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Remember, if I cannot break it, no-one can!

Good morning to all TT readers.

The club's new committee met on Wednesday evening and discussed a wide range of relevant matters. Among the business discussed were:

1. The allocation of portfolios of responsibilities to enable the sharing of the workload.
2. Upcoming events such as the Taupo Woodturning Jamboree 20-23 April and encouragement for all members to attend this event; the Tauranga Scrollsaw workshop scheduled for 8th April; The "Clubs and Creativity" Waikato Show set down for Friday to Sunday 7th to 9th April; the Committee is anxious about getting sufficient club member volunteers to attend the stall at the "Clubs and Creativity" stall during the show. Members are invited to add their names to the roster sheet that is placed on the front table. *See special section for Thursday 6th April, Glen Lucas event.*
3. Approval was given to purchase another Supernova2 chuck together with a set of pin jaws and a set of 90-100mm jaws. The fitting of handwheels to all lathes was another point of discussion.

DONATIONS of WOOD

From time to time community folk offer our club varieties of wood. While the club will always be most grateful for these donations we face a major storage problem due to the lack of shelf space. Thus from now on, all offers should be channeled through **ROBERT WISELEY** who is in charge of monitoring the club's wood supplies. **DO NOT LEAVE BLOCKS OF WOOD AT THE WORKSHOP DOORWAY UNLESS ROBERT HAS APPROVED THE DONATION.**

SUPPLIES of QUALITY TURNING WOOD

One of the biggest challenges facing club members is acquiring suitable, good quality wood for turning projects. I started gathering wood for my Coromandel Town workshop about 20 years ago. As my stocks built up I had to erect another store shed. So over time FOUR storage sheds housed my supplies of Kauri and other native timbers.

BUT.....rather sadly, my wife and I decided to pull the plug on our holiday-come-woodturning-workshop setup in Coromandel Town. (sold the boat too!)

As a result I now have too much good turning wood (and no fish) to store at our Hamilton home. The wood will be sold at heavily discounted prices to interested club members. See pictures below.



This is just some of the wood that will be offered for sale at a never-to-be-repeated offer at very low prices on a cash only basis. Selling has already started and concludes on Thursday of next week. Stock up now for next year and the one after that.

I need to solve my storage space problems as soon as possible .Your last chance to score now before the offer ends on Thursday evening of next week.

FINAL off-the-trailer sales next Tuesday and Thursday!

**The
COLIN McKENZIE
collection**



Always on the lookout for new ideas, COLIN continues to surprise us with his superb turnings created in his home workshop. Here's just a few of his turnings for this week.



UPCOMING GROUP PROJECT

This will be a special initiative facilitated by COLIN. Members are invited to participate in a learning time about how to make a "Wave Bowl" (see picture left)

Colin advises that for this project participants will need a block of suitable wood measuring **140mm X 110mm**

This opportunity begins on Thursday 13th April

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our club will have a stall at the upcoming "Clubs and Creativity" show.

We need members to help attend the stall on the following dates/days:

Friday 7th April: 9.30am to 12 noon; 12noon to 2.30pm; 2.30pm to 5.00pm

Saturday 8th April: 9.30am to 12 noon; 12noon to 2.30pm; 2.30pm to 5.00pm

Sunday 9th April: 9.30am to 12 noon; 12noon to 2.30pm; 2.30pm to 5.00pm

**Please write your name on the roster sheet in the workshop.....
or phone Murray 0274889432**

GLEN LUCAS (Irish Wood turner)

The **N**ational **A**ssociation of **W**oodworkers (**NAW**) has invited GLEN LUCAS from Ireland, to visit New Zealand to undertake a series of wood turning demonstrations at several NZ clubs. For us, this exciting event will take place in the evening of Thursday April 6th at our workshop.

\$35 for all non-NAW members

\$25 for all NAW members

Club discount of \$10 for all active Hamilton club members.

Note: Our club members are invited to the Waikato Guild's afternoon session.

\$40 non-NAW members
\$35 NAW members
(NO club discount)

FINAL SALE of QUALITY TURNING WOOD. (off the trailer)

Next Tuesday and again on Thursday evening a trailer load of excellent turning wood will again be available for members to select blocks of kauri and other native timbers, well-seasoned and ready for immediate use.

Prices are set very low for club members, on a CASH-only basis.

This offer closes this week on Thursday evening and will be your last opportunity to obtain very cheap, quality turning wood.



Our four new members have made great progress and already precision turning small items such as pens.

Well gone PETER, HEATHER, RICHARD and GIDEON

We welcomed another new member WAYNE McConnel last night and immediately was introduced to turning skills with the roughing gouge, parting tool and 10mm bowl gouge.

FUNDRAISING TO BUY NEW EQUIPMENT

This programme is now underway and already some new goodies have been ordered:

- a new Supernova2 chuck fitted with pin jaws
- another set of 90-100mm jaws.

This week's raffle was won by a Thursday session member **SHANE Forshaw.**

Get ready for this week's tungsten-tipped tool prize.

In the following weeks we will be raffling chickens, with one fat chook to be won at each session.

So that's the lot for this week that marks the end of the busiest time ever for me. For the past three weeks I have been carting vast quantities of turning wood from my Coromandel workshop and sheds back to Hamilton.

The Coromandel property and boat have been sold, so maybe now I can get some wood turning done.

Cheers! See you next week

Clive