

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 15th of July**, starting with **John Shaw** demonstrating his new router table system, followed by the Club meeting. John established the Centre for Fine Woodworking in Nelson in 2006 and has been working with local company Compakto to develop his new product over the last few years. Please visit these links for more information:

John Shaw: <https://www.johnshawfinewoodworker.co.nz/>

Collect Router: <https://www.compakto.com/collet-router/>

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

John will also be making this presentation at the South Auckland Woodworkers Guild at 7pm on Wednesday 09th of July; our members have been invited to attend if interested.

To get your creative juices flowing and in anticipation of the upcoming annual NAW Art of Wood competition, this month's challenge prompt is ***anything Ornamental or Sculptural***. These are categories that Grant Taylor and Connie van der Walt entered in last year, with one of Connie's entries being awarded 1st Place in the Sculpture category; we hope to see more entries from our club for this year's competition. For more inspiration, check out last year's entries here: <https://theartofwood-2024.naw.org.nz/>.

Connie's sculptural entry, ***Call of the Kalahari***, is also currently being featured by the World of Woodturners – an ***international*** non-profit organisation for woodcraft. Check it out here: <https://www.thewows.com/>.

If you are participating in Roger Latimer's **diffuser project**, please also bring along these pieces, as well as any feedback you have for him.

ATC Building

As many of you will know, our ATC redevelopment proposal was recently presented, debated, and voted on at a session of the Hamilton City Council. We're pleased to share that Councillors unanimously agreed to:

- Sell the ATC Building to the Waikato Guild of Woodworkers for \$1
- Provide a \$200,000 grant for the club to effect Repairs and Maintenance on the building.

A huge thank you to all those who turned up in support at the Council Chambers on the day and to everyone who has contributed to this process so far. Your presence and voices made a real difference.

We are now working with Council staff to finalise the necessary agreements and will keep members updated as key milestones are confirmed.

As we move into the next phase of the project, we are **calling on members to help us share the workload** in tasks such as:

- Coordinating catering for working bees and our community volunteers
- Helping to manage external communications and publicity
- Approaching potential sponsors and supporters

There is a lot of work ahead — and the committee cannot do it all on their own. If you are able to assist in any way, big or small, please get in touch. Your help will make a real difference.

Market Day

As discussed at recent meetings, 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.

Also, those interested in being involved in the **Market Day at Korikori Park** (near Rototuna High School) on 22nd of November need to make it known now. So again, please let Kevin know.

Remember that the committee are involved in the ATC redevelopment so may not have time to manage these events, so club members involvement is essential for these events to happen

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

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

Diffusers

For those who are taking part in Roger Latimer's diffuser challenge, please send through your feedback to Kevin if you haven't already done so.

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/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.

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

July 07 th	NAW Zoom Meeting. All welcome to join: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89589659362?pwd=RDZrbEZ3RUozZGswam5pSXNtc29Bdz09
July 09 th	John Shaw demonstration at South Auckland Woodturners Club
July 15 th	WGW 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.

Apologies to **Peter Cave** for a misattributed photo in last month's newsletter; the man in the photo was definitely Peter Cave, and not Peter Watt!

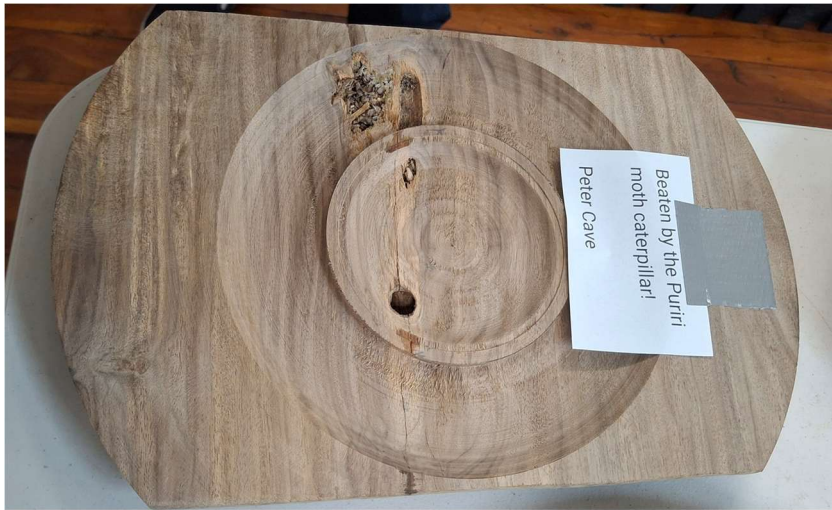
Thank you to **Connie van der Walt** for this month's gallery photos, taken at the June club meeting.



Above: **Small Containers and Toys.** *Peter Watt (2025).* Assorted timber including Camellia (*Camellia japonica*), Lime (*Citrus sp.*), and Manuka (*Leptospermum scoparium*), with embellishments.



Above left: **Fence Post Vase.** *Peter Watt (2025).* Totara (*Podocarpus totara*), repurposed.
Above right: **Trapped Golf Ball.** *Dennis Morgan (2025).* Rimu (*Dacrydium cupressinum*).



Above left: **Beaten by the Puriri Moth!** *Peter Cave (2025)*. Puriri (*Vitex lucens*).
Above right: **Earrings.** *Dave Jones (2025)*.



Above left: **Bowl.** *John Bassett (2025)*. Swamp Kauri (*Agathis australis*).
Above right: **Platter.** *John Bassett (2025)*. Swamp Kauri (*Agathis australis*).

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