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## TUTOR's comment and CLUB NEWS

Another year draws to a close with this one being the busiest and most productive ever. Throughout the year we have had strong turnouts for the Thursday evening sessions, and while the attendances were lower, we maintained a core group for the Tuesday sessions.

The exhibition of turnings at last Sunday's end-of-year function is testament to the overall, solid progress made by all turners with their **quality and creativity levels**. This ongoing improvement is, in part, due to the now well-instilled NEAGE (Near Enough Aint Good Enough) philosophy.

**Classes next year begin on 2nd February for the THURSDAY evening class.**

**The TUESDAY class will recommence on 7th February.**

**I hope to see you all again in the new year.**

**Today's TT is the final edition for 2016.**

**We are back next year in the first week of February.**

**Season's Greetings to all TT readers.**

**Stay safe, stay well.**

**16 Days until CHRISTMAS**

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# Sunday's end-of-year FUNCTION



An exhibition of turnings completed in recent months was judged by all the ladies.

What a tough job deciding:

- the functional turning;
- the artistic project;
- the mixed media turning.

# Out and about during our end-of-year function



*Cooking venison back-steaks: "Now how big was that stag you shot?"*



*"OK I'll have some of that and some of that and some of that and..."*



**The  
MIXED  
MEDIA  
section**



*"Sssshhh,  
With these dark  
glasses, I'm  
incognito."*

*Savouring  
every  
mouthful  
of food fit  
for  
royalty.*





We had a truly excellent end-of-year function. The weather was brilliant. The food was a gourmet's adventure.

Special thanks to Robert and Elane Wiseley who hosted the occasion in an amazingly stunning setting. Attendees experienced a friendly and fun occasion.

All this, and to boot, the exhibition of turnings just happened to be the very best ever.

**A mighty fine time was had by all.**

## Summer break reading

Here are a couple of useful references for information about varieties of the world's wood varieties. (*heaps of info here*)

[www.wood-database.com](http://www.wood-database.com)

Also, another handy source of information about woods native to New Zealand

**Book: "New Zealand Timbers" - N C Clifton**



Club members have had an opportunity to compile a **WISH LIST** of equipment they consider would be helpful for wood turning project work. **When this list is finalized the following task is to PRIORITISE the order of intended purchase.**

Realizing the items on this list will mean a fair bit of fundraising but it's healthy to have ambitions for club improvement. In fact the fundraising has already started with wood sales.

1. A good quality chainsaw
2. Dremel tool (4000 model)
3. Pyro Graphic tool
4. Three X 550watt electric drills (e.g. the lightweight **de Walt** corded model)
5. An outrigger for the DVR lathe
6. An 8" CBN (Cubic Boron Nitride) grinding wheel for sharpening gouges etc
7. Another set of pin jaws
8. Several sets of Steb centres to replace our old and worn live and drive spurs.
9. A long-hole borer with the best quality bits for drilling salt and pepper mills
10. A heavy-handed (Woodcut) cup tool
11. A bottle of "Shellawax" - an Australian *Beaut Polish Co.* product
12. Pen assembly kit
13. Heater for the winter months
14. Holder for all the Allen keys (easily made)
15. Ducted air for each lathe
16. Internal bowl rests
17. A belt-driven air compressor, hoses and connectors
18. A special ring spanner for the new drill press

All 18 items listed are ideas drawn from Tuesday and Thursday members.

The next task is to prioritize the list into an achievable purchasing programme.



## A couple of traditions continue

1. The “penalty” for making a rolling pin is that the person responsible has to provide a plate of scones to shout the team. Another member has duly obliged. Thanks **ROBERT**.
2. The Thursday team has always marked the final session of each course with a shared supper. On this occasion there was quite a selection of Christmas pies and other goodies. The smiles in the above photo are a fair indication of how yummy the food tasted.

Bye! I sincerely hope your Christmas is everything you wish it to be.

See you all in the New Year .

**Clive**