

Waikato Guild of Woodworkers



Members' Newsletter April 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	9:00am – 12:00pm	Youth Class
Monday	6:00pm – 9:00pm	ACE Students only
Tuesday	9:00am – 3:00pm	
Wednesday	9:00am – 12.30pm	
Wednesday	6:00pm – 9:00pm	
Thursday	9:00am – 12.00pm	ACE Students only
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) to book a space.

Storey Ave – 2026 Workshop Fees

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

Whatawhata Road – 2026 Membership and Fees

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.

Club Night

This month's Club Night will be at 7pm on Tuesday 21st of April at our Storey Ave workshop. This month, we have Keith Lang demonstrating his tips and tricks on Wig Stand making. As members will be aware, our wig stand project to support local cancer patients has been ongoing for a number of years and we encourage all members to contribute. If you would like to help with this project, the club has a supply of timber set aside for you to use, please contact Rodney Haynes or one of the Committee Members.

The prompt for the Display Table this month is ***Embellished Bowls and Platters***. For those wanting to work on something for May's Display Table, the prompt for April is *Plain Bowls/Platters*.

Hall setup and tea prep duties for this month's Club night will be the Thursday Morning workshop group.

Trade Corner

The Trade Table is available upon request at each Club Night for members to sell, trade, and request items. For large, bulky pieces, feel free to bring along a notice or photo of the items. Items can also be listed here in this newsletter at the editors' discretion – please contact Niels.

Wanted: Lime or Linden Wood/Biscuit Joiner

Vicki is on the hunt for some **Lime or Linden wood** to make children's toys, that will have a water-based paint colour stain, similar to the attached photo of the tree below. Vicki is also looking to purchase a **biscuit joiner**. If you have any of the above, please contact **Vicki Hill** directly on vickihillnz@gmail.com or 021 383 831.



Fresh Timber Available

A member of the public in Hillcrest is cutting down a number of trees and is offering the timber to members. Varieties include: a **conifer, Liquid Amber, Norfolk Pine, and a Camphor Laurel**. **Kevin Macdonald** is coordinating this between the club and owner, please contact him if interested.

Cambridge Road Updates

A few quick updates on the Cambridge Road building this month: The roof is now on with the gutters and flashings still to come. The outside has had significant repair, remedial, and preparation work, and is now wearing its second coat of primer; final colours scheme to come.

Inside, almost all the first fix services have been installed. Ceilings painted and some of the interior linings installed. Still a way to go, but can certainly see the progress and that there will be an end to the massive job of redeveloping the building into a fit for purpose Woodworking facility that all can be proud of!



We have 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>. A donation is great, but even following and spreading the word can help contribute to the cause. We have also attached a flyer that you can print/email/share with your contacts with this newsletter.

As always, 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 or provide items to the project**:

- The Subcommittee will be planning a **number of Working Bees** in the coming months to help reduce overall costs to the project. We understand that the timing may not suit everyone, but we would **greatly appreciate everyone's help to make the project a success**. And once again, thank you to all those who have already made contributions.
- Sanding and varnishing donated cabinetry and furniture. We need 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.
- **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) 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.
- 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.
- Approaching potential sponsors and supporters. If members have contacts in the community that may be interest in donating to the club, please get in touch.

Fraser ACE and Youth Workshop – Learning and Tutoring Opportunities

John Baker 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.

Term 2 classes start from April 20th; there are still a few spaces are available for those interested – sign up here:

Monday PM: <https://www.fraserace.ac.nz/com-edu/course/woodturning-all-levels-26236-term-2>

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

Youth Monday AM: hamiltonwoodturners@gmail.com

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) if interested.



Above: Selection of great pieces from our **Youth Class**. They have just completed the 10-week Term 1 Introduction to Woodturning Course, and most will be continuing into Term 2 starting on the 20th of April.

Other Events and Notices

Sanding Sealer Bottles

Eddie Pettley has a supply of Sanding Sealer for the club but need **glass bottles** to store and distribute. If you have any conveniently-sized bottles that you no longer need, please drop them in at the Storey Ave workshop so we can reuse them.

NAW National Wood Expo 2026

This year's National Wood Expo will be held on the 2nd and 3rd of May in Papatoetoe, Auckland. Please see the NAW website for further details: <https://naw.org.nz/event/285>.

NAW Art of Wood

Entries for the annual Art of Wood will be open again from August to September 2026. The Hamilton clubs have had great representation in previous years and we would love to have our members' pieces showcased again this year – start thinking and working on your pieces now! Over the next few months, I will try cover the different categories in our Club Night Display Table prompts; please let me know if you are considering any pieces for entry into the competition and I will make a note not to include photos of them in the newsletters.

NZ Centre for Fine Woodworking

Based in Nelson, CFW offers a number of courses and workshops throughout the year in all aspects of woodworking. Please visit their website (<https://www.cfw.co.nz/>), or contact Robert Hughes (info@cfw.co.nz) for details on CFW and other courses on offer.

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

Apr 21 st	Club Night 7:00 PM
May 02 nd – May 03 rd	NAW National Wood Expo – Papatoetoe, Auckland
May 19 th	Club Night 7:00 PM

Gallery

Please 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.

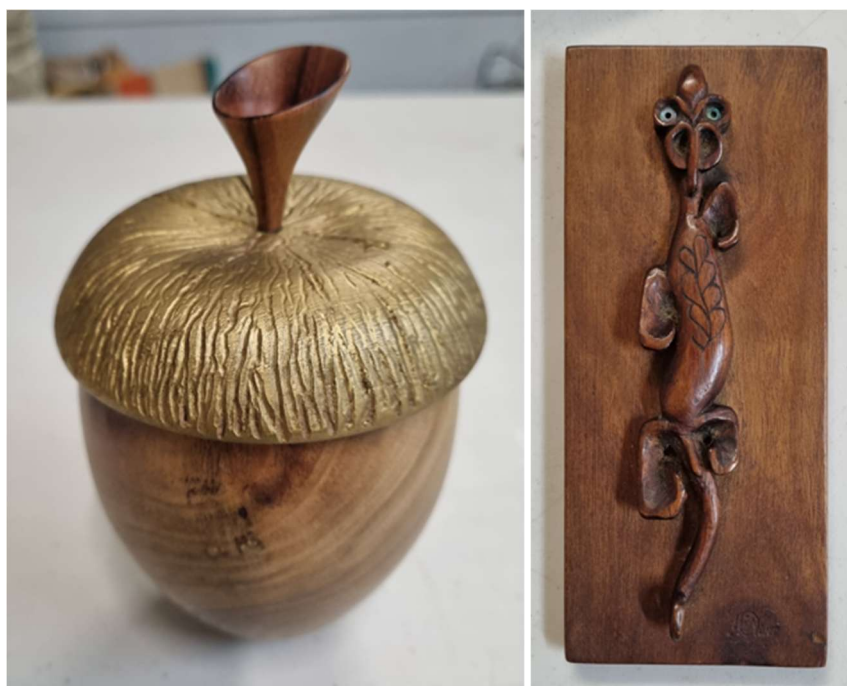


Above top: **Paul Barton** in action at our March Club Night: demonstrating turning techniques on a half-rotten piece of timber.

Above bottom left and right: Congratulations to **Dennis Morgan** for winning the fundraising auction of Paul's demonstration piece.



Above left: **Trio of Small Vases.** Gary Judkins (2026). Jarrah (*Eucalyptus marginata*).
Above right: **Chainmail Clock.** Mitchell Jury (2026). Kauri (*Agathis australis*) with Chainmail embellishments; this piece contains 272 interconnected rings.



Above left: **Acorn.** Bede Geoghegan (2026). Tasmanian Blackwood (*Acacia melanoxylon*), with embellishments.
Above right: **Taniwha Carving.** Hugh Oliver (2026). Mahogany (*Swietenia macrophylla*).



Above: **Wig Stands.** *David Cowley (2026).*



Above left and right: **Bowl with Paua Inlay.** *Clive Wilson, finished by Murray Price (2026).*



Above left: **Platter**. *Suzanne Ings (2026)*. Poplar burl (*Populus sp.*).

Above right: **Platter Bowl**. *Malcolm Downey (2026)*. London Plane (*Platanus sp.*) and Kwila (*Intsia sp.*).



Above: **Platter**. *John Baker (2026)*. Kauri (*Agathis australis*), with burl insert.

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