

# THE WEEKLY TUTOR'S TIDINGS

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## TUTOR's comment and CLUB NEWS

1. Many thanks to David Garrity and Colin McKenzie for a supply of clean rags. This is a never-ending requirement so please if you have any old throw-outs we would be happy if you threw them our way. Cheers.
2. The wet-wood turning experience was completed this week with members achieving personal goals. The next step is to store the waxed roughout under the house or somewhere cool and airy and off the bare ground. These blanks should be dry and ready to turn in a few months from now.
3. Bruce McDonald has donated more great turning wood - this time it's a few log lengths of London Plane. Tuesday member Colin Stephens very kindly offered to cut these logs into manageable blocks for members to take home for drying.



*The most striking feature of the London Plane tree is its flaking bark that peels to reveal a lighter colored bark underneath.*



**66 days until Christmas**

## THINKING ABOUT REALLY USEFUL AND BASIC ITEMS FOR YOUR TOOL BOXES

Faceplate rings - 3 sizes available 50mm, 100mm, 130mm



Keyless chuck – Morse 2 taper



A set (3) diamond sharpeners. Extra Fine, Fine and Coarse



A set of miniature turning tools from Woodcut



A wood turner's toolbox can contain the most amazing range of goodies considered "absolutely necessary" (of course). Even when the tool box is chockers with stuff, most turners I know reckon they absolutely **NEED** a new gadget to add to their revered treasure chests. So how is the tool list prioritized you may ask? *Nah.....too many answers to that question.*

BUT...(here we go)..... there are some tools that are used constantly, some frequently, often or now and again, maybe just a few times, or hardly ever..... *but I still need one!* I would put the tools pictured above into the **BASIC category** and really are, yes fair dinkum, they really are an important part of any wood turner's tool box.

CHRISTMAS is not far off so it's the time of the year to start leaving hints about needing tools for your toolbox. Good luck with the subtleties and cunning of hint dropping.

# WORKSHOP HAPPENINGS



***DAVID G.*** displays his very carefully crafted wind chime creation

All  
All



Another peppermill completed by ***DAVID M.*** using Tasmanian blackwood. Some really outstanding colours here.

## *Our Tuesday Davids*



***DAVID R.*** has finished wet-turning his block of redwood and now it's time to apply a generous coat of waxy sealing solution.

*Over rapid drying time increases the potential for severe warping and cracking. (Occurs mainly through end grain)*

*The coat of wax will even out the drying time.*













**BRIAN** upheld the club's tradition of providing a plate of tasty scones (and a yummy cake) following the making of a rolling pin.

Thanks Brian. Tuesday's grand morning tea was brilliant.

PS: I have a few more lengths of wood suitable for rolling pins.

Any takers?



Another donation from **BRUCE McDonald**. This time the treasure comprises a few log-lengths of the much sought-after London plane wood.

These logs will be cut into shorter log-rounds and taken home by members who want them.



**JAMES** uses the Cole jaws to hold his wood block while he fashions the top surfaces.

OK that's the TT for this week.

Go the All Blacks!

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Cheers

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