

The Pandemic

A supplement to Talking Turning during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Welcome to issue seven of The Pandemic.

I hope you are all well and of a good frame of mind. I am sure I am not alone in finding the lockdown a bit tedious but we are nearly there with only a few more weeks to go before the next step of easing restrictions. Hopefully we will be allowed to travel further than 5 km and we can get out a bit more.

Hopefully you have been able to keep active and take advantage of the lockdown to do some things around the house. The renovations in my garage continue. They are already paying dividends when I get a chance to get to the lathe.

No questions to ponder this month, instead:-

A few old fashioned riddles.

Q. Why don't ants get sick?

A. Because they have antibodies

Q. What do they call Bob the builder when he retires?

A. Bob.

Q. What did the fish say when he swam into the wall of the reservoir?

A. Dam.

Who am I?

I worked as an engineer for 42 years before retiring. I joined the KWTG about twenty years ago but did not start woodturning for almost a year after that as I did not have my Teknatool lathe until then.

I am a former recipient of the Brian Christian Award and was the Guild's secretary for several years.

Cotoneaster is a timber I enjoy turning because it is stable, flows smoothly from the chisel and often has interesting grain patterns that add to its appearance.

My garage also serves as my workshop which is a bit of a nuisance as I have to shift the car and other items to get access to my lathe.

A funny thing happened.

Thank you to all who made pens for the troops. We had over 100 pens made, more than we had bags and cards to be able to package and present the way the organisers would prefer. I shared in the September issue of Talking Turning how we could only send half of the pens because we did not have the bags and cards to go with them and the extra bags and cards did not arrive before I had to post the pens.

A funny thing happened while I was collecting the pens and writing out the labels. Rick Hillier made a number of pens which were delivered to me. I rang up Rick to clarify the timbers he used for the 5 pens he sent in the mail. I could identify 4 of them from the photo and info he gave on What'sApp but there defiantly was no 5th pen. It was a very nice Sierra pattern pen with a lovely bit of burl as the turned wood. The pen had a gunmetal finish with gold accents and had been turned with great care. I thought Rick was being very generous to include this for the troops and thought it could make a special gift for one of the soldiers who had performed some valiant endeavour or perhaps one of the Majors.

Before writing out a label and packaging it to send overseas I wanted to find out what timbers the burl was. I carefully described the pen to Rick and he exclaimed "so that's where it is. Rosemary and I have been looking for it for weeks!" Evidently when Rick packed the parcel to post to me he had included it with the four pens that were meant to go overseas.

I bet Rick is eagerly waiting the end of the lockdown so he and his be can be reunited.

Gary Jenevy has provided a puzzles and a few jokes. Thanks Gary. Enjoy

Q. What does a disappointed Turkey tell her children?

A. If your father could see you now, he would be turning over in his gravy!

Kids returning to school after Corona.



COVID and Australia is like the Spice Girls. Everyone is doing their best but Victoria is ruining it for everyone.

FOR THE TREE- LOVER.

Answers to the following are names of TREES:-

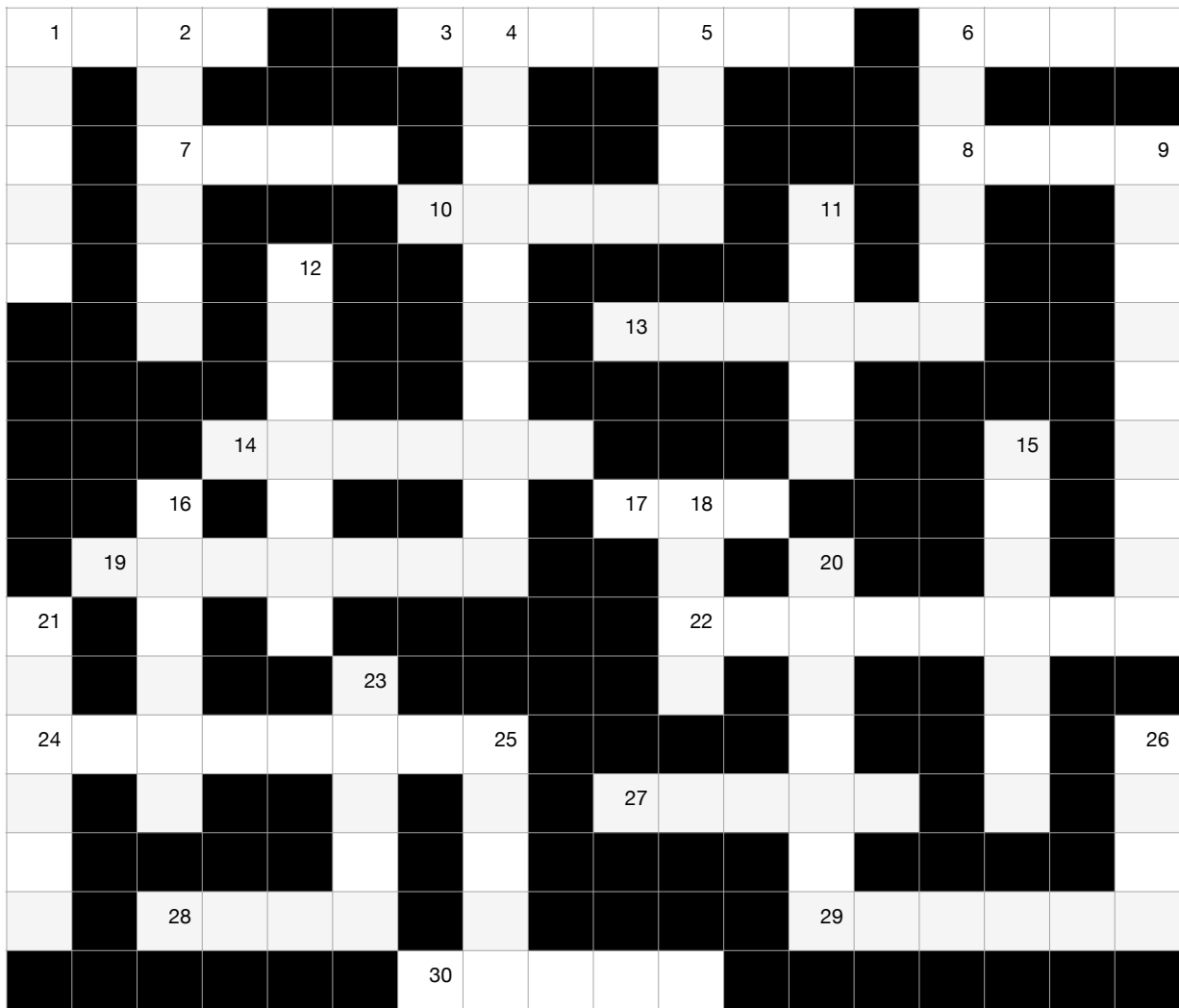
1. Smart.....
2. Not the younger.....
3. Found in a dead fire.....
4. A kind of syrup.....
5. Part of a bottle.....
6. Good for colds.....
7. Used for bats.....
8. Used by a conjurer.....
9. Warm in winter.....
10. Found on the coast.....
11. To fret.....
12. Used in carpentry.....
13. Well-liked.....
14. Part of a ship beheaded.....
15. A letter in the alphabet.....
16. Behead us.....

Answers later in this edition.

The Crossword

Collective names of animals.

This edition of The Pandemic we have put together a crossword of the collective names of animals. If you are a bit rusty on some of the names, or you never knew them you might like to look up "collective names for animals" on the internet. A lot of the collective names reflect some trait or behaviour of the animals. Some of the names are very humorous, some just leave you wondering. The answers, if an animal, may be in the singular, eg. dog, but more often the plural, eg. dogs. Have fun with the crossword.



Across

- 1 A group of these flying creatures are often known as a colony but can also called a camp. (4)
- 3 Some animals can be stubborn. When a group of these get together they form an... (7)
- 6 A chowder or a glaring refers to a group of ... (4)
- 7 The collective of turkeys, weasels and elks are all called a ... (4)
- 8 A group crocodiles do this in the sun and are named by their actions. (4)
- 10 When these animals get together they show their pride. (5)
- 13 What animal forms a convocation when they get together? (6)
- 14 The collective of crows is a ... (6)
- 17 Peas can be found in one. So can whales (but not the same one as a pea.) (3)
- 19 These animals are hard working and form a business. (7)
- 22 The collective of these big cats is called a leap. (8)

- 24 A band can refer to a group of musicians, a seam of ore, or a strip of colour or particular material. It is also the collective noun for which primate? (8)
- 27 Rhinoceroses can cause a lot of damage. A group of them is called a ... (5)
- 28 Toads must like getting tied up. The collective for them is a ... (4)
- 29 One skunk smells bad enough. The collective name for a group of them is a ... (6)
- 30 Geese on the ground are one thing. What is the collective for wild geese in flight? (5)

DOWN

- 1 A sloth makes you think of a slow moving animal in the tree tops, but it is also the collective noun of a much faster and aggressive animal. (5)
- 2 Big cats leap, show their pride and cast a shadow in their collective state. This one makes an ambush when catered together. (6)
- 4 Ravens may not be known for their nice acts. A group of them is called an ... (10)
- 5 In the bible tells his followers to be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. A shrewdness is not the collective noun for snakes but for a very different animal. (4)
- 6 A quiver of these animals is a very apt name as it is what most people would do seeing even one. (6)
- 9 An Australian animal usually referred to as a mob also can be called a troop. (9)
- 11 Digging is hard work. It can be done by a labour of... (5)
- 12 A group of these big cats form a shadow. (7)
- 15 Enough of these birds together certainly makes a pandemonium. (7)
- 16 Depending on the species a collective of primates can be called a troop or a barrel, a shrewdness, or a band. What primate is referred to in the collective as a conspiracy? (6)
- 18 Parliamentarians are sometimes questioned for their wisdom. What animal credited with wisdom forms a parliament? (4)
- 20 "More fun than a barrel of ..." (Yes, barrel is another collective noun for this primate.) (7)
- 21 The familiar collective of geese is a ... (6)
- 23 A hippopotamus looks a "well rounded" animal. The collective name for them is a ... (5)
- 25 A naughty child may get one. The collective for jellyfish is one. (5)
- 26 A group of these creatures gather to form a school. (4)

Answers to last month's crossword for car lovers.

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Answers to quiz For the Tree-Lover

Answers to tree puzzle; 1. Spruce 2. Elder 3. Ash 4. Maple 5. Cork 6. Eucalyptus 7. Willow 8. Palm 9. Fir 10. Beech 11. Pine 12. Plane 13. Poplar 14. Elm (H-elm) 15. Yew 16. Prunus

In My Garage

I have finally made up a board to store the different grades of sanding discs. Some stick on loop velcro strips stuck onto a board allows the discs to attach to the board. The board can be removed from under the shelf to use elsewhere or take with me if I go to a woodturning weekend. Having the discs set out in order makes life much easier. I also write the grade on the back of each disc with colour pens coded for each grade.



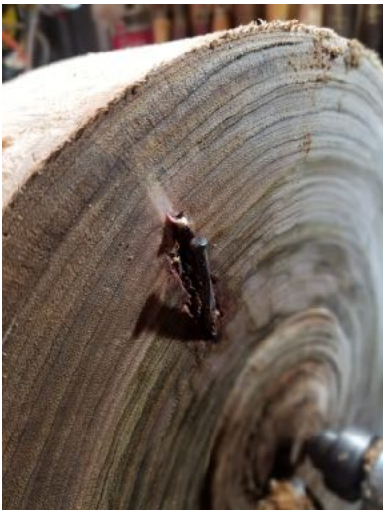
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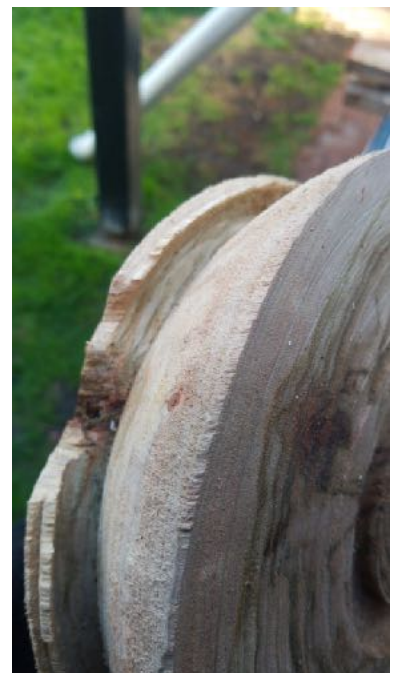
Roger Annells has done some fine work with this pen. The inlay is aluminium. He is not sure what the timber is.



Work continues in Richard's garage with plumbing for the dust extractor for the spindle sander, lathe and the sanding disc on the end of the lathe.



Neale Rees noticed a ticking sound when he was turning this piece of timber. The tree had grown around the nail and covered it.





Graham Besley has turned out some beautiful bowls. One is Blackwood, the other is wild cherry. Finished with Danish oil but a bit too glossy for Graham's liking so he intends to rub it back.



I managed to get a bit of turning in. The timber is reclaimed pine from Box Hill cemetery. It is definitely not cypress but has some wonderful grain and colour. Finished with Danish oil.

I will leave you with this:-

Did you hear about the woodturner who could not sleep at night?
He kept having nightmares that he had died and his wife was selling all his woodturning tools and equipment for the price he told her he paid for them.

Till next edition keep well and keep turning.