

Waikato Guild of Woodworkers



Members' Newsletter July 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 Matthew	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 July at our Storey Ave workshop. Grant Taylor will be demonstrating making baby rattles.

This month's challenge prompt is ***Hollow Forms and Vases***; and for those looking for a head start for next month's display table – next month's prompt will be ***anything Off-Centred***.

Hall setup and tea prep duties for this month's Club Night will be the Whatawhata workshop groups.

Special General Meeting - Constitution Amendments and Charitable Status

The Committee is now proposing for the Club to be registered as a Charitable Incorporated Society.

To comply with the requirement of the Act, we will need to make a number of amendments to our current Constitution via a Members' Resolution and vote. At the same time, we will also hold a Members' Resolution on whether or not you support the adoption of Charitable status.

The Special General Meeting at which these votes will be taken is scheduled for **7PM on Tuesday 18th August 2026 at the Storey Ave clubrooms**. Proxy votes can be cast via mail or email to the Secretary (Niels), and must be received before this time. Further details on this process have been sent directly to members; if you have not received this, please contact Niels.

Fraser ACE and Youth Workshop – Learning and Tutoring Opportunities

ACE Woodturning classes for Term 3 are now open for enrolment. These are great classes for turners of all levels to learn and hone their skills on the lathe under the guidance of our tutors. Term 3 classes begin on Monday 20 July. We currently have 16 students enrolled across the classes, and spaces are still available.

Links for our two sessions are as below. Please share and promote with your friends, family, co-workers, and wider networks.

<https://www.fraserace.ac.nz/com-edu/course/woodturning-all-levels-26336-term-3>

<https://www.fraserace.ac.nz/com-edu/course/woodturning-daytime-26335-term-3>

Cambridge Road Updates



Above: Plumbers' vans at Cambridge Road. Thank you to our plumbing sponsors for supplying and installing the project's plumbing and drainage free of charge, and congratulations on winning the Master Plumbers Kava Award for community service.

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

- **Muscles to move pavers: 9am Saturday 18th July.** We have been donated pavers for the outdoor areas of the new clubrooms. These will need to be removed from their current location, and moved to storage at Cambridge Road. We expect to need some serious muscle power to complete the job, so please come help if you are able. Please let Kevin or a member of the Committee know if you intend to come so we have a rough idea of numbers to expect.
- **Time Capsule:** We are considering placing a time capsule within the walls of the new Cambridge Road building in the next couple of weeks. We are looking for suitable artifacts relating to the school, the school's history, the building's history, or the Guild, to be placed inside the capsule before it is sealed within the new building. The Committee is open to suggestions from the wider membership at this point; please contact us if you have any ideas or items that may be suitable.
- **Regular Working Bees: Every Wednesday morning and Saturday morning** from 9am unless otherwise advised. These have been attended by a few members, and we strongly encourage all members to attend where possible. If those times do not work for you but you would still like to help, please contact Kevin or Grant; there is always something useful to do during the week, including tasks suitable for members who are less physically able.
- **Wood Shavings and Sand Wanted:** Please keep bags of clean wood shavings over the next two months for use in the new gardens around the Cambridge Road workshop; we are also looking for sand for the paved outdoor areas. These can be stored in the shipping container or brick building until the garden work begins, expected around early August.
- **Office Desks:** We are still looking for corner office desks that can be repurposed into cabinets and shelving for the new workshop. Please contact Grant if you have anything suitable.
- **Timber Identification Help:** When shelving is installed in the shipping container and timber is being moved in, we will need quick and knowledgeable timber identifiers, or members comfortable using phone apps for this. This is likely to be around early August.
- **Official Opening:** As we move closer to move-in day we will be looking to ramp up the preparation for our Official Opening. Andrew Sheerin will be leading the charge on this but will need your support; please get in touch if you are able to help.

Other Notices and Events

Arts Post Exhibition 2027

We will be holding a members' exhibition at ArtsPost in March and April 2027. This exhibition has been held in previous years by the Hamilton Woodturners Club; now that the clubs have merged, the invitation is extended to all Guild members. Please start considering and working on pieces you may like to submit for the exhibition. Further details on selection criteria and processes will be provided in due course.

Scam Alert

There are a number of scam emails circulating pretending to be a member of the committee requesting items or a response from you. Please be vigilant, double check all email addresses and phone numbers before responding; if it feels wrong or if you are unsure of the legitimacy of the request, please speak with a trusted member of the Committee.

Lake Taupo Woodworkers Guild Jamboree

Lake Taupo Woodworkers Guild is holding its 2026 Jamboree and 40th year celebrations at Wairakei School from Friday 2 October to Sunday 4 October. Lathe sites, rental lathes, self-contained caravan and campervan sites, and day visitor tickets are still available. Registration is required by 20 September. For further details, please see attached notices or email taupowoodturner@gmail.com.

NAW Art of Wood

Entries for the annual Art of Wood will 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.

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 Facebook Group where you can find our monthly newsletters, notices, photos and more. Please follow this link: <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/15yuajiDJn/> to join.

Wig Stands

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 Events

Ongoing	Cambridge Road Working Bees – Every Wednesday and Saturday morning
Jul 18 th	Cambridge Road – Paver collection. Meet before 9am.
Jul 21 st	Club Night 7:00pm – Baby Rattles
Aug 18 th	Special General Meeting and Club Night 7:00pm
Oct 2 nd - 4 th	Lake Taupo Woodworkers Guild Jamboree
Mar – Apr 2027	ArtsPost Members' Exhibition

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 and any special notes. As always, if there are any errors or missing details, please let Niels know.

Thank you again to Mark de Lisle for taking photos at last month's Club Night.



Above: **Colin McKenzie** demonstrating the Wave Bowl at the June Club Night.



Above left: **Wave Bowl.** Colin McKenzie. Lawsoniana (*Chamaecyparis lawsoniana*).

Above right: **Wave Bowl.** Colin McKenzie. Lignum Vitae (*Lignum vitae*).



Above left: **Wave Bowl.** Colin McKenzie.

Above right: **Wave Bowl.** Gary Judkins. Possibly American Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*).



Top left: **Bowl.** *Bob Hoyle*. Possibly Elm (*Ulmus sp.*).
 Bottom left: **Bowl.** *Adrian Pester*. Elm (*Ulmus sp.*), 300mm diameter.
 Right: **Pepper Grinder.** *Monika Sullivan*. Blackwood (*Acacia melanoxylon*), 280mm tall.



Above: **Small Items.** *Peter Watt*. Various timbers including Gorse (*Ulex sp.*), Camellia (*Camellia sp.*) and Lemon (*Citrus sp.*).

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