



TCS SHIPWRIGHTS & JOINERY Ready to service your needs



Decades of Local Industry Experience

TCS Shipwright is owned and operated by Thomas Symonds. Thomas and our manager Steve Scott were both employed by Roger Cowan of Coastal Shipwrights. Thomas started out as a sole trader in 2010 after Roger retired, and has grown his operation to meet demand.

Thomas and Steve have decades of experience on the tools working with many different materials and construction techniques having personally carried out works on SML, Hydrographic, SMB, LCH, Patrol, South Pacific, Armidale, and Customs class boats, and US Navy vessels. They are also a key point of information and advice for solutions to long term maintenance issues on these vessels, and collaborate with all levels of contractors in efforts to rectify problems and fulfil contract obligations.

Capacity

After 3 years as a sole trader Thomas started trading as TCS Shipwright & Joinery in February 2013, and now operates a fourteen-man operation. Retaining such a large team, including qualified tradesman across different disciplines, allows us to tackle large projects with staff that are trained and experienced.

We place a strong focus on investing in our staff and equipment to bring to market the skills and equipment needed to service buyer needs. We have developed a team with diverse and specialist skills sets, including various high risk works, and continue to train our own staff in many areas. We also strive to form reliable relationships with industry colleagues to ensure we can produce works to a high standard and deliver on a wide variety of contract aspects.

Fully Equipped Workshop

We have invested in quality SCM Italian tooling, upgrading all our large tools in 2016. We have also invested in a spray booth and CNC router, and all manner of specialist power and hand tools. In early 2018 we installed a fully enclosed blast room and partnered with BH Smash Repair for painting services to provide high spec refurbishment of metal components. We have the capacity to fabricate many components in house, and invite you to visit our workshop to gain an understanding of our capabilities.

Compliant

TCS Shipwright & Joinery carries Ship Repairer's Liability, Public Liability and Worker's Compensation Insurances. We have understanding and experience of Government contract compliance, including relevant work, safety, and quality reporting, and sourcing of materials that meet Navy specifications. Long term and key staff who have been working with Thomas since his sole trader days, now have nigh on a decade of experience working on many of the Navy Vessels currently maintained in Cairns, including ever evolving contractual requirements. We ensure that compliance to specifications and procedures is of top consideration when tendering for, and offering advice on Navy or Government works.

Approved Government Supplier

We have been providing services to Defence via Tropical Reef Shipyard for years and have a long history of approved works. We were recently involved with the Government Supplier Improvement program for defence, and had a very positive reaction from the Business Advisor's sent to assess our operation. We have been deemed as very efficient for a Business of our size, and were found to be satisfying all aspects of our contractual obligations to a high standard.



Proven Track Record

Building upon the many years Thomas and Steve had under their belt working on Cairns based vessels, TCS Shipwright & Joinery as a company has carried out multiple maintenance periods on Navy Vessels since commencing trade in 2013. We have a proven track record of delivering works on time and to the satisfaction of the Tier One contractor. We have tackled many areas of Navy Vessel maintenance including:

- Room Refits
- Furniture refurbishment / replacement (timber and board construction)
- Custom joinery for bridge and electrical equipment (dashes and consoles)
- Fibreglassing
- Coldroom refurbishment / reconfiguration / replacement
- Window refurbishment / repair / replacement
- Deckhead panelling repair / replacement
- Flooring repair / replacement (including removal of old and replacement of new floor covering and subfloor materials)
- Remove and replace linings for hot works / electrical access
- Wollastonite insulation removal and disposal
- Tender Cradle fabrication / repair / maintenance
- Bathroom and wet room repair / replacement (including custom fiberglass & stainless-steel shower bases and moulds)
- Door hardware repair / replacement
- Blanking for painting / blasting / hot works

We also have a growing portfolio of commercial, cruise, white boat, freight and dive vessel projects, and have become a key port of call within our local industry for problematic projects requiring innovation and timely delivery.

We have proven ourselves capable of meeting our customer needs, and reliable in meeting deadlines – even when engaged at the ‘eleventh hour’ to pull projects off whilst facing challenging working conditions and time frames.

Strong Focus on Communication / Liaison

We believe that prompt open communication is absolutely essential to successfully deliver works - it is a pivotal part of the way we do business. We pride ourselves on being open and honest in relation to likely project outcomes given budget and timing constraints. We ensure that any concerns or issues we foresee are pointed out to all relevant parties at the earliest stages to facilitate a planned and well thought out approach.

Strong Focus on Deadlines / Scheduling

Years of working in the marine sector have given us an acute understanding of the importance of scheduling and meeting deadlines, and we make timing a top priority on any project. As Shipwrights, we are often the first trade in, and the last trade out, so we know firsthand how important liaising with other trades is to timely project completion. We plan our work as thoroughly as possible with information available to us, to ensure our customers are aware of the man hours needed to get a project over the line on time. We always strive to communicate thoroughly with our customers, staff, suppliers and colleagues to schedule projects in an efficient and realistic manner.

Strong Relationships with Local Industry

Thomas and Steve grew up in this region, and have worked for decades in this town. They and the company as a whole hold our local industry relationships as important and integral to our success. We have forged long standing affiliations with customers, suppliers and colleagues, and are happy to collaborate with whomever brings what is needed to get the job done right, and done on time.

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