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# - WANTED -

Old fence posts for our next whole club turning challenge that begins next week.







Here's a few examples of some moderately straight forward fence post turnings.

In bygone years totara wood was commonly used for posts due to its resistance to ground rot.

The wood is easy to turn to any shape and interesting projects are highly possible.

A few turning ideas are presented throughout this week's club newsletter. Have a shot at turning something similar or create a real doozy idea.









Be brave and have a go at being different with your post turnings.

Start now!







**WAYNE** leads the way into the next whole-club project. Woo Hoo!



**JAMES** made an excellent job of his kauri wall clock. Great plug cutting and fitting skills here.



**JAN** had a pretty good shot at a lidded pot.



**ILEX** looks very pleased with his very first project - a tool handle. A winning start!

**MALCOLM Porteous** has resumed classes after an extended absence.

However, in turning this rewarewa lidded pot at this week's session you would have to think he has never been away.

Well done Malcolm. A great job.

**OLD BATH TOWELS** make excellent polishing and buffing rags.

We have been cleaned out of supplies and would appreciate any donations.

Thanks.



### Look who's back!

IVAN Pavich has returned (well almost) to the Wednesday session and captured the last spot on the roster for our new course. Ivan wanted to secure his place in the Wednesday crew before he heads off to the USA to continue his boxing career over the next three weeks.

Good luck Ivan. Watch out for that left hook. See you back at lathe No 13 on 24th July





Top Left: **DON** made a great job with the finish on his macro wood shallow bowl – Suggestion - next bowl could have an embellished centre. Top right: **ALEX**, our explorer turner, wastes nothing using every bit of wood with his long list of ideas he wants to try – here's his offcuts of swamp kauri and macro wood turned into something useful. Bottom Left: **STEPHEN O'Connor** used a pyrography tool to etch his egg-in-a-cup. Wow, this idea could be used to apply embellishments to any turning project. Bottom right: **RICHARD** loves a challenge and has a shot at any turning technique. Well how about this thin-walled cup for a turning success?







### **OLD FENCE POSTS**

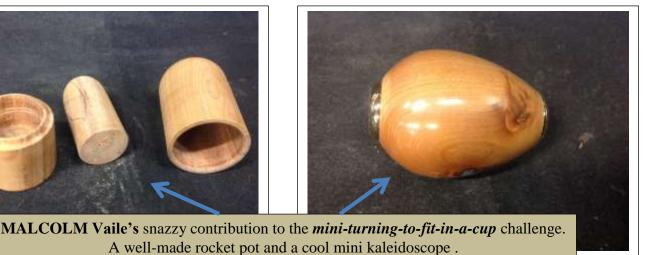
These ancient totara-wood fence posts are sometimes seen thrown onto an unwanted pile of discarded wood.

The wood is super-easy to turn and can be shaped into a wide range of practical objects or artistic shapes.

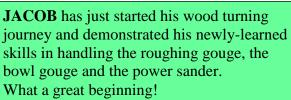
Next week we will be starting another whole-club turning challenge requiring a good supply of these posts.

Help! We need more to ensure that everyone can have a shot at the challenge.











**MELISSA** is very focused on making practical objects and regularly turns gizmos and gadgets for use in craft work This skilfully-made drop spindle is a good example of her careful approach to turning.

### GOOD to SEE YOU JIM

On Wednesday evening last we had a surprise visit from **JIM Clare** who is recuperating from a recent operation. Thanks for calling in to see us Jim. You are looking well and we look forward to your being able to re-join one of the turning teams as soon as you can.

# **OPEN WORKSHOP**

Saturday morning, 29th June

**9.00am** to **12noon** 

**Duty Officer: Bob Hoyle** 

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# Yaaaaayyyyyeeee!

We now have two new sets of Forstner bits. One Imperial set and one metric set.

The old sets are no longer useful due to damage caused by misuse, wear and tear and chronic bluntness.

These will not be available until next week's sessions when requests to use these bits will be followed by a discussion about correct lathe speeds and techniques.

This control step is necessary to minimise the damage to these valuable new acquisitions.



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It all starts next week. Have a go! Cheers

Clive