

# Waikato Guild of Woodworkers



## Members' Newsletter December 2025

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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	
Thursday Morning	Richard Matthews	07 856 9285	Wood carving session
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.

## AGM, Club Amalgamation, and 2026 Membership

At our recent Annual General Meeting, members voted to accept the Proposal for Amalgamation with Hamilton Woodturners Club, effective from the 17<sup>th</sup> of December (subject to acceptance by the Incorporated Societies Registrar). As a part of this process, the Transition Committee of the amalgamated for the next year has been confirmed as follows:

- Kevin Macdonald
- Ross Kennedy
- Connie van der Walt
- Niels Yuan
- Stephen Hawley
- Murray Price
- Greg Fraser
- Michael Doyle

The motion to amend the Constitution, as requested by the IRD, was also voted on and carried.

The membership and workshop fees for 2026 were confirmed to be as follows:

NAW-Affiliated Membership	\$85
Non-NAW Membership	\$100
Under-18 Membership	\$50
Workshop Fee	\$10 per session

Payments for **2026 Membership are now due**; details are as follows:

Account number	01-0450-0046663-00
Account name	Waikato Guild of Woodworkers Inc.
Payment reference	Membership & <Your Name>

Please also let me know if you:

- do not wish to renew your membership, but keep receiving our newsletters/emails.
- do not wish to renew your membership, and opt out of our mailing list.

## New Building Project & Working Bee

We are planning on holding a Working Bee at the new building on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> of December, from 9AM**. At this stage, we plan on using the day to complete the final prep work before the builders and contractors start work in the next couple of weeks.

And as always, please get in touch with us if you can **help us share the workload** in tasks such as:

- Sanding and varnishing donated cabinetry and furniture. We have been gifted a number of items by Megan Godfrey's family for use in the new building. **We need a couple of volunteers to give these items a quick sand and polish** before we put them to use in the new building. Please get in touch if you are able to assist.
- **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 – date to be announced. 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.
- 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.
- Coordinating catering for working bees and our community volunteers.
- Helping to manage external communications and publicity.
- Approaching potential sponsors and supporters.

## End of Year BBQ/Potluck

We would like to invite all members from both WGW and HWC (the soon to be the amalgamated WGW club) and their families to our End of Year BBQ/Pot Luck dinner.

Where:	WGW Club Rooms, 8 Storey Ave
When:	6 pm, Tuesday 9th December
What to bring:	Food to share: mains, salads, or dessert. Your own drinks.

The BBQ will be available, however our usual BBQ operator will not be in attendance on the night, so it will be up to members to look after this themselves.

## 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.

### 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

December 09 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year BBQ/Potluck from 6PM
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	New Building Working Bee from 9AM

## 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: **Christmas Lights.** *Bob Hoyle (2025).* Salvaged Rimu (*Dacrydium cupressinum*).

Above right: **Tea lights.** *Peter Watt (2025).*



Above: **Small Containers.** *Peter Watt (2025).* Various timber including Lemon (*Citrus x limon*) and Camellia (*Camellia japonica*), with embellishments including Singaporean Jade.



Above: **Lidded Container.** *Roger Dean (2025).* Macrocarpa (*Cupressus macrocarpa*), with coloured pencils.



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



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