

Splinters

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*The newsletter of Christchurch
Woodturners Association Inc.*



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Upcoming Events Calendar

Christchurch Club Sessions

Thursdays Afternoon (1-4pm) or evening (7-9pm) turning at the clubrooms

Wed 25 Mar Noel Graham - Easter creations

Wed 22 April Andrew Biggs - power carving

Wed 22 May Mike Ginty - Mystery Topic

Regional Events - More to come as the year progresses

2-3 May 2026 NAW National Expo - Papatoetoe, Auckland (see advert in the newsletter)

17 May 2026 Central Districts Woodworker's Expo - Palmerston North (see advert below)

26 Sept 2026 Christchurch Woodturners Assoc - 30th Anniversary celebration (see advert below)

30th Anniversary - save this date...

✨ Save the Date – A Milestone Worth Turning Up For! ✨

Mark your calendars for **26 September 2026** and get ready to celebrate something truly special...

🎉 the **30th Anniversary of the Christchurch Woodturners Assoc (1996–2026)** 🎉

Three decades of shavings, skill, stories, and camaraderie deserve more than just a nod... they deserve a proper celebration.

Expect a day packed with:

- 🔧 Inspiring demonstrations
- 🍷 Beautiful work on display
- 👥 Great company and shared passion
- 🎁 A few surprises along the way

Whether you're a seasoned turner, just curious about the craft, young or more experienced, there'll be something to spark your interest.
More details coming soon—stay tuned!

Central Districts Woodworker's Expo

Date: Sunday 17th May 2026 8.30am -3.30pm Barber Hall, Waldegrave St, Palmerston Nth

Features of the day include:

- Wood turning demonstrations from noted turners, Dick Veitch, Neil Joynt and John McKenzie. So, if you are a wood turner or interested in becoming a woodturner or just like to know how things are made, here is an opportunity to see three of the best woodturners in the country strut their stuff. Each demonstration will be about 1.5 hours long and will show the whole process from the starting block of wood to the decorated, finished article.
- Two inter-Guild team turning competitions where each team member makes an individual part of the object.
- Inter-Guild table competition where each Guild will display the 10 “best” objects that have been produced in their respective Guilds this year. An independent judge will select the best display table as well as the three top items on show, including a people’s choice award.
- A range of trade exhibitors, with goods for sale including specialist items you won’t see in your regular hardware store.
- There will be demonstrations of wood carving, turning, a CNC machine, pyrography and scroll saw work as well.

Come and see what the Central Districts Woodworkers have been up to and indulge yourself in some retail therapy at the trade displays. **See you there on the 17th of May.**

Renewal of membership

Christchurch Woodturners' Association

Renewal of your Club membership is due before the end of March. Acknowledging the sharp increase in general cost of living over the past few years, your Committee has chosen not to increase fees for the new subscription year, which remain at \$50 per annum. We would really appreciate your prompt payment.

Christchurch Woodturners' Association is a registered charity, which means that any donation over and above the membership fee can be claim for a tax rebate. So, if you want to give over and above the membership fee, then we will send you a receipt for the donation so you can use this with your tax return.

Your membership amount, and any donation you may choose to make can be paid using one of the payment options listed below. An early renewal will simply add an additional 12 months to your existing expiry date. You will not lose any time off your existing membership. The membership period runs from 1 April to 31 March each year.

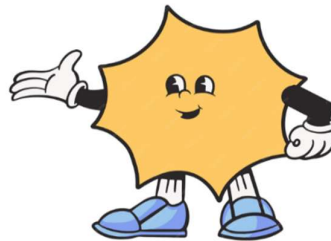
Christchurch Woodturners' Association has a great year planned for you. Remember, the workshop is open every Thursday 12.00 – 2.00pm and 7.00 – 9.00pm. There are classes on the first three Saturdays, and on Wednesdays we have Small Turning, Embellishments, and Club Nights. Check the e-newsletter for details.

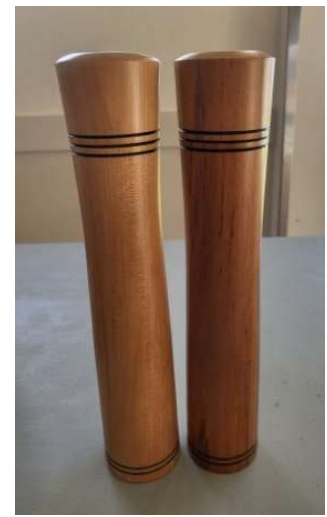
If you have changed any of your contact details, please contact Peter Clemett on membership@woodturning.nz. If you have any questions or want to offer wood, tools, services, etc., then please email Even Gow on secretary@woodturning.nz.

February Club Meeting – Show table...

Peoples Choice this month...

- 1st Alf Saul - Cube
- 2nd= Ben McC - off-collaboration piece
- Dee M – Memorial bowl
- 3rd Men McC – balls up





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.

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 Profiles... Suzanne and Pauline

Hello everyone, my name is Pauline.

When Black & Decker release their first little lathe that went on the drill I became interested in woodwork. That was 50 years ago! Then I went to Christchurch Polytechnic to complete a woodturning course with the tutor being Barry Stevens in 1999. I won my first certificate with the Christchurch Woodturners in the year 2000.

In my time at the Christchurch Woodturners I have held various roles such as the Chair, Vice Chair & treasurer. In 2009 I completed the Aoraki Polytech woodturning course over 3 years. In 2004 Dave (partner) and I built a cottage for woodworking. I was encouraged to go to Papanui High School wood working course by Rex Marshall.

Around 2015/16 I met Suzanne at the Resene paint shop where I worked. Suzanne had come in to paint the gable and soffits of her house. Her chief complaint was a pink summer hill stone house and what colours to use. Later in 2016 Suzanne was renovating the kitchen, dining room and lounge and had come in for paint colours. She was also about to make her own laundry unit bench and cupboards. I asked about how she was going to cut the ply. She was going to use her small table saw. I asked if she knew that Papanui High had large saws that could cut a sheet of ply. Suzanne started going to the Papanui High woodworking course.



Kia Ora Koutou. Ko Suzanne taku ignoa (my name is Suzanne).

The first time I met Pauline I knew she knew what she was doing with paint and colours. This was why I went back to sort colours for the interior of my house. It didn't take long and I was regular attendee of wood working at Papanui High. I first turned up to woodworking class with my trailer and x 2 lots of ply. I was most annoyed I had to sit through a health and safety briefing as all I wanted to do was get onto those huge saws so I could cut down my x2 ply sheets. I was making my laundry bench and cupboard.

I was introduced to dados and rabbits (for those of you that don't know a dado is a trench cut across wood that another piece of wood can fit into and a rabbit is a cut notch along the edge of a piece of wood. This also began an interest in mortise and tenons and using old school tools which I still love today. It was here at Papanui that I first met Rex and both him and Pauline were making wooden books that had a shallow interior to hide your valuables. Rex was funny and witty, and I love the way both he and Pauline were doing some unusual things with wood. I changed jobs and had a hiatus from Papanui.

It was back in 2021 that I met Pauline in Ballantyne's. Unfortunately, by that time Rex had passed away, and I was ready to come back to woodworking. Pauline was finishing off the box she and Rex started. At this time, we were both making sea chests and the sea chest I was working on was totara which came from Rex, we had to learn about the planer and thicknesser to make the boards to put our sea chests together. Also, in 2021 both Pauline and I started to work on a Sunday afternoon to speed up the progress of some of our projects. We became good friends. We have learnt all sorts of skills over that time. Only a couple of years ago Pauline introduced me to woodturning by turning the end of a tenon for a stool. I have started the NAW course and from there both Pauline and I have evolved into using resin to make some very creative individual bowls and pens.

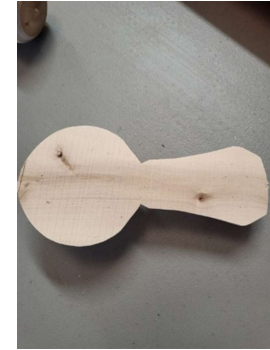
Our latest project has been creating our own silicon moulds for pen blanks, we are about to create a mould for bowls and vases.



January Monthly Meeting Demo David Feind - Making a spoon - 2 ways

To kick the Club demonstrations year off to a great start, David worked us through the process of making a scoop showing two different approaches.

Here are a few pictures of the turning and creative process...



Click on the link below to watch the video of the demonstration.

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February Monthly Meeting Demo Peter Clemett - Turning a sphere

At the February Club meeting Peter demonstrated turning a sphere and making it all very easy, though we have it from reliable sources that others have found it very challenging.

Here are a few photos of spheres Peter has previously made and of him though the demonstration...



Click on the link below to watch the video of the demonstration



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NAW National Wood Expo 2026

NATIONAL WOOD EXPO



Papatoetoe Cosmopolitan Club
53 Rangitoto Road, Papatoetoe
Saturday 02 May 8.45am - 5.00pm
6.15pm - Gala Dinner
Sunday 03 May 9.00am - 2.45pm



Andi Wolfe
USA (2 Demos)



Troy Grimwood



Rene Baxalle

Live Woodturning Demonstrations:
including: morning tea and lunch
both days and afternoon tea (Sat only)

Weekend: Just \$120 with Early Bird
Special (01-31 March) for NAW
Members

Gala Dinner just \$50

Non NAW Members very welcome -
extra \$50

FREE ENTRY to extensive trade hall
featuring: Carbatec, Timberly,
Treeworkx Sandpapers & Woodgrain NZ

PLUS SOMETHING NEW - We are
offering workshops on Monday 4th
and Tuesday 5th and if you come to
the whole weekend you can apply
for a space in either Emiliano or
Andi's workshop its just \$135



Emiliano Achaval
Hawaii (2 Demos)



Robbie Graham



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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
Bring along your embellishment project and tools, share your ideas, skills and questions.

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

The National Certificate of Woodturning course is administered by NAW. Visit <https://naw.org.nz/> for more information



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