



WELCOME TO THE 47TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE FOREST.

6th – 21st of October 2018, RAVENSHOE

As an exhibitor from the past or new to our festival we are pleased you have decided to enter our unique timber exhibition.

Attached you will find conditions of entry information, and entry forms for this year's festival.

Last year's festival was very successful; however, our woodwork competitors are dwindling slowly due to health, age and work commitments. Although we appreciate our exhibitors supplying our venue with pieces to sell, we are mindful that our festival not become a market place, just to sell pieces. Our founding members created Torimba to keep the art of timber work alive and provide a place where woodworkers can display their skills. This has been evident over the years with the usual high quality seen at the event. We are looking for more competitors to try and keep this wonderful history going, if you know any clever craftsman like yourselves, please pass the word around. Many people, locals and visitors alike look forward to the festival to purchase unique gifts and souvenir treasures as well as to show their beautiful creations each year.

The Festival of the Forest came about after a local sawmill manager, a manual arts teacher and a timber researcher banded their ideas to showcase and highlight Ravenshoe and districts' timber treasures. The result of which began the Torimba (tourism and timber) Festival in October 1972.

The festival is a competitive exhibition which seeks to encourage the development and display of timber crafts. Initially the native timbers particularly those of the Northern Queensland rainforests such as Queensland Maple, Maple Silkwood, Rose Mahogany, Black Walnut, Black Bean, Red Cedar, Silver Quandong and Silky Oak were part of the criteria. However, with the decrease of these timbers and many wood turners and woodworkers using other timber species the exhibition became open to all timber species.

Ravenshoe's festival of the Forest has been referred to as "probably the oldest existing woodworking exhibition in Australia." Australian Woodworker 2003

It is a unique expose' of wood sculptures, carvings and turning, inlay and intarsia work, cabinet making, furniture, bark pictures and fine paintings. Prize monies offered total \$2,990 over many categories.

Open annually on the first Saturday of October and runs for two weeks from 9am – 5pm daily.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO SIT WITH THE EXHIBITION FOR AN HOUR OR TWO, PLEASE CONSIDER ADDING YOUR NAME TO THE DOOR ROSTER, THANKS.

If you have any questions please contact us at:

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Entry forms can be found at: www.torimbafestival.com.au

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