

Hamilton Woodturners Club

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Your committee has been busy during recent months having just late last year installed another new DVR Saturn lathe late last year.

Really good news is that a further TWO Saturn DVR lathes have been purchased and will be installed very soon.

WOW! This means that members will need to be very careful to check the correct centre insert is fitted to the chuck to be used.

If I doubt check with me. **(Clive)**

Session vacancies: Each of the three sessions has room for two more members.

Do you know of anyone wanting to join a woodturning club?

TUTOR'S COMMENT

This is our first TT for 2022

Seven sleeps to go before the workshop doors open for another year. Session rolls have held up well and I look forward to seeing all members creating little or large treasures on their lathes. Speaking of lathes..... The lathe replacement programme is making excellent progress.

Note: The club may be able to offer a Nova 3000 lathe machine for sale. Please check with MURRAY.

COVID: The pandemic lingers on and now we are fighting the Omicron variant.

Precautions many and varied, are being introduced by hundreds of organizations to combat and control this unwanted pest.

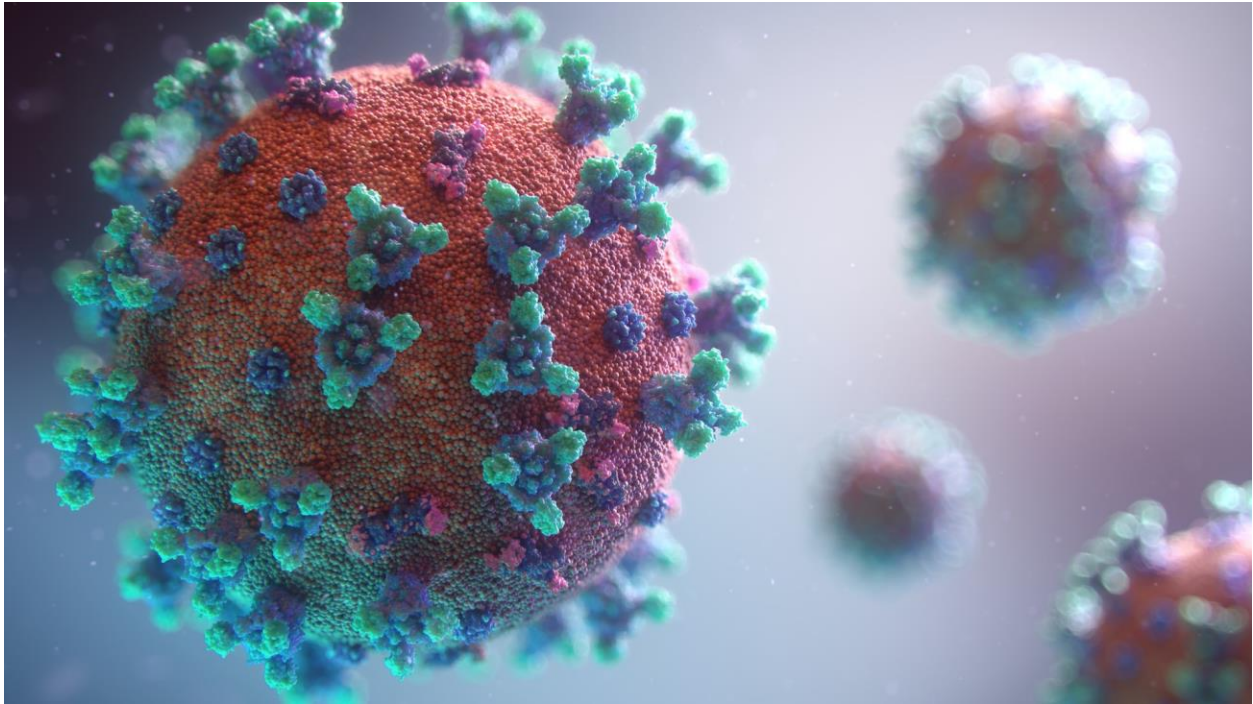
Mask wearing at your club is now mandatory as is the need to be at least double jabbed. (vaccine pass will indicate)

At the first session you attend you **MUST SHOW YOUR Vaccine Pass.** It is the one that was approved and issued by the **Ministry of Health.** **See you next week. CLIVE**



EXCITING NEWS eh!

Picture above shows what the new Saturn DVR lathes look like.



NZ moves to Red as Omicron cases spread – Expert Reaction

All of New Zealand is now in the Red setting of the traffic light system,

**More and more cases of the Omicron Covid-19 variant each day in increasing regions of the country.
It could be that spread is inevitable.**

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said she expects to see more Covid cases in the coming months than the country has seen in the past two years of the pandemic.

Our woodturning classes are about to commence and all session attendees are required to follow the guidelines for managing Covid issues.

WHAT DO THE EXPERTS SAY about the steps taken already or need to be taken in the immediate future?

Associate Professor James Ussher, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, University of Otago, comments:

“Given the amount of Omicron circulating overseas and presenting at the border, This was inevitable. It is unlikely that we will be able to stamp this out. Ultimately, we will need to accept endemic SARS-Cov-2 circulation in New Zealand

“However, thanks to our excellent vaccination rates we are in a good position to minimise the impact of Omicron on the health of New Zealanders, but we need to get our booster rates up as soon as possible. For those who are unvaccinated, it is not too late to get vaccinated and they should do so ASAP.

“A move to red is sensible and will help slow transmission of Omicron, enabling administration of boosters and primary vaccination courses and reducing the impact on our health system.”

Associate Professor Siouxsie Wiles, School of Medical Sciences, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, University of Auckland, comments:

“It is obviously distressing to hear that Omicron is now in the community in New Zealand, but we knew it was only a matter of time given how widespread this variant is around the world. **We know that the traffic light system was really good at reducing the transmission of Delta but we have yet to see how effective it will be against Omicron.** The Omicron variant is more infectious and better able to infect people who have been vaccinated, especially if they have only received two doses.

I firmly believe we need to do everything we can to reduce the transmission of Omicron.

It is important to remember that this virus is spread through the air and that people can be infectious before they realize they are infected.

This means that wearing a mask is really important – one that fits well and covers your mouth and nose.

If you are only wearing a fabric mask, consider upgrading to one that includes a PM2.5 filter or wearing one over a surgical mask. FFP2, Kn95, or KF94 masks are good options but beware of where you buy these from as there are many counterfeit masks on the market. Masks can be reused, so try to have one for each day of the week, and store in a paper bag between uses. Replace if they become wet or soiled, or the straps loosen so they don't fit as well.

“Transmission through the air does mean some environments are higher risk than others – especially indoor environments where people are not wearing masks. This is why I am concerned about hospitality and other similar venues. It doesn't matter if groups of people are seated one metre away from each other, if they are indoors, especially if the place is badly ventilated, then the risk of transmission is high and we've seen lots of examples of Omicron spreading in these types of settings overseas. Improving ventilation and introducing air-purifiers are ways to reduce this risk.

“Recent studies have shown that three doses of the Pfizer vaccine provide really good protection against serious disease from Omicron so I urge people to get boosted as soon as they are eligible. I also urge all parents to vaccinate their children. For those who haven't yet been vaccinated,

Omicron has the potential to be a very serious disease and those who are unvaccinated are much more likely to be hospitalised.” (Siouxsie Wiles)

Hamilton Woodturners' Club Courses starting in the week

of February 7th 2022 (First Session 8th February)

All session attendees must:

- a) Present a valid vaccine pass. First sessions only)
- b) Wear a correctly fitted MASK while operating machines.
- c) Maintain social distancing throughout the session.

Note: Round table session starters (meetings for sharing/telling) will be modified to accommodate requirements of social distancing.

SESSION RESERVATIONS SECURED for THE NEW YEAR

TUESDAY

Course starts 8th February

9.00am - 3.00pm

ALAN Burrt

GREG Fraser

JAMES Gee

MALCOLM Porteous

WAYNE O'Halloran

MALCOLM Downey

DENIS Whittle

JAN Plumley

BILL Fearn

MICHAEL Doyle

JOHN Baker (on hold)

DAVE Frew (on hold)

WEDNESDAY

Course starts 9th February

6.00pm - 9.00pm

ROBERT Wiseley

RICHARD Jackson

STEPHEN O'Connor

LYNDAL Matthews

MALCOLM Vaile

MITCHELL Jury

RIC Broadhurst

DON McNaughton

MURRAY Price

ISSAC Newton

MELISSA Brousaard

PETER Faulkner (on hold)

THURSDAY

Course starts 10th February

6.00pm - 9.00pm

GARY Judkins

COLIN McKenzie

SPENCER Heald

DAVID Cowley

ROSS Smith

GRAEME Surgenor

SIMON Scothern

TREV Savage

STEPHEN Hawley

TONY Smith

COLIN White (on hold)

WENDY White (on hold)

HELP please

One of our Tuesday Turners, JAN PLUMLEY, requires a lift to and from the Tuesday session for a while, starting next Tuesday.

JAN's dearly beloved car has had an argument with another vehicle and sadly her now ***not-worth-repairing*** vehicle may be consigned to the great wrecker's yard in the sky.

If you are unable to help Jan for a while then please contact her at 07 847 1531

Volunteers needed

1. **Health and Safety officer** for the TUESDAY SESSION
2. **Morning tea coordinator** to ensure a constant supply of water for the jug, sugar, tea and coffee provisions.

REMEMBER

1. First session you attend you **MUST** show your vaccine pass
2. Mask wearing is now mandatory.

See you all next week.

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