

# Hamilton Woodturners Club

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## Members' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tomorrow!

9.00am

SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> March

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

See you tomorrow morning

Many hands make light work.

### TUTOR'S COMMENT

Good morning to all our TT readers. The club challenge of a handled basket closes next week. Please bring your entry on Tuesday or Wednesday or Thursday of next week.

COLIN , who will act as *one of the judges*, has provided a prize line-up of super-special blocks of wood including: red oak; spalted rewarewa; yellow heart kahikatea; spalted cherry; swamp totara; hickory and kowhai.

Entries will be sorted into two divisions – newbie and experienced turners.

An example turned  
by Colin. (Excluded  
from the  
challenge)



You must have your entry completed by the closing days of next week. Winners published in the TT Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March



JOHN BAKER has resumed his place at the lathe at the far end of the workshop. John has been away for quite sometime but kept himself up to date with club happenings by reading the weekly newsletter. The above picture shows his super-clever entry in the club's current turning challenge. WOW!



## REDWOOD LIDDED POT.

**TONY** has made many leaps and bounds since starting his wood turning journey at the beginning of this year.

This lidded pot is testament to his early skills development.



**BILL'S** fine piece of KAURI wood taking shape to end up as a table lamp.

It's great to see that Bill's focus on "rubbing the bevel" is making a big difference of the quality of the finish.



Rugged and beautiful. **LEIGH** is not sure what wood he has used to create this mightily well finished turning.

Holding the project to finish the base was a challenge but it happily extended our learning curves. A "Goodonya" gong for this.

**AGM..... then a WORKING BEE**

**Tomorrow Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 9.00 am**

## DUST BUSTER – Woodturners sanding oil

Do you have a problem with dust? Yes, you do? Well we all do. Yes, we take precautions and wear some kind of mask to prevent the fine woody floating particles from reaching our lungs. In addition, we have two large air purifiers installed near the workshop ceiling to trap the dust in filters. Thanks to **STEPHEN O'Connor** for servicing the filters every week.

*Some woods emit a dust that can become quite a damaging irritant to some people, while other folk can be affected, but in a minimal way.*

**RIMU** is a wood that I'm not keen on turning anymore.....that is, unless I am wearing one of my air-powered helmets. **RIMU dust** makes me sneeze, my eyes water and my throat burn. Mostly these days I don't bother using rimu wood at all. That's a shame as New Zealand's heart rimu wood can be super spectacular in appearance and make a standard turning project look exceptional.

But... Enough of my bleating. The good news is that dust problems can be further minimized if you use a new product (i.e. new to us) known as Medicinal White Oil (Woodturners Sanding oil)

Many thanks to Terry Scott for giving us a litre of this product for a trial.

This sanding oil is highly refined and pure, aromatic free, water-White, tasteless, non-staining and food safe.

Dust is the staff you cannot see and can be very damaging. Using medicinal paraffin oil takes away a lot of risks. Another advantage is that less heat is built up in the sanding process so you don't create heat checks in the end grain. Less heat is applied to the sanding mandrel as well.

### **OK, HOW DO YOU USE his DUST-BUSTING STUFF?**

1. Apply a coat of sanding oil using a spray bottle (be generous)
2. Use the power sanding technique as you have done in the past.
3. Sand through the grits removing the slurry before moving to the next sanding grit

A slurry is formed when sanding and is easily removed from the turning using a kitchen wipe. Simply wipe re-spray and sand with the next grit.

A wax product can be used to finish the job. Apply and buff to your desired shine.

GO on have a go on your next project. CHEERS **CLIVE**



**RICHARD** continues his support for the club challenge with his handled-basket No 4.

This rugged beauty was turned from the large root of an olive tree.

Note the cleverly placed saw cuts which, with a bit of steaming, have encouraged the handle to bend through 90 degrees.



**GARY's** home project shows just how patient a wood turner can be. The decorative holes in this bowl were made before the centre of the bowl was removed.



**ALEX** used a block of flawless plum wood for his thin-walled medium-sized bowl.

This is a particularly smart turning featuring a fine finish and a continuous curvature across the inside base.

A top job in all aspects.



**DAVID** decided to engage in a refresher course with *pen making*. It might be quite a long time since he made his previous tenth pen but the quality of this week's project indicates that he has remembered much and even sharpened his pen making skills.

# Hamilton Woodturners Inc

## President's Report for the Year ending 31 Dec 2021

Another year gone with a few curveballs thrown at us.

Once again, the year started really well with all three courses at capacity right from the start. It was great to see most members of 2020 continuing in 2021.

All went well for the first two course blocks and most of the third block.

And then the second Covid-19 lockdown happened, closing the clubrooms for the rest of the year.

Once again, due to at-or-near capacity of the courses at the start of the year, with the help of some grants, the club managed to sustain most of its income and managed to cover the rent and the tutor's fees during the months we were closed. Even though the rent had increased significantly.

The club continues to be limited by the lack of available space. New avenues are still being explored in working together with other entities in Hamilton and keeping the discussion open with HCC.

As per the previous years, the free open workshops on Saturdays were well attended and helped members doing what they love to do.

What was more impressive was the turn out for the working bees, which made light work of all the jobs that needed doing.

Once again the president would like to extend his gratitude to the current committee members and our tutor, who all have worked tirelessly to make the club the success it has become.

I would also like to extend my gratitude towards all the paying members whose contribution has made it possible for the club to exist. Without the support of all the enthusiastic wood turners there would be no club.

It is with sadness however to note, that our current treasurer, **Robert Wiseley**, has made the decision to step down. Which means the club will need to find a replacement treasurer. I want to thank Robert for all the great work he has done during his tenure, to keep the clubs accounts in order, get the bills paid on time and get the fees collected from everyone attending the courses.

Furthermore, the club's committee was notified by **Clive Wilson**, our tutor, that 2022 will be his 10<sup>th</sup> and last year as tutor.

It is also time for me to hand over the reins to a new President next year.

So the incoming committee for 2022 has some work to do to find replacements, and organizing a proper farewell party for our tutor at the end of the year!

André Duijnmayr, President

## WORKING BEE: TOMORROW'S TASKS

1. Decommission two lathes selected for replacement and assemble two new Saturns
2. Discard any blocks of wood with serious cracks or other flaws. Retained blocks will need to be priced. NOTE: Anyone with a trailer could load the undesirable wood and take it away for winter warming.
3. Check all tool rests and file off to a smooth surface.
4. Strip the large cupboard bare, discard the years of hoardings and reorganize the shelves. Retain:
  - Grey Tellus Vac,
  - vac chuck/ blue sponge foam,
  - the large home-made 'Cole' jaws
  - chainsaw
  - air blower
  - Tuesday- Wednesday- Thursday-Clive's white trays
  - File the spare bandsaw blades
5. The dust extraction system has to be fully serviced.
6. The sanding disk box needs to be replenished. Disks cut and labelled. All grits,
7. The blade on the large bandsaw needs to be changed.
8. Some chucks require servicing. Apply a dusting of Johnson's powder to free up any stiffness. In some chucks a spray of CRC may be required,
9. No 12 lathe headstock needs to be to be stripped and fully serviced. A scraping sound has developed. Find and eliminate.
- 10 Our new No 5 Saturn lathe has lost its keeper plate. (temporary repairs are in place). Also the control board needs to be replaced.
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