

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	

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.

Club Night

Our next Club Night is happening on **Tuesday 18th of February**, at **7PM**. Hall setup and tea duties this month to be provided by members of the *Wednesday Morning* group. This month, we have arranged a screening of a demonstration video by **Phil Anderson** focusing on various interesting techniques in **raw edge turning**.

Drawing inspiration from Roger Dean's demonstration in January, this month's club challenge prompt is **anything with a carved embellishment**. Please also bring any other pieces you have been working on for the display table.

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

Community Open Days

There are two upcoming **Open Days on Saturday 15th of February** that Members may be interested in.

Cambridge Menz Shed - 296 Lamb Street, Cambridge

The official opening of the new Menz Shed in Cambridge is happening from **10:30AM**. For more details, please visit <https://www.cambridge-menzshed.co.nz>.

Adrian Worsley Gallery - 62 Rewi St, Te Aroha

Adrian is known for his sculptures and constructions with metal and recycled materials. His works have been installed in a number of town centres around the region and can be viewed on his web page <https://www.adrian-worsley.com>. His studio tours are usually \$20 per person but are free on this day from **9:00AM to 4:00PM**.



Above: **The Bull**. Adrian Worsley. Photo from Adrian's website.

Workshop Leaders Needed!

We currently have a very high demand for regular workshop sessions during the week and require your help to make them happen. In particular, we are currently in need of session leaders to **help run the Monday Evening Session** – you do not need to commit to every Monday, you will only be rostered on when you are available.

Please have a think about becoming one of our workshop leaders. These are voluntary positions, but are crucial to keep our club up and running. Leaders will help open and lock up the workshop, supervise 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.*

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>

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.

Members' Trade Table

Workbench with Vise	\$200. This is the large workbench currently in the main hall. Listing by Dave Mollekin.
Walter Mini Lathe	\$350, currently offered to Members only. Will be listed online next month if not sold by then. Model MC1018; up to 3000RPM; does not include chuck, face plate, push rod, or stebcentre. This is currently held in the club kitchen for viewing. Listing by the Club.



Mini-Lathe **\$450**, also listed online. 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. Listing by the Club.

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 Notices

New Facebook Group

The Club has a new Facebook Group where you can find our monthly newsletters, notices, photos and much more. Please follow this link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/15yuajjDjn/> to join.

Home Workshop Sessions

To help with the demand for lathe and workshop sessions at the club, if you are willing and able to accommodate members at your personal home workshop, please let us know. This does not need to be a long-term commitment on your end and can be as flexible as you would like it to be.

Club Tools

A few of the club's tools have recently gone missing, including the **Square Wooden Mallet** and the **Steel Hammer**. If you have accidentally taken this with you, please return them to the workshop cabinet as soon as possible. Please also remember to return all tools to their respective storage spots in the workshop so others can easily find them.

We are also planning a tool maintenance workshop in the coming weeks, focusing on chisel sharpening and bandsaw maintenance. More details to follow – stay tuned!

Wig Stands

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.

Calendar and Other Events

Feb 15 th	Open Days – Cambridge Menz Shed and Adrian Worsley Gallery
Feb 18 th	Club Night

Gallery

Showcasing some recent works and photos from our members. Please send in photos of your own projects to Niels so we can include them here in the next newsletter. As always, if there are any errors with the names or wood types, please let me know and I will note the corrections in next month's issue.

Thank you to **Mark de Lisle** for providing this month's photos.



Above left and right: **Fred and Snoopy.**



Above: **Fantail Container.** *John Bassett (2025).*



Above: **Tealight Flight.** *Peter Watt (2025).*



Above left: **Bowl.** *Kevin Macdonald (2025).* Black Walnut (*Juglans nigras*).
Above right: **Bowl.** *Kevin Macdonald (2025).* Black Walnut (*Juglans nigras*).





Above and Previous Page: **Club Night Demonstration and Display by Roger Dean.**

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