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Turning a totara post - the whole-club project

The whole-club project is under way with several turners having made good progress.



A hundred years ago each was once part of a mighty totara tree which provided split fence posts for use on an early New Zealand farm. Many years later it was pulled out when the fence was renewed with tanalised pine posts. For a long time the discarded old totara post lay in a unloved heap until a wood turner found it and now it has been reincarnated as a work of wood art.



Totara Turnings from the TUESDAY team

Good Advice

When things might
go a little bit wrong

When turning a block or round of wood no one can go back and make a brand new start, but anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.

Never give up!

PARTICIPATION 2017

Run by South Auckland Woodturners Guild

It's on again 15 to 17 September

Woodturning for Everyone

Sharing, Watching, Learning, Teaching, Enjoying

When: Fri 15th from 8:00am until late, Sat 16th 7:30am until late and Sun 17th 7:30am to 3:00pm

Or come on Thursday 14 September as well. See below for details.

Where: YMCA Camp Adair, Hunua (Food and beds Friday to Sunday). The theme for the weekend, with prizes for the best ones, is "Gifting". There will be prizes for the best gift for Kidz First and the best wig stand to gift to LGFB.

Each participant will be given a piece of timber to make a bowl or gift for Kidz First at Christmas.

Bring a lathe and stay for the whole weekend

Don't have a lathe? You can book a club lathe. \$30 for the weekend.

This lathe hire fee does not apply to overseas visitors (incl Cook Strait).

Everyone bring some wood – or purchase on site from the shop and sponsors.

Bottomless tea and coffee (cake if someone gives it). Thursday lunch BYO. No beds on Thursday but meals and beds from noon Friday to Sunday lunch.

Registration/Booking form can be found on our club's web site.

WEDNESDAY'S WONDERS



GIDEON produced these turnings as evidence of another busy time in his home workshop. The carved etchings on the rim of the kauri wood bowl (lower) enhance its appeal and appearance.



MUHANNAD made the most of his post by leaving a ghost-like host.



MALCOLM tried a “half and half” look to his post project.

Another keen club member new to turning, reaps the benefits of bevel rubbing when using a bowl gouge.



STEPHEN (proud owner of newly acquired lathe) elected for a “tall” design for his totara post project.

“Rubbing the Bevel” has improved the finish prior to sanding.

TEAM THURSDAY'S TURNINGS



CORMAC enjoys experimenting with embellishments to his projects



SCOTT discovered what a texturing tool can do and applied it well.



DAVID S. finished his post project in spite of having a chuck completely fall apart during the turning. The offending chuck has been consigned to a retirement home for old tools.



CORMAC was keen to finish his first-ever, small bowl and try out the Beale polishing system.

Great job here!

TUTOR's note: *The totara post whole-club initiative has started well with many turners having completed their project while others need a little more time to add embellishments to their work.*

When all turnings have been completed they will be collected with a view to having them put on display in a place where the general public can admire them.

“WOODFEST”

National Woodskills Competition

Kawerau

29 & 30 September & 1st October

Get your entry form and competition rules from www.kaweraudc.govt.nz

All entry forms and money due by 25th August

THURSDAY TEAM member, **COLIN McKENZIE**, has offered to deliver all exhibits to Kawerau before 22nd September.

COLIN will also bring all exhibits back on the 1st October.

Note: the entry form will ask you to indicate delivery and return instructions. Please write “COLIN” in both boxes on the entry form.

Tutor's Note: Many thanks to COLIN for offering to support our club members in this way. This will be a considerable savings for all those entering this national competition.

Do have a chat to COLIN and let him know your intentions about entry into this venture.

Well that's the TT for this week – another week of turning fun especially with the whole-club totara-post project. Next week we will welcome yet another new member and so the club continues to prosper. Smiles all round.

Please note that there is no rugby to worry about this weekend so start your gardens as spring is just around the corner and Christmas the corner after that. Cheers, **Clive**