

Waikato Guild of Woodworkers



Members' Newsletter September 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 Principles and Code of Conduct

The Guild is built around our members and our shared interest in working with wood. We are made up of people from a wide range of backgrounds who come to the club to learn, share skills, use the workshops, and enjoy woodworking alongside others.

Please be mindful of your conduct and interactions whenever you are at the club, attending a Guild event, or representing the Guild in the wider community. Members are expected to treat others with courtesy and respect, help maintain a welcoming and safe environment, and follow the Guild's rules, workshop procedures, and code of conduct.

If you are able to help with the running of the club, events, workshops, or other practical tasks, please put your hand up so the work is shared across the membership.

Club Night

September's Club Night will be at 7pm on Tuesday 15th September at the Storey Ave clubrooms. This month, we have **Dave Jones demonstrating inside-out turning** on the lathe.

Special General Meeting Outcome

Thank you for all those who provided their feedback, proxies, and all those who joined us for the Special General Meeting last month regarding the Charitable Status of the club. The resolutions were passed unanimously; the Committee is currently working on the registration process. We expect this to take some time to complete but will keep members updated on the progress.

AGM and 2027 Committee

Save the date: Our AGM this year is scheduled for 7pm on Tuesday 17th November at the Cambridge Road clubroom. Further details, including the agenda, will be provided in due course.

As a part of the AGM, we will be voting for our committee for 2027. Please consider putting your name forward for the 2027 Committee. Committee members are vital to the running of the Guild; without members prepared to take on these roles, we simply do not have a functioning club.

There will also be a number of roles outside the Committee where practical help will be needed as we settle into the new workshop and continue the work of the Guild. As always, please put your hand up where you can. Even a small contribution helps share the load.

Cambridge Road Updates

We are now on the home stretch before our relocation to the new premises! We expect this to begin in late-October/early-November; the Committee will let members know once we have a better idea of the dates.

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

- **End of Year Function – Saturday December 5th 4pm:** Save the date. We will be holding our end of year BBQ for members, friends, and family to celebrate all that we have achieved this year and the move into our new clubrooms.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Official Opening:** The Official Opening for the new clubrooms will happen early-2027. Andrew Sheerin will be leading the charge on this but will need your support; please get in touch if you are able to help.

Te Rapa Primary – Weta House Project

Te Rapa Primary School is planning a Term 4 project where Year 3/4 students will design and build weta houses for the school's nature garden. The project will help students develop creative problem-solving, design, testing and improvement skills while learning how technology can support people, animals and the environment.

The school is looking for donations of offcuts, loose parts or old stock that may be suitable for the project, including **tools, untreated timber, bamboo, wire, cable ties, hinges, perspex, or any other useful materials**, as well as **advice, ideas, and expertise from members** who may have experience with this type of project.

Please contact Kylee (knobilo@terapa.school.nz) if you are able to help.

ACE and Youth Classes

Our final Community Education classes have just wound up for the year. There are no classes planned for term 4 due to the upcoming shift, so we get a chance to regroup and prepare for 2027 in the new workshop.

It's been a busy term with a total of 17 students ranging in age from 14 to 79 years. Five of these are now part of the regular club sessions. There has been a total of 38 students throughout this year. A number of these have also joined the club. This is a great outcome and shows the value of this as a way to introduce new members to the world's best hobby.

A huge thank you to all who have been involved in all aspects of this. From tutoring, supplying wood blanks, providing backup.

Fraser ACE have been a valuable partner in this venture and they are waiting to see what we do next.

We have plenty more ideas for new classes as we settle in and continue to fit out the various parts of the building. But that will require woodie subject experts putting their hands up to be involved. This means you! Give some thought as to how you can contribute.

- John Baker, Lead Tutor for ACE and Youth Classes



Above: An excellent selection of well-crafted bowls from the Monday night ACE class. Various timbers.

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
Sep 15 th	Club Night 7:00pm
Oct 2 nd - 4 th	Lake Taupo Woodworkers Guild Jamboree
Oct 20 th	Club Night 7:00pm, Storey Ave – subject to change pending relocation
Nov 17 th	Club AGM 7:00pm, Cambridge Road
Dec 05 th	End of Year BBQ 4:00pm, Cambridge Road
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 (±) 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 top left and right: **Crackle Effect Plates.** *Connie van der Walt (2026).*

Above bottom: August Club Night Demonstration by Connie.



Above: **Small Containers.** Peter Watt (2026). Various timbers including Gorse (*Ulex sp.*) and Camellia (*Camellia japonica*).



Above left: **Commemorative Plaque.** Bede Geoghegan (2026). Upcycled Rimu (*Dacrydium cupressinum*) shelving timber and nameplate from Karapiro Dam.

Above right: **Commemorative Gauge.** Upcycled Rimu (*Dacrydium cupressinum*) and current gauge from Karapiro Dam.



Above left: **Square Bowl.** Keith Buick (2026). Unknown timber.
Above right: **Bowl.** Keith Buick (2026). Ash (*Fraxinus americana*).



Above left and right: **Double Triangular Form.** Keith Buick (2026). Cherry (*Prunus sp.*).



Above left and right: **Female Figures.** Colin Mckenzie (2026). Various timbers including Pine (*Pinus sp.*), Black Walnut (*Juglans nigra*), Rewarewa (*Knightia excelsa*), Kohuhu (*Pittosporum tenuifolium*), Mairi (*Nestegis cunninghamii*), Pink Mahogany (*Swietenia sp.?*), Kauri (*Agathis australis*), and Kahikatea (*Dacrycarpus dacrydioides*), with ink.



Above left: **Lamp Stands.** Robert Wiseley and Tyneal Windelborn (2026). Rewarewa (*Knightia excelsa*).
 Above right: **Bar Stool.** John Baker (2026). Macrocarpa (*Cupressus macrocarpa*) and construction plywood; 700mm.



Above top left: **Small Dish.** *Suzanne Ings (2026).* Puriri (*Vitex lucens*).

Above top right and bottom: **Lidded Container.** *Suzanne Ings (2026).* Unknown timber with burl inset.

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