

# Waikato Guild of Woodworkers



## Members' Newsletter February 2026

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## Storey Ave – Workshop Sessions

Monday Morning	Dave Croucher	07 846 4554
Monday Evening	Rodney Haynes/David Jones	021 027 04031 / 07 843 3424
Wednesday Morning	Bob Hoyle	027 484 039
Wednesday Evening	Rodney Haynes	027 218 4950
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

## Whatawhata Road – Workshop Sessions

Monday	6:00pm – 9:00pm	Night school students only
Tuesday	9:00am – 3:00pm	
Wednesday	9:00am – 12.30pm	
Wednesday	6:00pm – 9:00pm	
Thursday	6:00pm – 9:00pm	

Members based out of the Storey Ave workshop are also welcome to join these sessions. Please contact **Murray Price** ([murray.price@xtra.co.nz](mailto:murray.price@xtra.co.nz)) to book a space.

## Club Night

Our first Club Night for the year will be at **7pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of February at Storey Ave**. Members based out of both Storey Ave and Whatawhata Rd locations are welcome and encouraged to come along. This month, we have **Trefor Roberts** providing a demonstration for us as well as an update of the upcoming National Association of Woodworkers functions and events for 2026.

Hall setup and tea prep duties for this February will be the Monday Morning & Evening Storey Ave workshop groups.

Please bring along **any pieces you have been working on over the summer** for the Display Table. For those wanting to work on something for next month's Display Table, the prompt for March is *anything with a live edge*.

For our **March Club Night**, we have organised a special demonstration from **Paul Barton** all the way from Australia. This will be on the **24<sup>th</sup> of March**, with doors opening at 6:00PM for a **6:30PM start**. Please note the slightly earlier start time and that the Club Night for March will be the fourth Tuesday of the month – not our usual third. You can find some of Paul's works here: <https://salt-art.com.au/paul-barton/>. We will also be inviting other clubs from around the region to this demonstration, so it will also be a great opportunity for everyone to catch up.

## Storey Ave – 2026 Membership

Membership and workshop fees for those who are based out of our Storey Ave workshop are as below:

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

Payments for 2026 Membership are due now; thank you for those who have already renewed their memberships. Payment 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 Niels know if you do not wish to renew your membership and/or opt out of our mailing list.

## Whatawhata Road – 2026 Membership

Membership and workshop fees for those based out of our Whatawhata Road workshop are as follows:

NAW-Affiliated Membership	\$60
Non-NAW Affiliated	\$75
Workshop Session	\$10 per session
Tuesday Session	\$20 per session

All sessions are payable on invoice from the Treasurer at the end of the period.

Note that Whatawhata Memberships are slightly less than Storey Ave Memberships due to the different membership cycles of the predecessor clubs. All memberships will align at next AGM.

## Fraser ACE and Youth Workshop – Learning and Tutoring Opportunities

*It has been exciting to see good numbers of new students in the Introduction to Woodturning for Term 1 this year. The adult class has 11 students while the Youth Class has 5.*

*New turners are put through a number of projects in order to staircase their skills and emerge as competent and independent woodturners. Those who wish to progress further are offered a Stage Two course and, of course, club membership. We find that on average 30% of students are recruited into the club.*

*Pictured below are the latest Monday night class with 11 shiny new woodturners.*

**- February update from John Baker**



Members will be aware that John and the tutoring team at the Whatawhata Workshop has been providing **Youth Classes** and **Fraser High School Adult Community Education woodturning classes** for a number of years. These are excellent outreach initiative for the Club, providing members and the wider community the opportunity to learn, share and experience our craft.

Bookings for Term 1 and 2 adult classes are now open online:

<https://www.fraserace.ac.nz/com-edu/course/woodturning-daytime-26135-term-1>

<https://www.fraserace.ac.nz/com-edu/course/woodturning-daytime-26235-term-2>

As we move into the next chapter of the Club at Cambridge Road, we will be looking to further expand these programmes with more woodturning classes, as well as classes and workshops for other wood-related crafts. We are now calling for **expressions of interest from members to be involved as tutors** in this programme – please get in touch with **John Baker** ([johntepahu57@gmail.com](mailto:johntepahu57@gmail.com)) if interested.

## Cambridge Road Updates

Over the last month, our builders have started work on the internal framing; we had a Members' Working Bee – thank you to all those that came to help; water is now connected up to the building. In the background, our team has been steadily progressing with the consents, administration, and paperwork.

We have also started a **Givealittle** page for the project. This is an online donation portal open to the public and also another avenue for us to share our progress with the public. Please follow and promote this page with your networks and communities: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/waikato-woodcraft-hub>.

We will be providing updates to members as we progress through the project over the coming months. 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 need a couple of volunteers to help sand, polish and refresh donated items before we put them to use in the new building. Depending on the scope and item, this could be taken back to your personal workshops and completed in your own time. 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.
- **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.
- **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.
- 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. Thank you to Bob Hoyle and his family for their generous donation towards the cost of a custom main entrance door for the clubroom. Also thank you to Bede Geoghegan for his efforts in securing a recent donation from Mercury NZ Ltd towards our project. If members have contacts in the community that may be interest in donating to the club, please get in touch.

## Trade Corner

### Lathe

**\$1,500 ono.** John Marshall is having to sell this very well-maintained Nova 3000 lathe as he is moving to the South Island. There are many extras to go with it, **including the purpose-built bench, chucks, faceplates and chisels, etc.** Contact John on 07 872 8046 or [raejohnmarshall@gmail.com](mailto:raejohnmarshall@gmail.com).



## Other Notices

### Clive Wilson

As members will be aware, Clive Wilson, one of our valued past members, recently passed away at the age of 81. An obituary article was published about his life and work in the community in the Waikato Times over the weekend; read it here: <https://www.waikatotimes.co.nz/nz-news/360944178/educator-who-lived-loved-and-showed-people-around-him-clive-david-wilson-1944-2026>.

### Givealittle

Please follow and promote our Givealittle page for the new Cambridge Road Workshop: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/waikato-woodcraft-hub>.

### 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; the club has a good supply of timber set aside for you to use.

## Calendar and Other Events

February 17<sup>th</sup>      Club Night 7:00PM – Trefor Roberts Demonstration  
March 24<sup>th</sup>        Club Night 6:00 PM – Paul Barton Demonstration

## Gallery

Our gallery is currently a little sparse but looking forward to showcasing some pieces from this month's Club Night Display Table in our next edition.

**Please also send in photos** of your own projects to **Niels** so we can include them here in the next newsletter – if possible, please also include pieces' names, wood species, any special notes. 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.

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