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May 2025

*The newsletter of Christchurch
Woodturners Association Inc.*



Club News

Reminder

The next Club meeting is Wednesday 28th May, 7pm at the Harvard Lounge in Wigram.
Come along and join us and bring one of your creations for the show table.

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For Sale Club Fundraiser

Olive root balls, Cherry Laurel (et and needs cutting in half) and Oak timber for woodturning.
These are for sale - \$25 of a olive root, or @10 for cherry laurel and oak.
First in first served... contact Nigel E on 021 186 2768.

Thanks Nigel, Ben, Scott and Noel for collecting and cutting this for the club fundraiser.



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Any queries please contact...

Noel Graham on 027 240 8112.

Club Presidents Comment - May 2025

Nigel Elson

It's already May, and time is flying by. Our club rooms have been buzzing with activity on Thursday afternoons and, evenings, which is great to see.

A month ago, we had an unwanted visitor break into the club rooms. Thankfully, nothing major was taken. Thanks to Noel, Lim, Don, Evan, and Kyle, we now have metal bars on the windows to prevent future incidents.

Club nights have been well attended with some great demos, and the show table has featured impressive works. It's encouraging to see new turners displaying their creations. Remember, we all started somewhere, so don't hesitate to share your work.

We've also received some wood from Hagley Park. Once it's cut up and dried, it will be available for use at the club.

Looking forward to seeing what everyone creates with it!



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Upcoming Events Calendar

Christchurch Club Sessions

- Sat 24 May** Open Workshop day - come along and turn for the day
- Wed 28 May** Club night demonstrator: Peter Clemett - his demonstration at NAW
- Wed 4 June** Miniature turning workshop session
- Wed 25 June** Club night demonstrator : Mike Ginty - spirals / barley twists
- Sat 28 June** Workshop session with Mike on spirals and barley twists
- Wed 2 July** Miniature turning workshop session
- Wed 23 July** Club AGM, Cake and Demonstrator: Andrew Biggs - embellishment
- Wed 6 Aug** Miniature turning workshop session
- Wed 27 Aug** Club night demonstrator: Kyle Burns - more embellishment ideas and techniques
- Sat 30 Aug** Workshop session with Andrew Biggs - making wig stands (See flyer + Pattern at the end

of the newsletter)

Regional Events

- 24-25 May** **NAW Demo Weekend** (National Association of Woodworkers)
Cosmopolitan Club, 11 Logan Street, Upper Hutt
National Association of Woodworkers 2-day AGM/Demonstration event
- 22-23 Aug** **Camp Run Amok** Southland Woodworkers Guild (Invercargill)
- 20 Sept** **South Island Fun Day** (Ashburton)
- 31Oct-2 Nov** **Spin Around Waitaki** (Oamaru)
A 3 day woodturning event featuring demonstrations by guest demonstrator Paul Barton. Each demonstration is followed by time in the workshop so that those attending can have a go at the projects demonstrated. To see examples of his work, visit Paul's Instagram page: [@paulbarton_woodartist](https://www.instagram.com/paulbarton_woodartist)



The Art of Wood Exhibition 2024

A National Association of Woodworkers Inc Event

Placeholder for The Art of Wood 2025
Please visit <https://exhibition.naw.org.nz>

An Event of The National Association of Woodworkers NZ Inc.

"Promoting, fostering and encouraging art and craft in wood"

The National Association of Woodworkers NZ Incorporated brings together both amateur and professional people from all over New Zealand who are skilled in working with wood.

2025 Competition will open for entries August 2025

April Club Meeting - Show table...

Peoples Choice this month...

- 1st** Kyle B - Elm burl bowl
- 2nd** Andrew B - Small bowl
- 3rd** Kapila P - Lidded box





Dee M - Off centre bowl



Keith McF - Lidded box



Andrew B - Large Bowl



Dee M - Pearl holder bowl



Pens - Pauline / Suzanne



Nigel E - Pen



Dee M - Pearl holder bowl



Mike G - Small lidded box



April Monthly Meeting Demo

Noel Graham - End Grain Boxes

Noel has been turning for a wee while and has made a few boxes in his time. These have been all shapes and sizes and for a range of uses including little keepsake boxes to hold childrens' baby teeth. A few tips Noel passed on included:

- Think of your design and ways to add interest or make it a little out of the ordinary eg. Apple or pear shape, using inserts or textured or embellished
- Use offset chuck, inserts or embellishment etc to add interest to the lid
- Shape the sides of the box to give it some form
- Make your outer box, drill a range of different sized random holes through it then make a lighter colour insert (or vice versa)
- Remember that you don't have to have a box that sits naturally!
- Consider putting a little design feature on the inside of the lid eg. Paua, 'always there – seldom seen attraction'
- If its something you're giving to young kids, make sure the lids is tightly fitted so they cant get at the contents
- When finalising the size of the box, push the lid on gently as the lathe turns so the spigot on the box gets a burn mark, this gives you a bit of a marker to carefully take away the excess till it fits on tightly
- Use the parting tool to start the hollowing of the lid (or box) so it guides the bowl gouge from slipping and damaging the rim
- Texture inside of lid of you want to



- When sanding don't sand inside of rim as you want a nice tight fit
- Ditto for the outside the box rim
- Offset chucks can be expensive to buy, but very cheap to make (talk to Noel)
- The club has an offset chuck in the workshop for you to use
- When finishing the top of the lid on the offset chuck, its very difficult to see with the offset, so turn the lathe off and check your work often
- Watch the video to see how to set up the offset chuck and make a jam chuck.

Thanks Noel for stepping up do show us how to make boxes and use the offset chuck - very informative session.

If you want to rewatch the demonstration and get the exact steps, drills sizes and depths etc, it is on video.

You can get a copy of this by contacting Peter Clemett - membership.chchwoodturning@gmail.com



Suggestions Welcome

We are always keen to receive ideas for demonstrations or workshops and requests for specific demonstrators/tutors. Please email one of the Committee members above with your suggestion.



This months' Club Member Profile

Peter Clemett (Also the Club Membership contact)

I've been working with wood for over 45 years, woodturning as a hobby for 27 of those, and a member of the Christchurch Woodturners Association for 24. I joined the Club on the recommendation of a Polytech tutor whose adult education night classes I was attending at the time, and I've never looked back.

I've always been someone who likes to create and I'm drawn to practical, hands-on crafts. I started woodworking at a young age, and while still in high school I assisted my grandfather, a retired woodwork teacher, run a Saturday furniture making class at Papanui High School. It was there I was first introduced to the lathe, watching as my grandfather turned a kauri base for a silver ink well I had been gifted. Years later, it was that piece which inspired me to want to learn to turn and eventually sign up for the Polytech classes and from there, join the Club.

Initially, I started out on my own. Not really knowing what I was doing, I bought a cheap lathe and tools from Mitre10 and dived in, guided by books and learning by trial and error. It wasn't too long after that I started night classes at the Christchurch Polytech, and with the experience gained from that I decided to invest in a serious upgrade of equipment. I'm now on to my 4th (powered) lathe, still learning and refining my "want" list.

One thing I've come to recognise along the way and will always advise those new to turning is to hold off on purchasing equipment until you've sought out the advice of experienced folk. In most cases, and particularly in our Club, you'll find those folk are not only happy to help you avoid costly missteps but will let you borrow and try tools or equipment beforehand, so that you can buy with confidence.

I'm a great advocate for expanding one's knowledge and experience by attending events, workshops, and demonstrations, whether they are within our own Club or organised by others.

There's always something to learn and be inspired by, regardless of how long you have been "in the game". I regularly attend weekend events each year run by the Otago Woodturners, Waitaki Woodturners Guild, and National Association of Woodworkers. I even seek out any local clubs or turning activity in the area when I'm on holiday.





Come along to our club nights and enjoy the company of like-minded people.
There is always:

- *tea and coffee with a biscuit (or two)*
- *a friendly person to chat with*
- *show table pieces to look at and vote on*
- *books to borrow from our library (remember to return them when you are finished), and*
- *a raffle.*

We meet on the fourth Wednesday evening at the Harvard Lounge in Wigram at 7.00pm.

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Club Information

Club Membership	Details and registration, visit https://www.woodturning.nz/membership/
Woodturning Course	For information, visit https://www.woodturning.nz/courses/
Past Newsletters	Can be downloaded from https://www.woodturning.nz/newsletters/

Regular Meeting Schedule

Club Meetings	4th Wednesday of the month. 7pm at the Harvard Community Lounge
Open Workshop	Thursdays 1-4pm, 7-9pm at the Workshop, Auburn Reserve
Miniature Turning	1st Wednesday of the month. 7pm at the Workshop, Auburn Reserve

Embellishment *	2nd Wednesday of the month. 7pm at the Workshop, Auburn Reserve
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WIG STAND SATURDAY



Plans will be supplied
for those that need them
or bring your own design

Sausage sizzle
on the Saturday

Your design can be formal,
fun, crazy, plain, colourful,
textured or natural

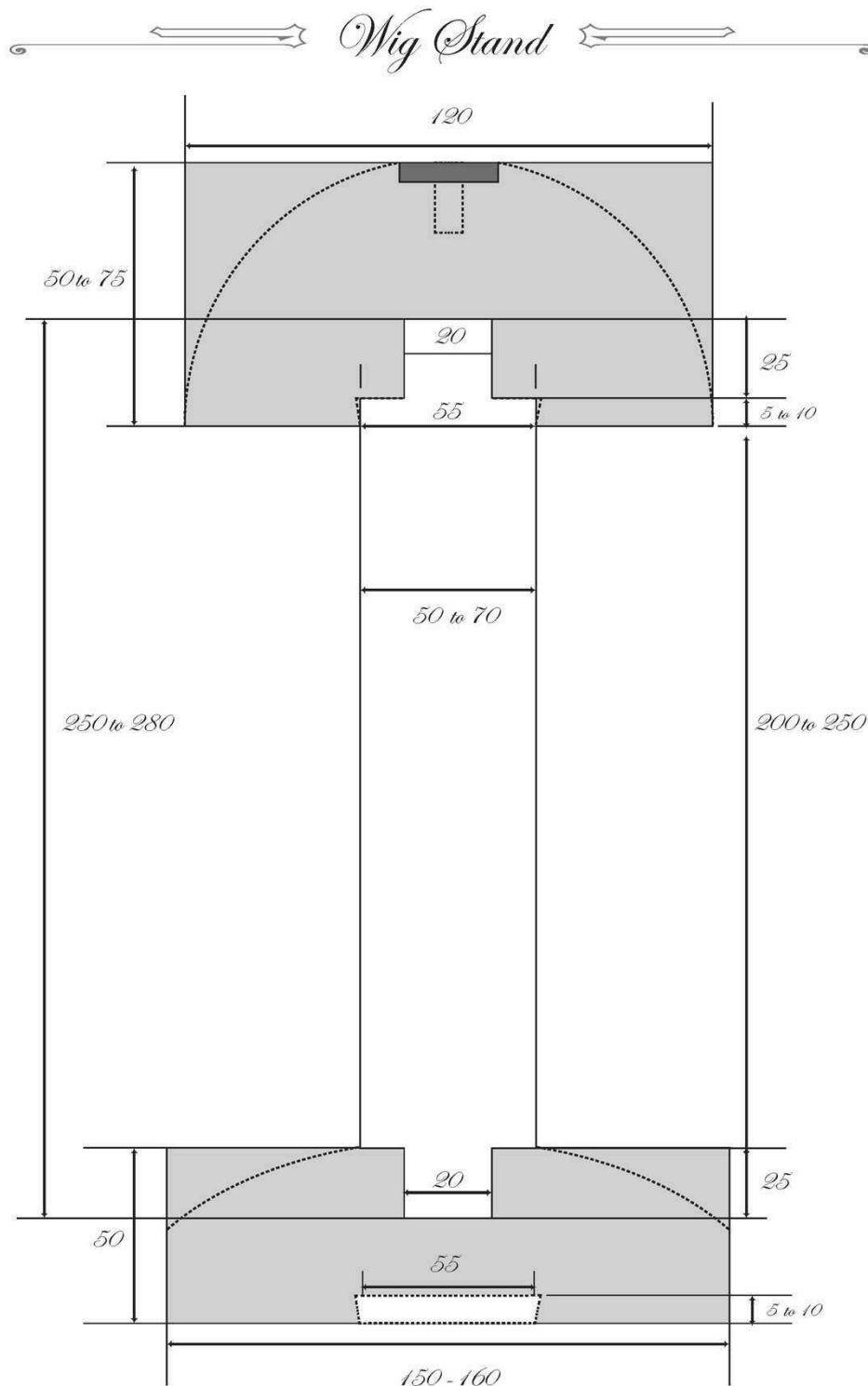
Wood supplied
or bring your own

Saturday 30th August 9am to 4pm

This is designed to be a fun day turning wig stands
if there is enough interest then we will continue into the Sunday
Entry is free. Bring your own finishes, paint, stain, varnish, glue, etc
or whatever else you need to finish them

But there is a catch (Ouch!!)
All wig stands must be donated to a charity
nominated by the club committee.

Contact Andrew Biggs by email biggschristchurch@xtra.co.nz
to book your place.



Our Club is affiliated to the National Association of Woodworkers NZ Inc.(NAW).

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