Greetings and welcome from Melbourne to the February “Downunder”.

For me things have been a little quieter after the excitement of the Charleville Meeting, but not so for everyone. It is very pleasing to offer congratulations to Kim Lucas and Bill Dear on the announcement of their engagement. East meets west at our annual meetings but it must be a first that it leads to an engagement. I think the rain at Tregole has a lot to do with it. If Bill didn’t need sheltering from the rain as he searched for Black Orchids it might have been a different story. I have heard from Kim’s Facebook buddies that she is sporting an eye-catching engagement ring as she settles into life in the west. Best wishes to both from all members.

We Victorian members enjoyed a very pleasant BBQ lunch meeting at Silvan dam in November. Keith Towe presented me with a crate of books donated by Max Marshall as he downsizes his collections. Max wished that the books be sold by auction to members and that the funds raised stay in the society. Rather than lug them to the meeting in New Zealand we have initiated an e-mail silent auction to conclude on Sunday 5th March. Details of the books, the bidding process and current bids are shown later in the newsletter.

Susie and I travelled to Canberra for the New Year in what is becoming an annual pilgrimage to the mecca of Australian Forestry. Susie thinks we are visiting the galleries and museums but that is just a ploy to be able to visit such gems as the Bendora Arboretum in the neighbouring Brindabella Range. This was one of twenty established by Charles Lane-Poole at the Forestry and Timber Bureau in the 1940’s. Sadly the other 19 have been wiped out by recent bushfires. The ACT Government and volunteers have tidied up and put in new tracks to encourage visitors while it still remains. Well worth the hour or so drive and the wrong turns and detours from Canberra to get there. I collected needles and cones from six additional pinus species, so a real bonus.

We also caught up with Jim and Shirley Schubert who were on grandchild minding duty in Canberra during the holidays. Jim developed an infection in his leg and needed a week in hospital to get well enough to fly home. If it wasn’t so serious it would have been funny. Anyway he is well on the way to recovery and has even returned to making microscope slides.

The identification workshops resumed at my home in Melbourne in January and we were pleased to meet new members Paul de Fur and Linda Huzzey. They hope to meet more Victorian members at Maranoa Gardens on the 19th of February when we get together for our first outing for 2017. Beyond that, Ian Heffernan has organised an incredible Anzac Day long weekend at Creswick in central Victoria and I would encourage all members to consider joining us. Details of both outings are given later in the newsletter.

Yours in all things wood,
John
As an outing during a regular visit to Newcastle NSW to visit family, we went through the Myall Lakes National park near Bulahdelah. I had looked up the word Myall and found it to be a weeping acacia (Acacia pendula). This National Park contains what is claimed to be NSW’s tallest tree “The Grandis” a Flooded Gum, (Eucalyptus Grandis). This tree is 84.3 metres high and measures 2.7 metres through at breast height and is estimated to be over 400 years old. It would have been quite a large tree when Captain Cook sailed up the east coast of Australia. There was quite a lot of undergrowth around the tree including spindly wattle (Acacia debilis). Other than admiring this magnificent tree, one of the highlights of this visit was the performance by a Rufus Fantail, so unafraid of watching people, coming within a metre of us.

We travelled home to Newcastle via Seal Rocks; what an idyllic setting. Saw a number of grass trees (xanthorrhoea australis) and to my great surprise some Queensland Bleeding Heart (Homalanthus populifolius). I wondered if it naturally occurs here? A subsequent search on google revealed it does.

We saw the biggest tree in Victoria, the “Ada” tree in the Yarra State Forrest, on an earlier IWCS trip to Noojee. The “Ada” tree is a Mountain Ash (Eucalyptus regnans), is estimated to be over 300 years old, 76 metres high and 15.7 metres girth at shoulder height.

On another IWCS trip, this time to Tasmania, we walked through very thick scrub to see one of the tallest Blackwoods (Acaia melanoxylon). Adding to the excitement of this visit, one of our lady members stepped on a snake. I was unable to obtain the name of this particular tree, but the tallest can reach a height of 40 metres.

On looking up these three trees on google I came across the National Register of Big Trees website. I believe it should be recommended viewing for IWCS members not already familiar with this site.

As an example of the content look up the entry for a Corymbia ficifoilia, a street tree in suburban Melbourne, i.e. look up under Gum – Red Flowering Melbourne Beaumaris.

As another point of interest is my favourite stretch of trees 30km of the Hume Highway between Marulan and Goulburn. I believe them to be Brittle Gum (Eucalyptus mannifera).

Rob Lorensene
January 2017


The Charleville meeting saw the release of a bumper sticker which is a great way to publicise the IWCS in Australia.

Thanks to Bob & Sue Harris from Laidley in Queensland for this initiative.

Contact your State Trustee Representative to obtain one for your vehicle or your workshop, community shed. etc.

Cost - $4 each and they are available from State Reps
IWCS member profile:

John Lyons #9737

When did you join IWCS and what positions have you held?
I joined in 2014, just before the Beechworth Meeting.

How and why did you join IWCS?
I was preparing some lecture material for my former employer, Dulux and seeking information about timber, especially identification based on understanding wood structure. I came across the IWCS website and thought it seemed a very modest cost to join, so I did. Soon after, I was very surprised (and pleased) to get a call from Brian Fraser welcoming me to the society. This was just the first of many pleasant surprises from being part of IWCS.

What have you gained from being a member of IWCS?
Well the identification thing is bigger than Ben Hur, certainly more complicated than I would have guessed. I have gained an enormous amount (if not understanding) about wood ID. Beyond that, I have improved my woodworking skills (buying bandsaw, thicknesser), made a few boxes, turned my first bowl and vase, acquired lots of specimens, books and microscopy stuff, and made some great friendships. I would also mention the travel. My wife Susie and I are visiting and staying all around Australia in the course of society activities, something we hadn’t really done before. Two areas I hadn’t really expected to get interested in are microscopy and pine collecting. Jim Schubert has really catalysed my interest in microscopy, selling me a binocular microscope and arranging to buy an ex-David Munzberg stereo microscope, and then getting me into collecting slides of various timbers. I now have around 1400 slides, including four hundred made by Jim. Considering there are no native pines in Australia (true pines of the genus Pinus that is) I marvel that I have managed to collect needles from 59 of the 100 species and cones from 42 of them. All sourced here in Australia. Over the recent summer holiday period we visited Canberra and made our way to Bendora Arboretum to see 6 that were new to me. What a treat!

Do you have a wood specimen collection and what type and size?
Yes, I started gathering odd and ends from the US Members offer, the Daswell Collection and auctions at the AGM. Then I was lucky enough to acquire Keith Towe’s wonderful collection of specimens and books. I now have around 1450 specimens, although with some duplication, about 1140 species.

How do you store/display your specimen collection?
Keith stored his specimens in 13 purpose built wooden boxes taking about 100 items each. I have now made a further couple of boxes. I built a display case to take samples stacked on their sides and showing their end grains. I rotate various selections from the collection. Currently my pine collection of about 80 specimens is in pride of place.

80 pine specimens on display and organised into nine taxonomic subsections of the Pinus genus, only missing are samples of SPN and SQK to make the full set.
Do you work with wood and what wood craft do you practice?
Not really a crafter but I do make boxes of various sizes and of course my display case and I’m working on a new built-in bookcase for the family room. Harry and Esther Dennis introduced me to woodturning. All I need is a lathe and the shed to put it in!

What are your favourite woods to work with?
I generally work with Mountain Ash but I was pleased to find a bit of NZ sourced Red Oak from the original stocking at Masters and loved the box I made from this. I enjoyed some Red Cedar I picked up at Otto’s in Adelaide and made a microscope slide box for 200 slides. I had experimented with veneering (with mixed success) but my bandsaw cut veneers are still holding on thin ply on the microscope box.

What are your thoughts on the future of IWCS?
Well that is a difficult question. I think IWCS is struggling to maintain membership, but that is a problem for all clubs and organisations. Society has changed and people have so many entertainment options that the gentle activities we offer seem pretty tame. On the other hand there are more and more retirees than ever before so we should have a bigger pool to draw on. The challenge is to find them and get them stated.

AN IWCS MEMBER WE WILL MISS:

**LAWRIE MOUNTFORD** – ROCHEDALE, QLD

Lawrie Mountford, IWCS member 7210 joined the IWCS on 3rd Sept 1997 and sadly passed away after a long illness on 31st Oct 2016.

Lawrie had many interests during his life, including his enduring love of all things wood. He was born on 28th Oct 1933 in Campsie, NSW. He loved the water: beach to swimming pools, even from the age of 2 - but it had to be still water only!

In 1955 Lawrie met Lorraine, who was born and bred in Bankstown Sydney, NSW. They were married on 30th Nov 1957. Twin girls were born in 1968, one born 16th Dec two minutes before midnight and the other 14 mins after midnight on 17th Dec. Their mother and father named them Casselle and Fawnia, probably better known as Cass and Fawn.

In 1977 Lawrie, Lorraine and their daughters left Australia for a world tour which took two years. In 1980 they moved from NSW to Biloela in Queensland, then in 1982 moved to Rochedale South in Brisbane. Then, in 1999 a round Australia trip via WA and Uluru in Central Australia and all places in between was only a pipe opener for a cruise to Fiji, and wait for it – another world tour covering the USA, Alaska and all National Parks, then on to Europe, England, Ireland and Scotland, and back to Australia via Africa.

With all this touring around Lawrie and Lorraine amassed an amazing number of artefacts which cannot be adequately described in an article for DownUnder.

Suffice to say, Lawrie’s wood collection is not just wood, but best described as ‘wood-related’. He was a collector of many things, which goes back to his childhood, from brick-a-back to antique edged weapons to modern pen knives and letter openers he made out of wood, to designs that only he could think of.

Lawrie celebrated his 80th birthday on 28th October 2013, not on a tour or cruise but at home in Rochedale South, Brisbane.

Ill health caught up with Lawrie who found himself in and out of hospitals in the years since 2014. He passed away only three days after his 83rd birthday.

Lawrie will be remembered by all who knew him as a very likeable person, who always shared his interest in wood with anyone he met: male or female, young or old.

- Contributed by Keith Hall  IWCS # 6262
After the big meeting in Charleville, the Victorian members held another wood identification workshop in Mont Albert on the 20th October. The notice was late going out and unfortunately only 4 members were able to attend. This did not prevent us from having a very productive meeting with plenty of friendly debate, identification (guessing) of wood varieties from 10 selected wood quiz samples, show and tell, and of course Ian McLaughlin’s continued expert guidance in the identification of 12 more woods from the sub-family Caesalpiniaceae of the Leguminosae family.

We also reviewed the results of our August workshop where we were asked to help identify the timber from a 150 year old house from Moonee Ponds, the local council is considering preserving. The house was imported in kit form during the Gold Rush days when labour was scarce in Port Philip.

The timbers identified were Teak, \(Tectona grandis\), Spruce, \(Picea spp\) and a light coloured species of eucalyptus used for the roofing shake.

To the right are two photos of features of the house and a photo of the six woods we investigated, including their off-cuts prepared for hand microscopy and some slide microscopy.

184/1 Single Skin Wall Partition, Interior painted yellow, Exterior weathered surface: Teak \(Tectona grandis\)
184/2 Tenon from upper rail, Wall Partition, Weathered area: Teak, \(Tectona grandis\)
184/3 Tongue & Groove Board, Gable End, Interior unpainted, Exterior partially painted, unpainted behind Bargeboard: Spruce, \(Picea spp\)
184/4 Green painted Weatherboard: Spruce, \(Picea spp\)
184/5 Roofing Shake. Light coloured species of the genus Eucalyptus, \(Eucalyptus spp\)
184/6 Ceiling Rafter, 2” by 4” Scantling from Coupled Roof Spruce, \(Picea spp\)
Our latest wood ID workshop was held on 19th January, again in Mont Albert, attended by 8 members. We welcomed new members Paul and Linda Defur who attended for the first time. Show and tell generated plenty of interest and John Lyons updated us on the progress of the silent auction of Max Marshal’s donated books. Ian McLaughlin continued his series, this time from the sub-family Papilionaceae of the Leguminosae family, describing the end grain identification features of another 10 woods.

Our **NEXT WOOD IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP** is planned for 14th March 2017 at Mulgrave and all are welcome. A confirmation email will be sent to all regular participants and any other interested members when the arrangements are confirmed.

**Silvan Dam Meeting**

On Friday 11th November 18 members enjoyed a lovely relaxing day out at the Silvan Reservoir Park which is managed by Parks Victoria. The Melbourne weather was at its very best, the facilities excellent and surrounding park lands were in prime condition. We met in the top picnic shelter and prepared for our barbecue lunch, cooked by several volunteer members on the gas barbecues provided. Thanks to Annie Knights and Eugene Dimitriadis for again organising the salads, bread, cake, etc. After lunch we had the informal meeting followed by show and tell, plus a free raffle of a small Christmas decoration donated by Keith Towe. John Lyons was the lucky winner. Members were then free to roam the park area identifying the various trees and shrubs and enjoying the pleasant surroundings. We ended the day with a small cake to celebrate Rob Lorensene’s birthday.

For the observant amongst us, and those with a good memory, this outing was originally planned for the Maroon-dah Reservoir near Healesville. Fortunately John Lyons decided to take a drive up to the planned venue on the preceding Monday to scout the facilities, only to find it was closed indefinitely due to severe storm damage to the park in October a month earlier. The day was saved with the help of several members and Silvan was found to be a very suitable alternative. Emails were urgently sent to the Victorian members who had registered to attend, with follow up phone calls to ensure all were aware of the change.

The lesson here for the new Victorian representative is the need to do a physical check close to an event to make sure all is OK.

Our **NEXT SOCIAL MEETING** will be held at the Maranoa Gardens. These gardens were set up in 1901 and opened to the public in 1915. It is dedicated to Australian plants, has 7 distinct zones, is well sign posted and the individual plants are labelled.

We will gather for a picnic lunch, followed by an informal meeting, including show and tell and swap opportunities. After that we will have a stroll around the gardens, with the assistance of one of the council’s gardeners for this site.

**Location:**

Maranoa Park is located in Melbourne’s Eastern suburb of Balwyn. The official address is Yarrbat Avenue. However to get to the carpark within the gardens you need to enter via Parring Road off the Maroondah Highway (Melways Map 46 F7). Meet off the eastern end of the car park near the playground. Suggest you bring your own fold up chairs. (must have bar-legs)

**Program:**

11.00 am Meet for a cuppa and a chat with friends
12 noon Picnic lunch at the park BYO food, drinks and thermos
12.45 pm Meeting
1.15 pm Show and tell, swap session
1.30 pm Stroll around the gardens with one of the gardeners.
4.00 pm Departure

**RSVP to Ian Heffernan for an indication of numbers attending by phone, email or by post**

Phone 0428 097 007 or ianheffernan20@gmail.com
The primary objective of this trip is to visit the Victorian School of Forestry in Creswick which is a campus of Melbourne University. The school has been running for over 100 years. The Creswick Campus Historical Collections contain an estimated 12,000 objects, documents and photographs. There is also a significant collection of trees planted around the campus and nurtured as an arboretum over its 100 year history. Our planned itinerary includes forest and botanical garden walks, a visit to the commercial enterprise Timber Training Creswick Ltd. which provides specialist training for sawmilling and timber processing, and hopefully a visit to the timber benders in nearby Daylesford.

**Proposed Itinerary**

**Saturday 22nd April**
- 11.00 am  Arrive and check in to the RACV Resort
- Noon  Greeting and lunch at the resort
- 1.00 pm  Meeting at the resort
- 2.00 pm  School for Forestry – history, collections, library.
  We will include our show and tell segment in this session.
- 4.30 pm  Campus self-guided walk
- 6.30 pm  Dinner – American Hotel Creswick

**Sunday 23rd April**
- 9.00 am  La Gerche walk, an area planted with a large number of species around 1890
- 11.30 am  Creswick Woollen Mills – self guided factory tour and shopping
- 12.30 pm  Lunch – Alpaca Farm Café @ Creswick Woollen Mills
- 1.30 pm  Creswick Museum
- 3.00 pm  Tangles Maze and Gardens – Springmount 10 minutes from Creswick
- 6.00 pm  Dinner – Tangles Restaurant Springmount

**Monday 24th April**
- 10.00 am  Timber Training Creswick – history and plant tour
- 12.30 pm  Lunch – barbecue and walk through Park Lake Botanic Gardens
- 2.00 pm  Timber Benders plant tour – Daylesford. (To be confirmed)
- 4.00 pm  Program finishes

**Estimated maximum cost for accommodation, entry fees and meals is $380.00 per person.**

Recommended accommodation to be booked directly yourself  **Phone 03 5345 9600**
RACV Goldfields Resort Creswick – Standard Double or Twin Room.
$149.00 members or $169.00 non-members including breakfast.
10 rooms at this price have been held for IWCS members for the 22nd and 23rd of April 2017
When booking quote IWCS and/or Ian Heffernan to ensure you get the discounted rate

Most meals and all entry fees you can pay as you go. There will a small fee payable on the first day (Saturday 22nd) to cover some meals and other contingencies. This amount will confirmed when you register.

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**Registration Form**

IWCS Weekend in Creswick Victoria  (3 days)  22nd - 24th April 2017

Number Attending: ..........  Names:  ...........................................................................................................

Please advise any special dietary needs:  ...........................................................................................................

Please forward registrations by Friday 3rd March 2017 to:
   Ian Heffernan   11A Montana Avenue, Mulgrave, Victoria 3170
            Phone:  03 9546 1071
            Mobile:  0428 097 007
            Email:  ianheffernan20@gmail.com
The Queensland Christmas function was held on 10th December again at Pam and Brian Davis’ place at Lynford. Qld IWCS members are extremely grateful to Pam and Brian for opening their home to us and providing generous catering to make sure that everyone is welcome and well cared for.

We were thrilled that Lorraine Mountford joined us, along with over 20 members.

Again the auction was a great success, however we were most impressed with the display of member’s work, particularly that of Ken Jackson who must have a very strong arm and sharp tools to produce the incredibly large and fine pieces we saw on display.
Queensland’s first meeting for 2017 brings an opportunity to see veteran trees, including a 400-year-old Tallowood tree.

Saturday 1st April. A guided tour of The Redlands IndigiScapes Centre 17 Runnymead Road, Capalaba. 07 3824 861

Meet at 9.30 for Morning tea. Please bring a plate and your own thermos of hot water for tea/coffee. [There is a café available at the Tea Gardens Cafe]

Bring items for the auction and a folding chair

http://www.indigiscapes.com.au

If travelling from Brisbane, follow Old Cleveland Road to Moreton Bay Road. At the second set of lights, turn right into Redland Bay Road. Follow Redland Bay Road past shops and industrial area. Look out for the IndigiScapes sign. Keep right to turn into Runnymede Road (Runnymede Road is on the right before the Vienna Road and Lyndon Road intersection).

NEW ZEALAND

The 2017 Australasian Annual Conference and AGM will be held 4th—11th September. See pages 12—14 details.

A general note to IWCS members who are planning to attend the NZ meeting this year:

If you are considering spending additional time on the South Island, you may like to visit the Lynn Historical Trust at Ashburton. This Museum has the best collection of Ornamental Turning Lathes and associated equipment in the Southern Hemisphere. The famous Ashford Spinning Wheels are also made in Ashburton - an interest for the ladies.

DID YOU KNOW…….

A Snippet of information from IWCS archives

In 1977 there were just 6 Australian Members

- 4 in Victoria
- 1 in Queensland
- 1 in New South Wales

By contrast there were 13 New Zealand members

Contributed by Keith Towe # 1480
The South Australian members set up a display promoting the IWCS and its activities in the North Lodge in the Adelaide Botanic Gardens in October 2016 (15th to 23rd). The display centred around a list of 17 trees which we agreed to at an earlier meeting, and thought had some significance. All but the last three species (*) are common in South Australia.

White Cypress Pine (Callitris glaucophylla)  Bullock Bush (Alectryon oliefolius)
Mulga (Acacia aneura)    Sugar Gum (Eucalyptus cladocalyx)
Western Myall (Acacia papyrocarpa)  Silky Oak (Grevillea robusta)
Buloke (Allocasuarina luehmannii)  SA Blue Gum (Eucalyptus leucoxylon)
Drooping Sheoak (Allocasuarina verticilata)  Pink Gum (Eucalyptus fasciculosa)
River Red Gum (Eucalyptus camaldulensis)  White Mallee (Eucalyptus gracilis)
Broughton Willow (Acacia salicina)  *Flame Sheoak (Allocasuarina inophloia)
Blackwood (Acacia melanoxylon)  *Huon Pine (Lagarostrobus franklinii)
*Red Cedar (Toona ciliata)

Each of the trees was accompanied with some text about the characteristics of the tree, its natural habitat and details about the wood and its uses. Each set of texts had a photo of the tree, a standard sample, and where possible fresh foliage and fruit. Each set was also represented by a section of a branch and where possible some turned work to illustrate the beauty of the wood.

The North Lodge is an historical building, erected in 1866 as the house for the Head Gardener, partly as security for the gardens and also for the supervision and care of the animals housed in the Botanic Gardens Zoo until 1883. Today it is the base for the Friends of the Botanic Gardens of Adelaide and often holds exhibitions. We were set up in one room. The weather was disappointing in October this year and the number of visitors was small, however many showed great interest in our display. My thanks go to those members who assisted in setting up and supervising the display.

The materials developed for this display will be used in future events and certainly at The Master Builders SA Building and Home Improvement Show from July 14th to 16th 2017. This is a large event held in the Adelaide Showgrounds and space is provided to us free of charge as a feature of the show. It was also suggested that we look at another display in the North Lodge in 2017.

- Ron Allen  #7002
IWCS member Bob Kirkland from Warragul passed away peacefully after a long battle with cancer on December 3rd aged 79 years.

I was introduced to Bob 10 years ago at Phillip Island Downunder Turnabout by his lifetime friend Ken Marshman. Bob was one of nature’s gentleman in every sense - always easy going and never flustered. We spent time together turning at the Wandering Ternites gathering at Merimbula on several occasions and together with Ken Marshman and Doug Malsem did a three day hands-on course with Jimmy Clews after attending Turnfest at Sea World.

Bob was a willing worker for the woodturning community and took on the task of running the Forest Edge woodturning weekend each July, which he did very successfully and with little fuss.

Bob attended our AGM at Christchurch and remained a member until he lost his battle with cancer at the beginning of December, 2016.

Condolences were sent to Bob’s family, friends and fellow wood enthusiasts.

He will be sadly missed.

- Contributed by Harry Dennis IWCS # 9260

Max Marshall, a long time member of IWCS and his wife Mavis have both been experiencing serious health issues and have been transferred to ongoing care facilities. Hopefully with this care they will both feel more like their old selves.

Max has generously decided to share his collection of books with other IWCS members. John L has organised the auction process which is described below.

**SILENT AUCTION !!**

Members are invited to participate in an e-mail silent auction of Max Marshall books which he has generously donated to the IWCS. Most of you will know Max from his long association with the society as described in the article in "World of Wood" Page13 of Sep/Oct 2016 recognising the award of IWCS Honorary Life Membership. It is fitting that we can share in his life’s work by acquiring some of his book collection, each appropriately marked with a sticker bearing his name and IWCS Membership number. Some are marked with the details of previous owners such as C. H. Doherty and Neville Sanders. All are interesting and collectable, some are must-have classics.

**The auction process:**

1. Place bids with John Lyons either by an e-mail, nominating the book number, your membership number and the bid value (in whole dollars), or by returning the attached spreadsheet with these details entered in the appropriate columns.
2. Bid updates will be provided at the start of the month and in the next edition of “Downunder”, in the same spreadsheet listing bid value and membership number of the current highest bidder.
3. Closing date for bids will be 7 pm, Sunday 5 March 2017.
4. Winning bidders will be the highest bidder or in case of a tie, the earliest bid received by e-mail.
5. Winning bidders will be notified on Monday 6 March 2017 and asked for payment in advance including any postage costs in addition to the bid value.
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International Wood Collectors Society  
Northland Conference  
New Zealand  

4 – 11 September 2017  

Conference Programme Details  

Day 1 – Monday, 4 September: Focus on Auckland to Whangarei  
- Members collected by coach from central Auckland.  
- Alice Eaves Native Forest Reserve – Orewa.  
- Puhoi – cheese factory.  
- Honey Shop.  
- Parry Kauri Reserve and Museum.  
- Arrive at accommodation – Oceans Resort Hotel, Tutukaka.  
- Evening: dinner, orientation and registration, setting up the conference room, socialise.  

Day 2 – Tuesday 5, September: Focus on Whangarei  
- Town Basin: Clock Museum, Craft Galleries, Glass and Jewellery making etc.  
- Botanica gardens.  
- Chain saw man: Chainsaw Museum and one man portable milling operation.  
- Whangarei Falls at Tikipunga.  
- Evening: dinner and socialise.  

Day 3 – Wednesday, 6 September: Focus on Kauri Coast  
- Kumara Box – Ernie’s Show.  
- Trounson Kauri Park.  
- Waipoua Forest – Tane Mahuta (1,200 year old Kauri).  
- Evening: dinner and socialise.  

Day 4 – Thursday, 7 September: Focus on Whangarei  
- Kauri Creations and Kauri Clock Factory.  
- Boat Builders Suppliers – specialty timbers.  
- Whangarei Quarry Gardens.  
- Kiwi North: Kiwi House and Heritage Park.  
- Evening: dinner and socialise.  

Day 5 – Friday, 8 September: Focus on Bay of Islands  
- Kawakawa township.  
- Matthews Vintage Collection.  
- Mahoe Portable Sawmills, Cheese Factory and Timber Mill.  
- Awanui – Gum diggers and Swamp Kauri site tour.  
- Puketi Forest.  
- Evening: dinner and relax.  

Day 6 – Saturday, 9 September: Focus on IWCS  
- AGM.  
- Luncheon.  
- Auction.  
- Get to know Tutukaka – walking tracks.  
- Evening: dinner and ‘Show and Tell’.  

Day 7 – Sunday, 10 September: Focus on Kauri  
- Mataoke Kauri Museum – (4,000 sq m of undercover exhibits).  
- Evening: dinner and celebrate IWCS’s 70th.  

Day 8 – Monday, 11 September  
- Pack up, good byes and assistance with transport.
Registration Form
International Wood Collectors Society
Australasian Conference
Northland, New Zealand
4 September – 11 September 2017

See ‘World of Wood’ or ‘DownUnder’ newsletter for Programme Details.

Name: .................................................  IWCS # .................................................
Partner’s Name:.................................................  Other: ......................................................
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Conference Registration Fee:  $NZ 580  per person
Registration fee includes –
breakfast, lunch and dinner for each day of conference
coach hire costs for six days of activities
entry to all planned venues/activities
morning and afternoon teas at set venues
Register .......... persons at $NZ 580 each.  Total: $.............  (New Zealand dollars)

Make payment to:
Westpac, Barrington, Christchurch, New Zealand
International Direct Debit:  Westpac Swift Code WPACNZ2W
Account Number: 03-1594-0248998-000  Quote your surname and IWCS number.
Please arrange to have bank fees deducted from your bank account before forwarding amount to New Zealand.

Forward or email this registration form to:
Graham Trost  132 Sparks Road, Christchurch 8025, New Zealand
trost_res@xtra.co.nz  64(0)3-3389-363  027 674 7777

(For organising purposes – registrations no later than 1 June 2017 thanks).

Please advise of any special dietary needs when registering.

Accommodation:
Accommodation has been arranged at Oceans Resort Hotel, Tutukaka at a special room rate of $NZ149 per night
given to conference attendees. Early booking is highly recommended.
Please make booking directly with the hotel at:  stay@oceansresorthotel.co.nz  and quote IWCS.
Individuals wishing to share a room please contact: Bianca Taylor (reservations manager).

Conference Transport:
There will be a coach pickup from Auckland at 9 am on 4th September 2016 to take attendees up to Whangarei
with the first day’s activities enroute.  (Map with coach pickup details will be forwarded on registration).

Members are asked to bring items for Show & Tell, Swap or Sale and craft items.
Auction items: All items for inclusion in the Auction must be registered with Marcia Tommerup by 1 August 2017
at mttdg@netspace.net.au.  It is important to register by this date, as the auction schedule will be printed prior to
the conference.  Example of Auction registration:

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This article appeared recently in the NZ Sunday Star and is a teaser to encourage IWCS members to register for the IWCS Conference to be held in September in this area.

Sunday Star Times—8th January 2017

Tutukaka a natural drawcard

TUTUKAKA IS THE LAUNCHING SPOT FOR ONE OF NEW ZEALAND’S GREATEST NATURAL WONDERS – THE POOR KNIGHTS ISLANDS – BUT THE COASTAL SETTLEMENT ALSO HARBOURS TREASURES ON LAND, WRITES BRITT MANN.

The Tutukaka Coast is a wonderful introduction to Northland. Tutukaka, on Northland’s east coast, lies between Whananaki to its north and Whangarei Heads to its south. Driving along State Highway 1, you’ll spot roadside signs warning of kiwi in the area.

Over the hill from the marina, Matapouri, Sandy, Whale and Woolleys Bays offer opportunities to explore rock pools and enjoy the beaches’ white and black sands.

The palm-lined marina is dominated by the Quality Hotel Oceans resort. The 25-bedroom establishment has a creamy exterior accented with dark wood and strips of colour that warrants comparisons with a giant Licorice Allsort, in the best possible way.

The hotel complex has a tropical vibe, with gift shops, art galleries, a general store, icecream parlour and restaurant among the establishments along the street front.

Our twin room is spacious, with a lounge area beside the comfy single beds to take in views of the marina and the ocean beyond. The en-suite bathroom includes a bath, though guests are advised to conserve water when possible.

There is no minibar but Oceans Restaurant and Bar on the ground floor more than catered to our needs, and there was room service if we’d gotten desperate. The hotel has a pool on its first floor, with barbecue facilities which are free for guests to use.

The hotel is one of few establishments along the esplanade! Tutukaka headquarters is five minutes’ walk down the road, as are other dining options. You’ll feel safe wandering the streets after dark, coming home to a cosy room that lacks the clinical feel of larger hotels.

Lunch and dinner options are limited in Tutukaka, but a lack of competition hasn’t impacted the quality of what’s on offer. Five minutes’ drive south of the marina is the village of Ngunguru, where we found finger-licking fish ‘n’ chips at Ngunguru Takeaways (and they’ll cook your catch up for $1.50 a fillet). A short meander up the road from the hotel takes you to Marina Pizza Bar & Grill, where our one disappointment was that Sailfish Cove – Tutukaka’s first and only winery – doesn’t feature on the wine list.

After a day on the water, we were glad for a steaming pot of briny mussels prepared classically with white wine and onions. We also ordered a Rocky Bay pizza – a faintly spicy number topped with shrimp, mussels, parmesan and mozzarella. Our candlelit dinner concluded with cheesecake and lemon tart – among the best you’ll find anywhere.

It’s worth taking a stroll along the boardwalk after dinner – not least for an obligatory selfie with the timeworn sign at the harbour entrance. On the way back to the hotel, stop at Schnappa Rock for a night cap – there’s a well-stocked bar with a decent selection of whiskies, and no doubt a boatie or two present to drink to your good health.

While you are there - Sailfish Cove Winery offers a picturesque setting for sundowners: the vineyard sits atop a hill overlooking the world famous Poor Knights Islands. It’s a boutique operation, run from Gay Corkin and Harvie Ferguson’s garage. A tour is a delightfully casual affair – you’ll be shown around barefoot, with a chance to meet their herd of alpacas, and sample fine vintages that have limited distribution throughout Tutukaka and Whangarei. There’s a ‘BBQ Red Shiraz’, designed to be consumed cold, which is particularly worth investigating. You’ll leave feeling like part of the family.

The area around Tutukaka features a number of walking trails. A grassy track along the headlands, where local school kids have planted native trees, eventually morphs into a stony path to Kukutauwhao Island, where a lighthouse and coastal views await your efforts. The walk from the car park, 600m north past Marina Rd, takes about one hour return.
spots in the world. It’s one of few places where visitors can spot a fur seal and a green turtle on the same day, as well as pass through the largest marine arch in the Southern Hemisphere, and venture inside the world’s largest sea cave.

For those whose sea legs are a tad wobbly, Dive! Tutukaka offers a ”Perfect Day” experience for nondivers, which combines sight-seeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, cave explorations, snorkelling and swimming. See aperfectday.co.nz.

You’ll pay $189 per adult, and $95 per child aged 15 years and under. The fee includes lunch and afternoon tea. Wetsuit hire is an extra $10. Browse other dive charter options at diving.co.nz.

The verdict - Tutukaka was a wonderful introduction to Northland’s east coast. The village’s proximity to some of New Zealand’s most precious natural assets is the drawcard, but the friendly folk and the tranquil landscape leave an equally lasting impression.

Getting there - Tutukaka is about two and a half hour’s drive north of Auckland, roadworks notwithstanding. Be sure to stop at Puhoi Valley Cafe and Cheese Store. Platters of Puhoi’s famous fromage cost $18.50, $35 or $48.50 according to cheese weight. There are 10 divine rounds to choose from.

Another dinky destination worth turning off the highway for is McLeod’s Pizza Barn in Waipu. The craft brewery has a glorious array of fresh beers on tap, with guest collaborations and limited runs keeping the offerings interesting.

Whether you’re ducking in for a pit stop or lingering over a lazy meal in the sun, you’ll want to sample McLeod’s famous Traders Scotch Ale, brewed with a hint of spicy horopito. It’s tempting to have a liquid lunch, but we’d highly recommend the pizzas – there’s a huge range of toppings to choose from.

Essentials - A double room with a marina view costs $189 per night, and there are discounts for booking in advance. There is a double room with disability access that can be booked. For further information, see oceansresorthotel.co.nz.

The writer travelled courtesy of Quality Hotel Oceans Tutukaka.
AUSTRALIAN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL

For the INTERNATIONAL WOOD COLLECTORS SOCIETY

For residents in Australia renewing or applying for new membership
Post to: Jim & Shirley Schubert (Australian IWCS Membership Secretary)
18 Adelaide St, Magill. South Australia 5072
Phone: (08) 8332 5293 Email: schubertwoodturning@gmail.com
Make cheques payable to: IWCS Australasian Region
Direct Debit: NAB BSB 084-447 A/c 53-671-8141 Quote Surname and IWCS No.
PLease print carefully so that we do not get your info wrong

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( ) Would you like to host travelling IWCS members?
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Our/my interests in wood
To assist IWCS in attempting to provide information on wood and the creative uses of wood best suited to meet your interests and expectations, please circle the number or numbers which indicate your particular interests and reasons for joining IWCS:

1. Wood Collecting: casual or serious interest in acquiring wood specimens, interested in field collecting, interested in collecting crafted wood items
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4. Woodworking Projects: boxes, canes, games, toys, puzzles, clocks, jewelry, craft items, models, miniatures, musical instruments, furniture, cabinetry
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