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Greetings to everyone . Welcome to the new wood turning year. Sessions got underway this week with members turning up for the all-day Tuesday class, the Wednesday evening and Thursday evening classes. There are a few vacancies for the Tuesday and Thursday sessions so finding new members to fill these spots will be a priority.

New members will be inducted via a basic skills sequential programme, while more experienced club members will be free to develop their own ideas and share these with fellow club members. From time to time we will launch into whole-club turning projects that will challenge creativity and be a platform for sharing individual expertise.

The first of these whole-club undertakings will be in “PEN MAKING - THINKING OUTSIDE THE SQUARE”

Now to get everyone started with some basic knowledge I have attached a file entitled “Tips For Pen Turning”. This set of excellent ideas was put together by David Lim, owner of Timberbits, Australia.

I wrote to David Lim to request permission to distribute his document to our members and use his ideas as a basis for ongoing instruction - to which he readily agreed.

Do open the pdf file, print yourself a copy of these useful tips and organise them into a handy reference file.



Club member MICHAEL DOYLE must have spent most of the Christmas/New Year break behind his lathe making beautiful pens. Laminating tricks and celtic knots feature in Michael’s creative approaches. During the upcoming Whole-Club pen project, Michael will show all members how to produce pens like the ones in picture.

The PEN MAKING initiative will get underway in about five weeks from now to allow time for club members to access materials for the pen project.

So what materials might you need to buy ? Here's a few ideas.

Cheers, **Clive**

Standard mandrel and mandrel saver



NOTE: The saver tool reduces the tension on the mandrel shaft.

A barrel trimmer kit



Tools that will help you turn high quality pens.

Dill bits for pen sizes



Micro-mesh sanding pads



Plastercine for blocking tubes

Smaller sized tools. I use the Easywood mini fitted with an R2 radius tungsten cutter. A small skew is handy too.



Plastic cone set



Bushes of sizes applicable to the type of pen you are making.



“The best way to end up with a quality result is to start with quality materials.” -David Lim

## A few suppliers of pen making materials

### “Timberbits“ - Australia



Email us

accounts@timberbits.com  
(Best form of contact)



Call us

1800 388 833 (Aust)  
+61 2 9788 3383 (Int)



Visit us

203 Woodville Road  
Villawood NSW 2163

### “Timberlywoodturning “- Terry Scott

Phone: (09) 2977051 or 021 99 8493  
320 Hunua Road, Papakura, New Zealand  
Email: [timberly@xtra.co.nz](mailto:timberly@xtra.co.nz)  
Website: [www.timberly.co.nz](http://www.timberly.co.nz)

### Native Pens (Auckland)

Native Pens  
18 John Downs Drive  
Browns Bay  
Auckland 0630

[www.nativepens.co.nz](http://www.nativepens.co.nz)

Telephone: 022 167 4087

### Carbatec - Auckland

110 Harris Road, East Tamaki, Auckland  
Email: [orders@carbatec.co.nz](mailto:orders@carbatec.co.nz)  
Phone: (09) 274 9454  
Web: [www.carbatec.co.nz](http://www.carbatec.co.nz)

Here are the contact details of suppliers of pen kits and pen making materials.

Check out the website of each supplier to find what you need.

#### IMPORTANT

If you are buying pen kits do request the relevant **set of bushes** for making your pen. Always request the **printed instructions** for making that particular style of pen.

Discovery time:

1. What glue is best to use for fixing the brass tube to the inside of the wood barrel?
2. What is the best product to use if a hard durable finish is required?
3. How do you prevent glue from contaminating the inside of the brass tube when fitting to the wood barrel?
4. What do you need to do to the brass barrel before applying the most suitable glue?
5. What is a “press block” used for when assembling the parts of the pen?

**Tomorrow**  
**Saturday 9th February**  
**9.00an until 12 noon**

The workshop will be open for club members to get in some extra turning time.

Officer of the day: **David Rose**

### **FUNDRAISER**

The top table has a display of some excellent rounds etc for sale. Better be quick as they can be sold only once.

Stock up your turning supplies.

Cheers

**CLIVE**