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## Members' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please note the change of  
date for the AGM

9.00am

**SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> March**

A **WORKING BEE** will follow the  
Annual General Meeting

See you there! 19<sup>th</sup> March

Many hands make light work.

### TUTOR'S COMMENT

WE have had a spate of explainable absences for the past few weeks and our turning session rolls have been down in numbers.

One of our very long-standing club members has not been able to attend because of transport difficulties. If you can assist then please give me a call.

The AGM has had a change of date and is now scheduled to take place on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March. 9.00 am** See you there.

The club challenge of turning a handled basket is well underway and several projects are work in progress, The TT today features a couple of completed offerings. There still time to get yours finished too.

### REMINDER

When you arrive at the workshop for a turning session make the following preparations.

- 1.Align your lathe if spindle turning
- 2.Sign the attendance register
3. Collect a ruler, a pencil, black marker and piece of chalk
- 4 Make certain your chuck has the correct centre fitted.

### COMMITTEE Membership.

Nominations are required for membership of the  
2022 committee.

Yes, you can nominate yourself

(just have a seconder sign the form)

Yes, you can nominate more than one person

At the end of this newsletter you will find a  
nomination form to complete.

Signatures on this form are required



**The WOW of Greg's week!**

**GREG'S** highly successful, first foray into resin inlays.  
Next step: Inlays in the resin inlay. (adding broken paua, coins etc)



**MICHAEL** used an interesting block of tulip wood to create his very smart lidded pot.  
As always, the finish is as good as it gets. Varied shapes and well-fitting parts are features of Michael's turning projects.



**BILL** has now completed the club's induction programme. The quality of this turning project clearly shows that Bill has met with many successes on his early learning journey. Bigger and brighter projects here I come!

**AGM..... then a WORKING BEE**  
**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 9.00 am**

## Success of the week



COLIN has shown us all what determination can achieve. The thread making challenge has been mastered for the first time.

No complicated, fancy thread making machine here.

COLIN has used a male/female... 18 TPI set ... of two hand tools and several trials. But....he has beaten the seemingly impossible technique.

A Goodonya gong for you!

### Message from the President on behalf of the current committee.

Hello to all members of the Hamilton Woodturners Club.

The Club's **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** is scheduled for the **19<sup>th</sup> of March** note the change of date..... and the club needs your help!

The committee is in dire need of new blood.

We specifically require a new treasurer, with our current treasurer (Robert Wiseley) stepping down.

And if you are really keen, the role of President is also up for grabs!

If you are interested in doing a bit more to support the club by becoming a committee member, please fill out one of the nomination forms.

Thank you in advance for your support.

André Duijnmayr

# HOME DRYING YOUR WOOD FOR TURNING PROJECTS

I am often asked about ways to dry timber (for wood turning) at home, The following ideas may be useful for the home hobby person.

## **SPEED is of the essence.**

Begin the drying process as soon as you can after felling or discovering a fallen tree after a storm. A few weeks ago there were storm-damaged trees all over Hamilton city. A woodturners bounty! Did you score any?

- 1.** It's best to remove any hug-fitting bark by sawing that moisture barrier right off the block of wood.
- 2.** With the felled log now resting on the ground cut each length about 100mm longer than the diameter.
- 3.** Stand the cut log length on its end then run the chainsaw the full length down the pith.
- 4.** Now you have two bark-free blocks. (Half-rounds) If the resulting cut blocks are large enough then further cut each block into required sized slabs. Vary the thickness of the slabs as you need to be mindful of the requirements of your future turning projects.
- 5.** The wood should not be allowed to dry too quickly to avoid splits and end grain checking.

So how do you slow down the drying process?

Easy, **seal the ends with log sealer.**

Our club has this milky, waxy sealer stuff for sale. A litre of sealer goes a very long way. Apply the goo in a place where some spillage doesn't matter. (sealer spilled on concrete is just too hard to remove)

Don't panic! If you don't have any log sealer then apply a couple of coats of thick paint on the ends of each slab.

What you can expect is a slowing down of moisture through the end grain. Remember SPEED of sealer application is the most important aspect in successful home drying of wood.

6. Next comes the stacking of the slabs. The stacking method should ensure air can circulate around as much of the slab as possible. Increase the gaps in the stack by using smaller lengths of dried wood (fillets) to prevent each slab from touching too much of the others in the stack.



**CORRECTLY STACKED WOOD**

Milky, waxy **LOG SEALER** applied to the ends is needed to slow the drying process. Fast drying will invite splits and checks.

Fillets added to prevent the slabs from touching too much of the others. AIR SPACE is created to assist drying.

Cover the stack with something suitable, say a sheet of corrugated iron. Add a hefty weight to hold the cover in place.



The perfect stack for air drying

**FOR SALE**  
We have  
log sealer in  
litre  
bottles.  
**\$12.00**



## Handled basket - whole club project challenge



This dinky little handled basket was once the root of an olive tree.

Well that was until our **RICHARD** started turning the wood.

The handle is a bit special having been fashioned from very thin veneers.

This is the result of being creative with creativity for creative turning projects.

A wopcacker job eh!



**Paulownia:** The first time you pick up a piece of paulownia, prepare to be amazed. Despite being a hardwood with one of the highest strength-to-weight ratios of any wood, paulownia is incredibly light. This unique combination of lightness and strength makes paulownia a highly sought-after timber

Our GRAEME was like a man on a mission in turning his block of Paulownia wood. The turning lasted for three days with a seal of tung oil added after each session. Graeme figured the oil would prevent the wood from cracking.....and it worked.

A top job... handle snug fit and all!

**NOMINATION FORM for Committee membership 2022**

I nominate  for the 2022 committee

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**Nominee to sign here**

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