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#### **CLUB NEWS**

- 1. With two more members enrolled since last week's TT newsletter, the TUESDAY session is now operating at capacity with fifteen members using 14 large lathes and one midi lathe. The four new turners are making better-than-expected progress and enjoying themselves while learning new skills and turning techniques.
- 2. Tuesday's chook raffle was won by **CHRIS LITTLEWOOD**; Wednesday's raffle by **GIDEON** and Thursday's raffle by **DYLAN**. Thanks for the ongoing support as the funds raised go towards buying more equipment for club members.
- 3. Many thanks to **BOB**, the club's fixit man who has been busy repairing machines that need attention.
- 4. OK we have made a start on gathering old fence posts for the upcoming whole-clubturning project. We still need heaps more to provide for the record numbers of current turners who have joined the club. Keep searching for and making enquiries about those old totara wood fence posts.



**BOB,** our fixit man, figures out how to free the jammed swivel headstock. On this occasion he is supported by **JAMES.** 

## The Tuesday Team of 15 wood turners - This team is now at capacity

David Rose David Mollekin Richard Jackson Heather Pendergrast

Jan Plumley James Gee Malcolm Porteous John Krukerink

Graham Goodman Brian Daly Michael Doyle Graeme Surgenor

Colin Stephens Chris Littlewood Peter Maxwell (Capacity -No vacancies)

## The Wednesday Team of 9 wood turners - We have room for 6 more

Andre Djuinmeyer Robert Wiseley Muhannad Juma Stephen Hawley

Gideon du Toit Murray Price Rick Broadhurst Malcolm Vaile

Stephen O'Connor Vacancy Vacancy Vacancy

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# The Thursday Team of 12 wood turners - We have room for 3 more

Dylan Ranstead Colin McKenzie Spencer Heald Shane Forshaw

Ross Smith Chris Kaan David Smylie Glen Cossey

Aaron Peters Scott McGrath Cormac Smylie Mike Heiler

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#### **Reminder - SUNDAY 9th JULY**

Hope to see you on Sunday around 4.00pm at the Roaming Giant Bar and cafe. This is a mid-winter get together when the TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY members and partners meet our new members and enjoy a chat over a hearty meal.



#### **WHOLE CLUB** - Members upcoming common project

Have you found your old wooden fence post yet? How about a dry tree limb approx. 35-50 centimetres long, complete with bark – maybe about 15-25 centimetres in diameter?



#### WANTED for a soon-to-be-held club project

- 1. Dry branches/limbs of trees to turn into barked bud vases.
- 2. Old fence posts from days gone by. These icons of yesterday's farming might look a bit huckery on the outside but hidden within are some beautifully grained woods. Old fence posts can be turned into a variety of shapes.

If you have a farmer friend ask about old fence posts. You might check out forgotten wood piles for old dry tree limbs/branches.

Get your piece of branch wood or old totara post ready for a whole club project that will get underway when sufficient wood can be found for members' use.

#### The TUESDAY GALLERY



**HEATHER's** confidence grows week by week. This redwood bowl was completed in quick time with the rapid removal of the centre and the spigot taken off using the Longworth chuck.

**RICHARD** completed this project during Tuesday's session.

A block of ginkgo wood has been transformed into a beautifully finished thinwalled bowl.



Another turning by **CHRIS.** This time a block of ash wood was chosen for the job. The outer rim was enhanced by using the Dremel tool for the special effect.

CHRIS used a block of elm wood to turn out this rather special project. A notable feature of Chris's work is his ability to achieve a consistently high quality finish to all his projects.





**BRIAN** produced this highly-figured, shallow bowl from a slab of black walnut.

A special feature of this excellent work is the high quality smooth finish.

JAMES used wini wood for his Tuesday project starting with a log, breaking it down and carefully turning the round to retain a section of now polished bark.





**GRAEME,** one of our new turners, broke open a half-log of flowering cherry wood to fashion his small bowl.

Graeme discovered the benefits of "rubbing the bevel" during the turning of this bowl.

There's no holding him back now!

More from our **RICHARD** who has taken to woodturning like a duck does to water.

Confucius say: "Fun in the workshop everyday means a long life and happy way."



## The Wood Turner's MORTAL ENEMY - STRIA

I often use the word "STRIA" when assisting turners to produce the highest possible standard of finish on their work. For example when looking at a club member's turning project I might say, "You need to continue sanding until all the STRIA has been eliminated."

So what is STRIA? - A word derived from the term "Striations" which means a series of ridges, furrows or linear marks.



What causes **STRIA?** Jerky movements using gouges; frictional bruising from a not-so-sharp bowl gouge; minor catches or "dig ins"; deep sanding scratches; fibre breakout; or maybe forgetting to "rub the bevel" when using a bowl gouge.

**STRIA** left on the turning project will be noticed by any critical eye. It will indicate that our **NEAGE** philosophy has not been well applied to the work.

**NEAGE** = Near Enough Aint Good Enough

# The WEDNESDAY team







**GIDEON** continues to have highly productive times in his workshop. He has been a busy fella again making an unusual shaped kauri potpourri and handles for his range of tools. Now watch the wood chips fly!



**STEPHEN, RIC** and **MALCOLM** have just completed their first project – a knockout bar. A whole bunch of basic skills have been learned to kick-start their individual turning journeys. Well done fellas!

### **THURSDAY'S ACTIVITIES**



#### SIX happy campers.

Here they are – our newest club members. GLEN, SCOTT, MIKE, AARON, DAVID and CORMAC. They have just completed their very first turning project. Basic skills have been launched so now the turning journey begins in earnest. Woo Hoo!

**DONATIONS and SUPPORT:** Club members are showing their generosity with donations of equipment for members' use. **HEATHER** has provided the club with a cup chisel and **MICHAEL** has put two bottles of lacquer and a wooden wing compass into the equipment racks. Special thanks to **MURRAY** who attended all three sessions this week to sharpen chisels. **DAVID M** made a special trip to the workshop to support the large group of new turners with their learning programme. Many thanks to all.





**COLIN** continues to surprise us with his wide range of creative thinking and turning skill.

This little gem involves pyrography, Dremel tool work and colour work.

Can you identify the woods Colin has used?

Well that's it for this week. Another wet winter week out of the way. Another week closer to Christmas. Another week of workshop fun.

Now we turn our attention to the main event of the week. If you are a gambler go to the TAB and plonk a dollar or two on the ALL Blacks.

Cheers Clive

