

Hamilton Woodturners Club

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Remember, if I cannot break it, no-one can!

1. The growth of club membership continues. There are just three vacancies for the Tuesday session while the Thursday session is almost fully subscribed. Another newbie begins next week and so our turning family expands.
2. The club welcomed three new members this week. [**John Krukerink; Graham Goodman; Rob Hayday**] all of whom joined the Tuesday class. Already these new members have completed their first project making a knockout bar. Well done fellas – a flying start.
3. The Tuesday chooky raffle was won by James Gee.
4. If any member is considering investing in a useful power sanding device then do check out page 39 of the latest **TOOLSHED** equipment/product booklet. The 550 watt, 10mm corded drill advertised could be quite handy for your power-sanding needs.



Pictures: Our three new members proudly display their completed projects. Welcome aboard Graham, John and Rob.

TUESDAY TEAM TURNINGS

The RICHARD JACKSON COLLECTION (1-4)



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A novel approach to a winged bowl by **DAVID ROSE**



David Mollekin is now making cup chisels. A very useful tool.



JAMES Gee used WINI wood to turn his highly figured bowl



A **DAVID ROSE** cake stand (we had some of the beaut cake too!)

Thursday session WAVE BOWL group project



Here's a few of the wave bowls made by the keen Thursday team members who willingly rose to the challenge presented by COLIN.

This project was conducted over an extended period with some turners making more than one of these tricky little turnings.

A variety of woods resulted in a range of colours but a basic shape is common to all.

Many thanks go to COLIN for his patience in facilitating the project.

Mission accomplished.

A busy Thursday evening workshop with a common theme prevailing.....

CONCENTRATION

Just look at the faces of determination on these turners.





The THURSDAY session is always a busy time for our bunch of very keen turners. A common activity is making gifts for immediate and wider family members, quality items for wedding presents and special turnings for friends.

A most pleasing aspect for me as the club's tutor, is the now widely-adopted **NEAGE** philosophy. (**N**ear **E**nough **A**in't **G**ood **E**nough). This means our turners are interested in only the highest possible standard. An excellent attitude!



A BASIC TOOL KIT FOR WOODTURNERS

Clive's basic list.

You may wish to add your own ideas too!

Now you have been turning for a while and learning the basic skills of woodturning, it is very likely you have started compiling a TOOL KIT. Almost every time you work at the lathe you will need to reach into your tool box, bag or wheeled contraption to fetch some "tool" to help you with the project. Having your own gear will maximize your time at each session.

A WOODTURNER'S BASIC TOOL KIT. The items in this kit are **HIGH FREQUENCY** tools.

While some of the items on this list cost just a few dollars and others quite a few dollars more, there are many items you can **make or buy with little or no expense.**

Having said that, the very first item I suggest you consider buying is a good quality lathe **CHUCK fitted with standard 50mm jaws.** (*35mm jaws might come later*) **Terry Scott of *TIMBERLY TURNING* is a good place to start your shopping**

However the Club chucks are available for you to use, but there are occasions when you need to leave your work in the chuck and continue the project next session. Removal of turning work then re-chucking at the next session usually results in disheartening wobbly wood. So having your own chuck is a big advantage. Chucks are expensive and need to be matched to the lathe you have at home or at your Hamilton Woodturners Club, or to the lathe you intend purchasing one lucky day. A well-checked-out second-hand CHUCK is absolutely OK. If your dollars stretch far enough a **Supernova2** will last you a lifetime.

The actual container for the kit is a personal choice and could be a sturdy carry bag, or box, or a trolley that's easy to move about.

OK here's a suggested list of items for your tool kit. (read on..... next two pages)

1. A good quality CHUCK (and maybe exchange inserts if you work on lathes with different sized spindle shafts)
2. "B2" pencil (cheap at the \$2 shop) A flat, traditional carpenters pencil is brilliant!
3. A stick of chalk
4. Fine tip, spirit, felt-tip markers
5. 300mm strip of old steel tape (cut up and old steel measure)
6. 6" Calipers (internal and external capable)
7. Astra dot sanding disks. Abranet sheets are excellent for hand sanding.
8. Super glue (from the \$2 shop - they have a short shelf life so don't buy too many)
9. A small quantity of epoxy resin mix (cheap at Bunnings in two small tubes A and B)
10. Clean rags
11. A sharp safety knife (\$2 Shop again)
12. EEE compound. This is a surface preparation and not an actual finish.
13. Your favourite wood finish (Wax? Polish? Oil?)
14. A pair of scissors (cheap at the \$2 shop)
15. Two different sized sanding arbors (these can be easily made)
16. A centre finder that locates the plumb middle of the round (easily made)
17. Wing compass from the \$2 shop or make your own for almost no cost
18. A range of screws for holding faceplates to your wood. (The club has plenty)
19. A square tip screwdriver to fit the screws. (Cheap at Bunnings or Handtool House)

It's a good idea to keep all these small items in a clear plastic container to prevent them getting lost in the bottom of your tool kit.

These TOOLS are next on the acquisition list via progressive buying or making.

- 20.A 13mm bowl gouge (You can make you own during one of your development projects)
- 21.A power drill for sanding (not cordless) Light weight and variable speed is VG. The TOOLSHED is offering a good deal at the moment. See p 39 of their latest product booklet. [0 – 2500 rpm, 550 watt, 10mm, keyless chuck, lightweight]**
- 22.A set of wood drill bits. (*Metric* before *Imperial* but having both is an advantage)
- 23.Specialist tools. (Scrapers, dovetail chisel – both can be made!)
- 24.Small mini gouges (6mm). Check out garage sales for bargains. Shape your own tips!
- 25.Purpose-built chisels and gouges. (Examples being the EASY wood tools - but they are expensive)

SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- 26.Face mask / helmet / sturdy footwear
- 27.Respirator devices. A simple cloth mouth/nose mask or maybe even a powered model
- 28.Protective clothing - e.g neck-high light jackets. (NZ Safety shops have these)

Build your BASIC TOOL KIT over time. Affordability is often the enemy, but as stated earlier, many items can be made, thus reducing expenses or they can be purchased with minimal cost.

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OK... That's the TT for this week. See you when the Waikato fog clears.

GO THE CHIEFS!