt not to allow use of or provide instruction on a machine they do not feel confident with
 - b. Ensure the shed is left tidy and secure at the end of a workshop session
 - c. Set an example of safety awareness
 - d. Check the log book and attend to any damage or breakage reported
 - e. Regularly check to ensure that tools and equipment are sharp and safe to operate
 - f. Shed Managers may authorise sharpening, repair and replacement of consumables up to \$200
 - g. It is recommended that Shed Managers, as a group, commit to completing a thorough check of all equipment on a quarterly basis (done on a day when the shed is not open to CVWA members)
4. The ***expectations of CVWA Members using the shed:***
 - a. Sign & date the log book to confirm your attendance at the shed
 - b. Pay \$5 (honesty box) for each day using shed equipment (Shed Managers are NOT expected to pay)
 - c. Follow all normal safety procedures
 - d. Provide and wear your own personal protection equipment (some PPE is available in the shed)
 - e. Only operate machines for which SOGS have been completed AND a Shed Manager has assessed your practical competence
 - f. Immediately report any damage, breakage or injury to the Shed Manager on duty and record brief details in the log book
 - g. Return each piece of equipment & tools to their storage point and clean the workshop area at the end of a workshop session
 - h. Ensure power to machines is switched off at the power point

- i. Wash items used in the kitchen area, remove rubbish to the red bin and leave the member area tidy
5. The **expectations of visitors to the Shed:**
- a. Visitors to the shed (and members who have not completed SOGS) are welcome at the shed but, when machines are operating, may only access the workshop area to observe CVWA members at work (without distraction).

FOR SALE

From Lindin Ross

I have three of Mobile Base for sale.

Max square 894x894mm, Max rectangle 1295x483mm, Max weight capacity 500lbs.

Eighty \$80.00 each

My contacts: 0418980145 or samali55@bigpond.com



Wanted to Buy

Aust Red Cedar plank ...maybe an old bench top or church pew.
Roughly 2300 long X 300-400 wide X 35mm thick.
Please contact Dave Jones 0487 466 605

Free to good home

4 speed lathe with 1.2m bed. Please phone Olly 0421 808 203



Work in progress. Robert Chesworth

I have taken on the job of restoring the old Lawrence reading table.

The Cedar legs I have done on the lathe-A full restoration. Approx 20 coats I think, of gloss paint removed.

I sourced cedar from Palmers Island to totally renew the rails.

It has been impossible to do anything with the existing top-covered in Lino

I have decided to make a new top from timber sourced at Brett WILKINS yard.

Some yard dried Caobean pine. I would have preferred to do a cedar top but the cost was not in the hall committee's budget.

Now I'm ready to start the top.



Show and Tell

I carved out the body from Camphor Laurel, acquired the neck online and was wired up by Graham Holsworthy from Ulmarra.

Tony Williams



Lathe brought back to life with copious help from Bob Aitken and table made by Ed.



Thanks for all your input again...great!