

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	
Thursday Afternoon	Clive Dyson	07 829 7256	
Thursday Afternoon	Hugh Oliver	07 847 9541	
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 17th of June**. This month, Connie van der Walt will give members a summary and highlights of the recent NAW AGM in Wellington, followed by a screening of a demonstration video he has curated. This month's club night will also include an Extraordinary General Meeting of members to discuss and make decisions on our progress and next steps with the new premises.

Hall setup and tea prep duties for this month is the Thursday Afternoon/Evening workshop groups.

This month's challenge prompt is ***an essential-oils diffuser***. Members at April's club meeting, will remember that Roger Latimer offered attendees the chance to take home diffuser kits to experiment with incorporating them into their woodturning projects. Hopefully you have all had a chance to have a play around with these; please forward your comments and feedback on these kits to Kevin (kevin.macdonald@xtra.co.nz) to collate for Roger. Even if you did not take an electronic diffuser kit, we would still love to see your interpretation of a diffuser or something that could be used as a diffuser.

Wig Stands

We have recently been provided a generous \$1000 grant by **Waikato Sunrise Rotary** for wig stand timber. There is a supply of macrocarpa ready for use in the club workshop; as well as an additional supply offsite – please contact Rodney Haynes if this is required.

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.

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.*

Members' Trade Table

Workshop Sale	Clive Wilson is holding a workshop sale from 9am on Saturday 7th June at 41 Cullimore St. , Pukete. Items include lathes, chisels, PPE, storage, power tools, craft sets, and much more. Cash only.
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 .
Walter Mini Lathe	\$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).

Other Notices

Bandsaw

The club bandsaw can be used by members during workshop sessions with approval by the Group Leaders. Please do not make adjustments to the blade, belt, etc. unless you have been trained on how to correctly do this. We are in the process of organising another training day for members in the coming weeks.

Workshop Tools

Please do not take club tools out of the workshop and ensure that all tools are returned to their proper storage places. We are currently missing a **square carbide chisel** from the chisel bench.

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

June 17th

Club Night and EGM

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.



Above: **Peter Watt** presenting at last month's Club Night.



Above: **Vase.** Keith Buick (2025). Matai (*Prumnopitys taxifolia*) with Kwila (*Intsia bijuga*) detailing.



Above: **Small Containers.** Peter Watt (2025). Assorted timber including Lemon (*Citrus x limon*) and Feijoa (*Feijoa sellowiana*) with embellishments.



Above left and right: **Live Edge Bowl.** *Connie van der Walt (2025). Ash (*Faxinus americana*).*



Above: **Bowl.** *Kevin Macdonald (2025). Cherry (*Prunus serotina*).*

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