



WELCOME TO THE 50TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE FOREST.

2nd – 16th of October 2021, RAVENSHOE

Dear Exhibitors,

I hope this finds everyone well and busy making sawdust!

We are on track in planning the celebrations for 50 years of Festival of the Forest. Unbelievable!

First of all, I would like to invite anyone that has been coming for all those years or near all those years to be a part of the opening ceremony. As you know a lot of our original organisers of the Festival of the Forest have passed on so it would be nice for some of our long standing exhibitors to maybe tell a story or just be apart of the celebration. Please contact Anne on 0400798714 or 40970167 If you would like to partake at the opening.

Along with our competition, our aim this year is to display “A PIECE OF THE PAST”. If you have a piece or know someone who has a piece of woodwork that has won a prize over the last 49 years, we would love to have it on display with its history for this years 50th celebration.

Combined with the opening, we will be having a sausage sizzle, a Liquid Glass (Norglass) display & classes outside the hall on opening day as well as the Blacksmithing display.

John Willis - Sales Manager of Norglass (liquid glass) will have a stand/booth on the day as well as doing two pouring demonstrations at 10am and 2pm with up to 20 people at each demonstration. If you would like to attend one of these demonstrations, please call Anne on 0400798714 and make a booking ASAP.

All I ask of everyone is that if you aren't feeling well or have been around anyone that hasn't been well then please stay away.

*Attached you will find conditions of entry information, and entry forms for this year's festival. **Please read carefully, some changes have been made to the categories.***

Last year's festival was very successful, thank you to all our competitors for your spectacular & tireless work, it was a pleasure to see our longstanding supporters, wonderful to see some old faces that haven't attended for a few years and a pleasure to have a few new competitors participate. The Committee thank you all for keeping our wood festival alive.

Last year's competitive pieces were down from previous years which was noted by both competitors as well as the public. It was very understandable being a strange year with Covid.

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 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 \$4,150 over many categories.

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

Please feel free to display the little poster at your corner store or notice board, Thank You.

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

If you have any questions please contact me at:
festivaloftheforest@hotmail.com or Anne on 0400798714
Entry forms can be found at: www.torimbafestival.com.au
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