

Waikato Guild of Woodworkers



Members' Newsletter
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Workshop Sessions

Monday Morning	Dave Croucher	07 846 4554	Rotating group leaders
Monday Evening	Kevin Macdonald	021 027 04031	
Wednesday Morning	Bob Hoyle	027 484 039	
Wednesday Evening	Rodney Haynes	027 218 4950	Wood carving session
Thursday Morning	Richard Matthews	07 856 9285	
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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 at **7pm on Tuesday 20th of May**. This month, we have guild member **Peter Cave** presenting on his experience as a lapidarist and the incorporation of stones and minerals into his woodworking projects.

As members will be aware, the club has been looking into options for a **new club premises** and this has been progressing in a positive direction over the last few months. There will be a short presentation at the next meeting to update members on our progress, as well as next steps and milestones. It is at the stage where some important decisions need to be made, so it is important that members attend this meeting so that the committee hear your views on how we should progress.

Hall setup and tea prep duties for this month is the Thursday Morning workshop group.

To get your creative juices flowing and in anticipation of the upcoming annual NAW Art of Wood competition, this month's challenge prompt is ***any hollow form or vase***. This is a category that Dennis Morgan and Connie van der Walt entered in last year, with Connie's entry being awarded 1st Place; we hope to see more entries from our club for this year's competition. For inspiration, check out last year's entries here: <https://exhibition.naw.org.nz/entbycat/3>.

Diffuser Project

At last month's club meeting, presenter Roger Latimer offered attendees the chance to take home diffuser units to experiment with incorporating them into their woodturning projects. If you have any feedback for Roger, please send these to **Kevin** (kevin.macdonald@xtra.co.nz). Please also bring along any pieces that you have completed for display at our next Club Night.

Market Day

As discussed at the last club meeting, members are keen to hold a Market Day at the Club towards the end of the year. For this to happen, **we need members** (not just the committee!) to help organise the event, including the planning, promotion, and logistics. We are looking for members to spearhead this event – if you are interested, please contact Kevin, or speak with a committee member at our next club meeting.

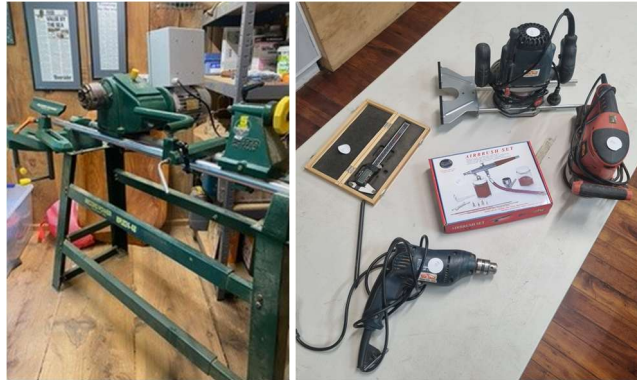
Members' Trade Table

Various Tools

Router (\$200), sander (\$100), digital calliper (\$25), drill (\$80), airbrush (\$150). Please contact **Bob Hoyle** on 027 484 039 or stirlinginvestments@xtra.co.nz.

Record Power Lathe

\$1500 or best offer. Record Power CL4 variable speed lathe with stand and bowl attachment. Like new, with less than 20 hours of use; \$3000+ new from Machine Warehouse. Please contact **Colin Chung** on 027 497 7796 or chungs.raglan@xtra.co.nz.



Above left and right: Tools for sale – please contact Colin or Bob, respectively.

Swamp Kauri Slab Wanted Walter Mini Lathe

Swamp Kauri wanted. Please contact **Yuki Kondo** - kondoyuki88@gmail.com. **\$350**, also listed elsewhere. 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 elsewhere. 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.

Nova Comet II

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.

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).

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 currently need 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. If you are able to help, please contact Kevin Macdonald.

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 to commit to a regular time or day of the week, we would still like to hear from you.*

Other Notices

From Bark to Beauty – Hamilton Woodturners Club Exhibition

The Hamilton Woodturners Club is holding an exhibition of their members' works at the **Arts Post on Victoria Street** from the 1st of May until the 2nd June.

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/15yuajiDJn/> 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.

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

May 01 st – Jun 02 nd	Hamilton Woodturners Club – From Bark to Beauty Exhibition
May 20 th	Club Night
May 24 th – 25 th	NAW Wood Expo – Wellington

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.

It appears that I may have mixed up my notes from last month's Club Night, so apologies in advance to our artists if I have misattributed some of these pieces below.



Above: **Grant Taylor** and **Matai Reid** and their exhibitions for the 2025 Gordonton Arts Trail.



Above: **Connie van der Walt** and his exhibition for the 2025 Gordonton Arts Trail.



Above left: **Firewood Bowl.** *Bob Hoyle (2025).* Unknown salvaged firewood.
Above right: **Lidded Container.** *John Bassett (2025).* Swamp Kauri (*Agathis australis*).



Above: **Platter.** *Gary Judkins (2025).* Black Mairi (*Notelaea cunninghamii*).



Above left: **Bowl.** Roger Dean (2025). Swamp Kauri (*Agathis australis*).
Above right: **Bowl.** Roger Dean (2025). Robinia (*Robinia pseudoacacia*).



Above: **Bowl.** Roger Dean (2025). Cryptomeria (*Cryptomeria japonica*).



Above left: **Hair Pins.** Keith Lang (2025). Rata (*Metrosideros robusta*).
Above right: **Wig Stands.** Rodney Haynes. Macrocarpa (*Cupressus macrocarpa*).

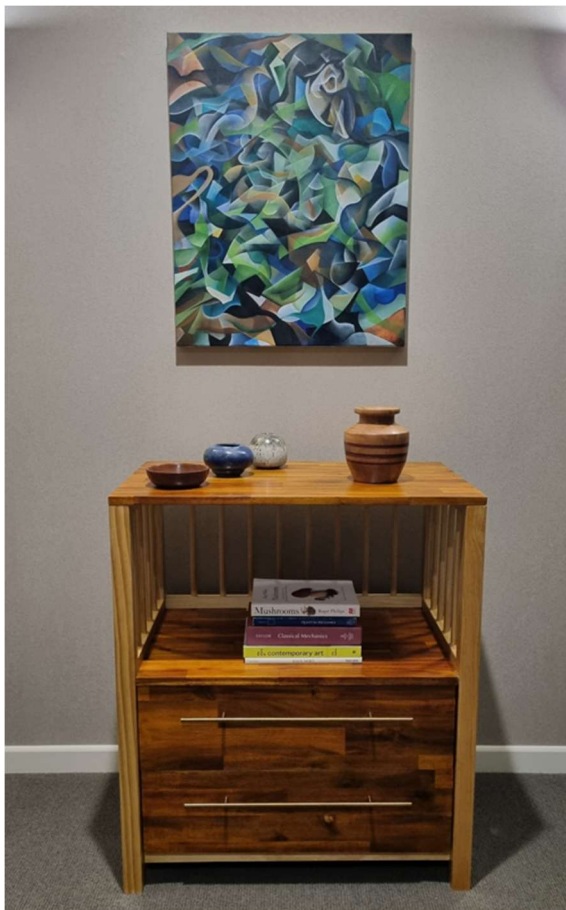


Above: **Small Containers.** Peter Watt (2025). Various species, including Maple (*Acer sp.*), with multiple finishings.



Above left: **Live Edge Bowl.** *Dennis Morgan (2025).*

Above right: **Live Edge Platter.** *Dennis Morgan (2025).* Swamp Kauri (*Agathis australis*).



Above left and right: **Display Cabinet/Changing Table.** *Niels Yuan (2025).* Pine (*Pinus radiata*) and Acacia (*Acacia melanoxylon*). Before the rumours start: this is a gift for a friend and NOT for my personal use.

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