

The Covid-19 LOCKDOWN EXPRESS No 1

OK here's the first publication of the LOCKDOWN EXPRESS to keep your spirits up while we cannot meet at the workshop to learn and share our wood turning skills. All the photos and associated information has been forwarded to me and is published as received.

Thanks for taking part and contributing your items to share with fellow turners.

As the country's leader says "We're all in this together".



Here's a top effort!

JOHN BAKER has completed his firstever hollow form at home during the LOCKDOWN.

Totara wood for the pot and **matai** wood for the finial

This special achievement was finished with a wax buffing over the EEE preparation.

Wow



RIC BROADHURST is having fun and lots of success with turning projects using his Saturn DVR lathe. Removing the wood from the inside of a deep bowl is always a challenge so this is a top achievement. Note the silky-smooth finish.

RICHARD JACKSON worked wonders with some **SWAMP KAURI** slab offcuts that were potentially too good to throw away. Richard loves a challenge, started his finely-tuned creative motor and look what he produced in his home workshop. A stunning outcome! Goodonya Richard.

OK - when will our workshop reopen and the three sessions recommence each week?

For the moment that decision is out of the committee's hands. Returning to normal operations no doubt will be phased in. A positive sign was heard this morning in the news broadcast. The Minister of Education today stated that some schools may reopen on April 29th... IF... the lockdown ends after the four week period. That's a big "IF" and it would be folly to lift restrictions IF New Zealand is not safely clear of Covid-19.

Being patient is a test of our collective mettle.

...in the meantime

Please send me some photos of your turning projects created during LOCKDOWN time.

Add details such as wood variety, finish used and any other interesting story related to what you have been doing in your workshops during the past few weeks.

...get busy and make a few shavings

Cheers Clive



