

Waikato Guild of Woodworkers



Members' Newsletter August 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 and Special General Meeting

This month's **Club Night** and the **Special General Meeting** relating to the Members' Resolutions on the adoption of Charitable status will be at **7pm on Tuesday 18th of August** at our Storey Ave workshop. **Proxy votes can be cast** via mail or email to the Secretary (Niels), and must be received before this time.

Following the SGM and vote, we will also have a demonstration for members; we are currently finalising a couple our demonstrators and topic for the evening, so this month's demonstration will be a surprise to be revealed on the night! Hall setup and tea prep duties for this month's Club Night will be the Monday Storey Ave workshop groups.

Cambridge Road Updates

Work on the new clubrooms is progressing well – work has commenced on the deck and entrance areas, as well as significant progress on the internal works and fitout – and we are still on track to move in over the next couple of months. As members can appreciate, there are still a number of moving parts involved that need to be settled – including building compliance and administrative documentation – before we can provide finalised dates.

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

- **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.

Whatawhata Road Working Bee

The Whatawhata Road workshop will be holding its next regular Working Bee on **Saturday the 29th of August**. This will be for the usual tidy up and maintenance, and we would greatly appreciate help from members. Please contact Stephen Hawley if you have any questions.

Other Notices and Events

Nametag Engraving

We are looking to arrange engraved nametags for members. If you have access to laser engraving or CNC equipment, or know someone who may be able to help, please get in touch with the Committee.

From Forest to Form – 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.

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; 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. 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 are now open! 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>.

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
Aug 18 th	Special General Meeting and Club Night 7:00pm
Aug 29 th	Whatawhata Road Working Bee
Sep 15 th	Club Night 7:00pm
Oct 2 nd - 4 th	Lake Taupo Woodworkers Guild Jamboree
Mar – Apr 2027	From Forest to Form – ArtsPost Members' Exhibition



Waikato Guild of Woodworkers exhibition

From Forest to Form

Wood as Art

Presented at Artspost Galleries

120 Victoria Street, Hamilton

All members of Waikato Guild of Woodworkers are invited to submit quality work to be included into the exhibition.

Exhibition dates : 18th March – 17th April 2027

Entries Close : 5th March 2027

(To allow for cataloguing and setup)

All work must be for sale

Gallery Commission is 40% + GST

Work to be presented with makers Name, indication of price, title of piece, wood and finish if available.

Price may be adjusted ($\pm$) by co-ordinators comparing with other similar pieces of work. Work submitted without a price, will be priced and members are to either accept price or withdraw work.

All forms or woodwork will be considered.

Woodturning, Carving, Intarsia, Marquetry, Fretwork, Small joinery & furniture

Exhibited items can be displayed on the floor, plinths, shelves and wall space

Due to smaller WSA gallery than previous exhibition, not all work submitted may be exhibited.

Start now!!

Co-Ordinators: Richard Jackson richard000jackson@gmail.com

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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.



Above: **Small Items.** *Peter Watt (2026).* Various timbers including Gorse (*Ulex sp.*) and Lemon (*Citrus sp.*).



Above left: **Hollow Form.** *Eddie Pettley (2026).* Swamp Kauri (*Agathis australis*).

Above right: **Hollow Form.** *Eddie Pettley (2026).* Kauri (*Agathis australis*).



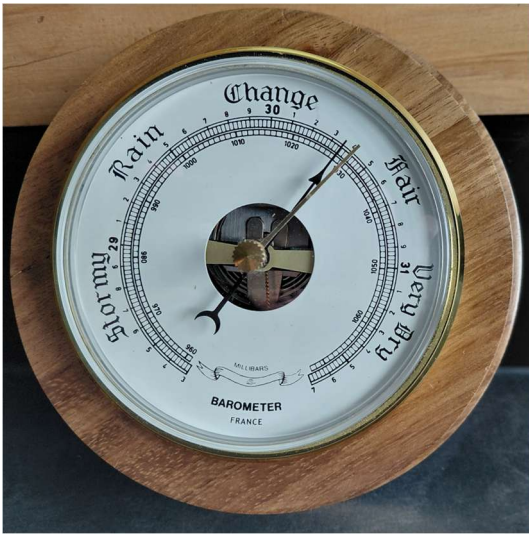
Above left: **Bowl.** Hugh Oliver (c. 1958). Kohekohe (*Dysoxylum spectabile*) and Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*).

Above right: **Vases.** Dave Jones. Various timbers including Mahogany (*Swietenia sp.*) and Olive (*Olea europaea*).



Above left: **Candlestick.** Bede Geoghegan (2026). Cedar (*Cedrus sp.*).

Above right: **Platter.** Bede Geoghegan (2026) with laminated timber prepared by Clive Dyson.



Above left and right: **Barometer.** *Jenny Jenkins (2026).* Unknown timber



Above left and right: **Container.** *Melissa (2026)* from our ACE Class. Recycled Matai (*Prumnopitys taxifolia*).

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