

# Waikato Guild of Woodworkers



## Members' Newsletter November 2025

8 Storey Avenue, Te Rapa, Hamilton

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## Workshop Sessions

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|--------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| 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.

## Annual General Meeting 2025

This year's **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025** at the Club Hall on Storey Ave; preceding this will be a Special General Meeting on the Proposal for Amalgamation with Hamilton Woodturners Club, **beginning at 7PM**. Notices for both meetings have previously been sent to all members.

As a part of these two meetings on the night, we will be voting on two resolutions:

- Adoption of the Amalgamation Proposal with Hamilton Woodturners Club.
- Amendments to the Constitution relating to the Society's tax status. These amendments have been requested by the IRD.

Members' votes on the above matters will be taken at the meetings; for members unable to attend, proxy votes can be cast prior to 5PM on 18th November 2025 to Club Secretary Tunde Balvanyos.

Hall setup and refreshment duties will be the Thursday Afternoon and Friday workshop groups.

## New Building Project

As always, please get in touch with us if you can **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.
- Transporting material and supplies. **Thank you to Rodney's sister and family who have kindly donated a trailer** to the club; we will be needing help from members to move items throughout the project.
- **Contributing gifts and appreciation packages** for our community volunteers, donors, and supporters. So far, only a handful of members have contributed to this; please get in touch with Keith Buick ([keith.buick@snap.net.nz](mailto:keith.buick@snap.net.nz)) if you have any ideas, questions, or woodcraft pieces you would like to contribute.
- Donating **items such as construction timber, fixings, tools, kitchens** that might be useful for our project. If you have anything lying around your workshop that you haven't touched in a while, please consider donating to the club.
- Organising and helping with the **Official Opening** for the new building. Andrew Sheerin will be coordinating this – please get in touch if you have any ideas or would like to be involved.
- Documenting the history of the new building and the Society as **Club Historic Curator** alongside our Club Photographer Barry Chatterton.

## Trade Table

**WGW Merchandise - Caps**    \$25. **Jim Kyle** ([jsbtkyle@hotmail.com](mailto:jsbtkyle@hotmail.com)) is selling WGW branded caps. Please contact Jim directly if interested.

**Fresh Timber**    **Grant Taylor** ([gctaylor@glenmarie.nz](mailto:gctaylor@glenmarie.nz)) has a supply of fresh timber including Cherry, Magnolia, London Plane, Claret Ash, English Oak, Tulip Tree and Liquid Amber all cut down to size, ready to be used for turning, woodworking, or firewood. Please contact Grant directly if interested.

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

### 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

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|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| November 16 <sup>th</sup> | Carbatec Online Competition – CrushGrind Entries Due |
| November 18 <sup>th</sup> | Club SGM/AGM – <b>7pm Start</b>                      |

## 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 left and right: **Bowl.** John Bassett (2025). Pohutukawa (*Metrosideros excelsa*).



Above left: **Large Platter.** John Bassett (2025). Kauri (*Agathis australis*).

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



Above left and right: **Small Containers.** *Peter Watt (2025).* Various timbers including Lemon (*Citrus limon*), and Weeping Pear (*Pyrus salicifolia*).



Above left: **Vase.** *Rodney Haynes (2025).* Macrocarpa (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) with black and silver colouring.

Above right: **Wine Set.** *Dave Jones (2025).* Pine (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) and Kauri (*Agathis australis*). 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Artistic Award at the recent Taupo Jamboree.



Above left and right: **Container.** *Fred Irvine (2025). Lignum vitae.*



Above left: **Live Edge Vase.** *Connie van der Walt (2025). Kauri (Agathis australis).*

Above right: **Tui Vase.** *Connie van der Walt (2025). Puriri (Vitex lucens).*



Above left and right: **Container.** *Connie van der Walt (2025).* Kauri (*Agathis australis*).



Above left and right: **Leaf Bowl.** *Connie van der Walt (2025).* Matai (*Prumnopitys taxifolia*).



Above left: **Fern Vase.** *Connie van der Walt (2025).* Kauri (*Agathis australis*).  
 Above right: **Ying Yang Leaf.** *Hugh Oliver (2025).* Salvaged Australian hardwood, species uncertain.



Above left: **Salt and Pepper Grinders.** *Connie van der Walt (2025).*  
 Above right: **Pens.** *Dave Jones (2025).* Thank you for contributing these to our Appreciation Packages!

## Thank You to Our Supporters

