

Waikato Guild of Woodworkers



Members' Newsletter September 2025

8 Storey Avenue, Te Rapa, Hamilton

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Workshop Sessions

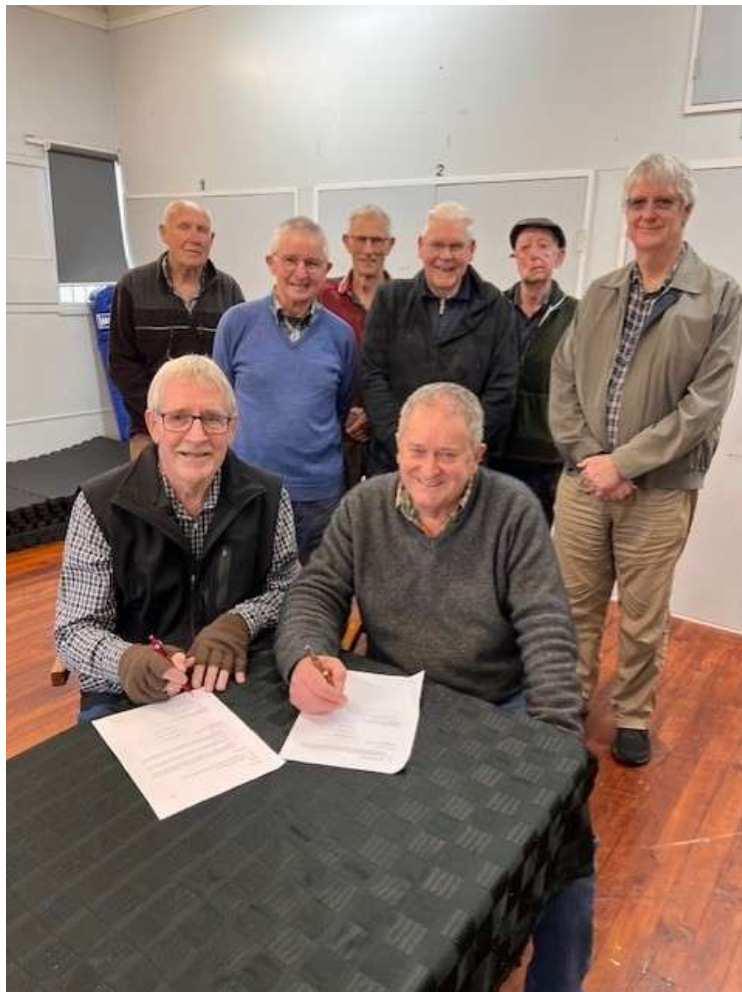
Monday Morning	Dave Croucher	07 846 4554	Rotating group leaders
Monday Evening	Kevin Macdonald	021 027 04031	
Wednesday Morning	Bob Hoyle	027 484 039	
Wednesday Evening	Rodney Haynes	027 218 4950	Wood carving session
Thursday Morning	Richard Matthews	07 856 9285	
Thursday Afternoon	Clive Dyson	07 829 7256	
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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.

New Premises Update – Contracts Signed!

As members will be aware, we have signed the contracts with the Hamilton City Council!



The execution of these documents represents a significant milestone for the Guild, but there is still much more work ahead — and the Committee cannot do it all on their own. Thank you to those who have already reached out and expressed their interest in assisting. If you are able to assist in any way, big or small, please get in touch – your help will make a real difference. We are currently **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.
- Organising gifts packs and tokens of appreciation for our volunteers and sponsors.
- **Transporting equipment: truck or van required for transporting glass cabinet set from Paeroa – needed immediately! Cabinets are between 90cm and 180 cm high. Please contact Niels.**

We are also currently after the **following items and tools** that will be needed in the renovation; so, if you have any of these lying around your workshop that you haven't touched in a while, please consider donating to the club.

- Sandpaper and scrapers to prepare the walls for painting.
- Nails, screws, fixings.

Club Night

Our next Club Night is happening at **7pm on Tuesday 16th of September**. We are currently confirming a demonstration/programme for the evening – watch this space!

Hall setup and tea prep duties for this month is the Wednesday Evening 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 ***Plain Bowls/Platters***. This year's competition is closing on the **15th of September**, with winners announced in October. Please visit www.naw.org.nz for more details.

New Club Name – Ballot

We received around 50 submissions from 20 individuals across the two club as well as a number of comments and other feedback on the proposal for a new club name. The Committee has reviewed the submissions and have made a shortlist of ten names for members to vote on. Following the outcome of this vote, we will look to put forth a formal resolution to adopt the chosen name.

Ballots are due 7PM Tuesday 16th September, and can be submitted physically in person at the next Club Night or to Niels via email. Please find further details in the attached document.

August Resolution Outcome

At last month's Club Night, members voted on the resolution regarding the sale of 8 Storey Ave and authority for the Redevelopment Subcommittee to act on the Guild's behalf, as raised in late July. We note 23 votes in favour of the resolution, including three proxy votes, and no votes against.

Korikori 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 Committee Members are involved in the Redevelopment so will not have time to manage these events, so club members involvement is essential for these events to happen

Trade Table

Lathe and Tools

A member of the public has contacted the Club with a number of items she wishes to sell. Please contact **Tania French** directly at tcrompton@xtra.co.nz if interested.

Poolewood 28-40 Lathe, including all materials and bench \$1000, as pictured

20 Turning Chisels by Robert Sorby \$80-\$100 each

Kitty 637 Planer/Thickness \$1000

Dust Extractor \$250

ELU ETS 3001/3 Traverse Saw Bench \$400

Creusen Bench Grinder and Polisher x2 \$250 each

Hanger Fret Saw Multi-Cut 1 \$300 o.n.o.

Tormont Supergrinder \$2000

Whetstone Grinder \$250



Chestnut Timber

Freshly felled large Chestnut Tree, near Hamilton Zoo. Owner is keen to see the timber used for turning or carving. Please contact Derek on 021 966 584 or derekbrown6@gmail.com.

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

Truck/Van Needed Immediately!

We have purchased a set of glass cabinets from Paeroa but will need suitable transportation to move it back to Hamilton without damage. Please get in touch with Grant or Niels if you can help.

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.

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

September 15 th	NAW Art of Wood – Entries Close
September 16 th	WGW Club Night; New Name Ballots due
October 01 st	NAW Art of Wood – Winners Announced
November 22 nd	Korikori Park Market Day – Organisers needed!

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 top: **Tealights.** Peter Watt (2025). Rimu (*Dacrydium cupressinum*).

Above bottom left and right: **Miniatures.** Peter Watt (2025). Various timbers, including Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*) (pointed lid), Black Maire (*Nestegis cunninghamii*) (honey dipper), and Lemonwood (*Pittosporum eugenoides*).



Above left and right: **"Small" Bowl.** Kevin Macdonald (2025). Spalted Boxelder Maple (*Acer negundo*).
Despite its name, it is, in fact, a rather large bowl.



Above left and right: **Dragon Scale Bowl.** Roger Dean (2025). Privet (*Ligustrum vulgare*).



Above: **Wig Stands.** Eddie Pettley (2025). Macrocarpa (*Cupressus macrocarpa*).

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