



The TT's
TOP TURNING
for this week

STEPHEN O'Connor used an ancient *lignum vitae* bowling ball to create the pot section in this project. The wood lends itself to a silky smooth finish. Using sharp gouges our special project participants found *lignum vitae* to be a turner's dream wood.



DAVID ROSE glued six square-section strips of wood into a medley of types and colours.

Then came the task of hollowing out the centre and turning the block into an interesting shape.

Mission accomplished!

Another excellent outcome.



CAELAN used a strip of blue-blotched acrylic to make his fountain pen.

Wet micro-mesh sanding pads helped to create a super smooth, glistening finish to the pen barrels.

Now for some serious writing!

BARRY Simpkins showed his developing skills with the mini-groover tool to put the gripper “beads” on the handle of his garden dibber.
A top job from one of our new turners!





MALCOLM Porteous had some early doubts about the direction his *lignum vitae* project was taking. However, all's well that ended well with this natty pot with lid. Malcom managed to preserve the ivory insert and reposition it into the lid. See, some roads lead to nowhere but some roads do lead to Rome.



There's no doubt it! **MELISSA** is surely our number one turner of mini-sized, practical projects. In picture is a set of tiny drawer knobs.

Tools mastered:

- mini groover,
- mini skew
- mini gouge

Mini turning with maxi outcomes.

Diary entry - Lock it in
SUNDAY 8th December - The Club's end-of-year function



Ho! Ho! Ho! I'm coming back.

There's just **116 more sleeps** to Christmas.

All over again it's gonna be a big prezzie time for heaps of Hamilton's lucky kids.

THREE (or more if needed) **large boxes** will be placed on a shelf in our workshop to hold all of the toys that our club members can make during the months of September, October and November.

Last year's effort was hugely appreciated by the charitable organisations that delivered the goodies we made to worthy recipients.

Let's do even better this year and make Christmas a happy time for and even bigger number of Hamilton's special children.

It's "TURN-A-TOY time again. Make a child smile by making a toy that entertains, educates or one that is special to look at or touch.



Here's a few of the toys made for last year's charitable organisations.

Remember these?

Let's do even better this year.

Can we hit the magic figure of 100 toys?

It's achievable!

Our end-of-year function is exactly 100 days from today. (Friday 30th August)



ALEX may have had some disappointments with unusually misbehaving resin mixtures but achieved a successful outcome with his *lignum vitae* project.

A beautiful finish to a top job.

End-of-course shared supper for the evening sessions.



Tradition continued.

At the end of another 10-week evening course, club members engage in a “Kiwi” style catering caper by bringing a plate to share with their wood turning mates. The idea is to celebrate the growth of turning skills, and the learning of new techniques. Members share their personal highlights of each course.

Saturday 7th September. WORKING BEE 9.00am - 12 noon.

All welcome to attend this maintenance and general clean-up day.

NOTE: The normal Saturday morning free turning session will not operate on this day.



CLEO refused to give up on this project.

A cruel crack appeared in her bowl turning but our determined Cleo coped admirably.

A “Goodonya” gong for this effort.

PAUL learned heaps about critical measuring and cutting in making his first pen.

Paul achieved neat fits and smooth joints on all parts of the pen.

(the result of applying our NEAGE approach to turning projects)

An excellent outcome.





DAVID Cowley showed early skill potential with two superb first-time projects.

Metinks our David has a big future with his new found interest.

The paper pots maker (in his left hand) is testament to turning talent.

Woo hoo!

Our new club members, the Chatfield brothers **BRAD** and **NATHAN** proudly exhibit their current projects.

A great start to their 10-week turning programme.



SATURDAY MORNING
31st August (tomorrow)
Open workshop 9.00 - 12 noon

**Continue a turning project or kick-start your
toy-making programme.**

FACEBOOK

The Hamilton Wood Turners'
Club now can operate through
facebook.



The management of the **BUNNINGS SOUTH** store has invited our club to provide demonstrations of aspects of club activities.

The first of these demos was held yesterday.

**Do call at the South store off Kahikatea Drive tomorrow
Saturday 10-12noon or on Sunday 10-12noon.**

Our club members will be in the store operating lathes and making pens during demonstrations for interested shoppers.

GARY insists on getting things just so in all his turning projects. (our **NEAGE** approach is working well)

Here's a nest of seven well-made thin-walled rimu wood mini-bowls.

Goodonya Gary.



RIC's *lignum vitae* turning project prompted him to say "I wish we had more of this wood".

What a superb finish.



RIC turned a large block of oak wood into a flawless platter.

- an even thickness
- smoothly sanded
- a great finish

A new lathe, together with a big dollop of enthusiasm seems to be working wonders.

A "Goodonya" gong for this one.