

Waikato Guild of Woodworkers



Members' Newsletter
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Workshop Sessions

Monday Morning	Dave Croucher	07 846 4554	
Wednesday Morning	Bob Hoyle	07 847 8434	
Wednesday Evening	Rodney Haynes	027 218 4950	
Thursday Morning	Richard Matthews	07 856 9285	
Thursday Afternoon	Clive Dyson	07 829 7256	
Thursday Afternoon	Hugh Oliver	07 847 9541	Wood carving session
Friday Morning	Keith Buick	021 072 0269	

Workshop sessions will recommence at each Group Leader's discretion – please check with your leader directly.

Club Principles

Our Club is built around the members and our shared interest in all things wood. The club has a small but passionate team of volunteer committee members and workshop leaders, however the continued success of the Club relies on the expertise, time, and effort put in by all our members. We encourage all members to volunteer to help with the operations of the club, such as hall setup for events or contributing to promotional materials. It does not need to be a major commitment, but it all helps spread the load.

New Year Honours 2025 – Fred Irvine, MNZM

Congratulations to Fred who was appointed a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) in this year's New Year Honours for a lifetime of service to woodcraft and education. In addition to his work with the Club, Fred has been involved in imparting valuable practical skills to students and facilitating community connections across New Zealand and abroad.

Please find the full citation to his award here: <https://www.dpmc.govt.nz/honours/lists/ny2025-mnzm#irvinele>.

2025 Memberships

Our club memberships for the new year are now due; thank you to those who have already made the payments. Payment details are as follows:

Amount:	\$70.00
Account number:	01-0450-0046663-00
Account name:	Waikato Guild of Woodworkers Inc.
Payment reference:	Membership & <Your Name>

If you have any questions on this, please contact Ross srosskennedy@gmail.com.

Please also let me know if you:

- do not wish to renew your membership, but keep receiving our newsletters/emails.
- do not wish to renew your membership, and opt out of our mailing list.

Club Night

Our first Club Night for the year is happening on **Tuesday 21st of January**, at **7PM**. Hall setup and tea duties this month will be to be provided by members of the Monday Morning workshop group.

Roger Dean will be present on adding carved decorations to turned piece.

Please bring any pieces you have been working on over the holiday period for the display table.

As always, the Trade Table will also be available for members to sell and exchange their tools.

Members' Trade Table

Mini-Lathe

Listing by the Club. Includes a number of accessories. This is the unit that is currently being stored in the Club's kitchen and is valued at over \$550 in its current condition.

Nova Comet II

Listing by the Club. Includes a number of accessories and a wooden stand. This is the extra lathe in the Club's workshop and is valued at over \$1000 in its current condition.

These two lathes being sold by the club are currently listed for sale on TradeMe; however, please get in touch with Niels if you are interested as we may be able to offer a member's discount on these.

If members have items they would like to advertise for sale in our future newsletters, please contact Niels. Our Club Night **Trade Table** will also be available throughout the year; please feel free to bring in your items (or photos for bulky items).

Club Projects

As you will be aware, our wig stand project to support local cancer patients is ongoing: if you would like to help with this project, please contact Rodney Haynes or Grant Taylor; the club has a good supply of timber set aside for you to use.

Your Club Needs You!

Please have a think about becoming one of our workshop leaders for the new year. These are voluntary positions, but are crucial to keep our society up and running.

Workshop leaders help supervise our sessions at the club workshop. You will help open and lock up the workshop, and offer some guidance when required but do not need to be an expert craftsman. Even if you are unable commit to a regular time or day of the week, we would still like to hear from you.

Calendar and Other Events

Jan 21st

Club Night – Roger Dean demonstration

Christmas Party Gallery

Thank you again to Grant and Camille for hosting the End of Year BBQ last month; about 30 members and their family were present and the evening was enjoyed by all those who were able to make it.

In addition to the Patron's Award given to **Colin Stephens** at the AGM, congratulations to **Clive Dyson** who was also presented with a Patron's Award on the night (as he was unable to attend the November meeting).







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