

# Waikato Guild of Woodworkers



## Members' Newsletter May 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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup> of May at our Storey Ave workshop. This month, we have **Michael Doyle** demonstrating **Tulip turning** on the lathe. The Whatawhata Road workshop has been turning tulips in support of Parkinson's New Zealand for a number of years. Last year New Zealand woodturning clubs raised \$20,000 for the Parkinson's NZ, and members of the former Hamilton Woodturners Club contributed about 250 pieces last year. We will look to hold tulip making workshops once we move into the new Cambridge Road premises – but for now, come along and pick up some tips and tricks, and get practising.

As always, please bring along any pieces for our Display Table; for those wanting a bit of inspiration: the challenge prompt for this month is **Plain Bowls and Platters** – you can find some wonderful entries in this category for last year's Art of Wood here <https://theartofwood-2025.naw.org.nz/entbycat/1>. For those wanting some ideas for June's Display Table, the challenge prompt will be something *Ornamental*.

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

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

The students from the ACE classes and the Youth Course continue to keep us busy, both during the class sessions and when they subsequently join the club. It is encouraging to see so many of our members take up the challenge of helping the new people explore the art of woodturning.



Above: Hamilton's newest woodturners. **Term Two Night Class** with their first projects.

It is important for the health of the club to pass on our skills and ensure that newer and younger members can carry the club forward when we are past our use by date. Whenever that may be.

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

We are now on our last few months of work before our new building is commissioned: the works on the exterior restoration is almost complete; our new storage container will be in place this week; internal painting and installation of plywood and GIB are progressing well; second fix of electrical and plumbing infrastructure is now underway; work on flooring to begin towards the end of the month.

Financially, the project has recently received a \$20,000 grant from Trust Waikato. While this is a significant boost, current forecasts indicate there may still be a potential funding shortfall of approximately \$50,000 by the end of August. Our committees have been actively considering ways to address this, including:

- Two further grant applications – to WEL Energy and Lottery Grants Board – have been submitted, with funding decisions expected in June/July.
- **Increasing member involvement** to help reduce costs. More support is needed at **Working Bees**, and we will be scheduling **regular sessions every Wednesday and Saturday**. Please keep an eye out for emails and notices advising when these will commence.
- Utilising a portion of club reserves, along with proceeds from the sale of the Storey Avenue workshop.
- Seeking additional **support from members through general donations**, sponsorship, or potentially member loans/debentures. Please note that any borrowing arrangement would require approval at a General Meeting, with at least 75% membership approval and a minimum of one month's notice provided to members.

As always, please get in touch with us if you can help us share the workload or provide items to the project:

- **Sand Wanted:** there are paving stones we wish to lay for the main entrance and other door areas. We want sand or similar product to lay under the pavers. Please get in touch with Grant or Mark if you know anyone that might have some sand or similar product available for us to use.
- **Planer/Thicknesser Use:** Dave Jones is currently working on a few displays for the building. He is needing a planer/thicknesser that can shave down planks 60cm x 2m. Please get in touch if you have one we can use.
- Please follow and **promote our Givealittle** page with your networks and communities. A donation is great, but even following and spreading the word can help contribute to the cause.
- Contributing gifts and appreciation packages for our community volunteers, donors, and supporters. 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

## Other Events and Notices

### Gordonton Art Trail

Members **Connie van der Walt** and **Grant Taylor** both exhibited at the recent Gordonton Art Trail. As well as the showcase and sale of their personal pieces, they also raised over \$400 for the club from donated items.

### NAW Expo/AGM

We were well represented at the recent NAW Expo in Auckland, with 12 members of our club in attendance across the weekend.

Also, a reminder that the NAW AGM will be held on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of May at 6:30pm via video conference.

### 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 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

## Calendar and Other Events

May 18 <sup>th</sup>	NAW AGM at @6:30 via video conference
May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Club Night 7:00 PM – Tulip Turning by Michael Doyle
Jun 16 <sup>th</sup>	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: **Keith Lang** demonstrating his tips and tricks on Wig Stand turning at April's Club Night. If members would like to contribute to this project, please get in touch with Rodney Haynes.



Above: **Term Two Youth Course** is well under way with their projects. This month we have **pigs**, a **pen** and a **bowl** with an interesting feature. Those interested in tutoring you Youth Classes or Adult Night Classes, please contact John Baker.



Above left: **Forest Floor**. *Megan Godfrey*, with repairs by *Roger Dean*. Pine.  
Above right: **Gecko and Moth**. *Megan Godfrey*, with repairs by *Roger Dean*. Deer Antler.



Above left: **Beehive Bowl.** *Barry Chatterton (2026)*. London Plane (*Plantus sp.*).  
Above right: **Bowl.** *Colin McKenzie (2026)*. Robinia (*Robinia pseudoacacia*) burl.



Above left: **Plate with Handle.** *Colin McKenzie (2026)*. Red Beech (*Nothofagus fusca*) burl, Purpleheart (*Peltogyne sp.*), with resin.  
Above right: **Lidded Pot.** *John Baker (2026)*. Kwila (*Intsia sp.*) and London Plane (*Plantus sp.*). 130mm diameter.



Above left: **Jug and Ripple Base.** *Connie van der Walt (2026).* Cherry (*Prunus serotina*), with Apple (*Malus pumila*) handle.

Above right: **Lidded Container.** *Connie van der Walt (2026).* Puriri (*Vitus lucens*), Oak (*Quercus sp.*), and Lemon (*Citrus sp.*).



Above left: **Bowl.** *Clive Wilson, finished by David Cowley.* *Kauri (Agathis australis).*

Above right: **Staircase Illusion Bowl.** *Stephen O'Connor (2026).* Cherry (*Prunus serotina*), Walnut (*Juglans nigra*), Macrocarpa (*Cupressus macrocarpa*), and Blackwood (*Acacia sp.*) base. 16 segments per row.



Above left: **Bowl.** *Mitchell Jury (2026).* Black Maire (*Nestegis cunninghamii*).  
Above right: **Cake Stand.** *Keith Lang (2026).* Black Maire (*Nestegis cunninghamii*).



Above left: **Fruit Bowl.** *Adrian Pester (2026).* Elm (*Ulmus sp.*) and Macrocarpa (*Cupressus macrocarpa*).  
300mm diameter.  
Above right: **Laminated Pin Lidded Pot.** *John Campbell (2026).*



Above left: **Blackwood Platter.** *Cameron Munro (2026).* Blackwood (*Acacia sp.*). 250mm diameter.  
Above right: **Small Pot.** *Michael Doyle (2026).* Teak (*Tectona grandis*) and Ash (*Faxinus sp.*).



Above left: **Fruit Bowl.** *Mina Swart (2026).* Chestnut (*Castanea sativa*).  
Above right: **Selection of Carvings.** *Hugh Oliver.* Various timbers and fossil.

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