

Waikato Guild of Woodworkers



Members' Newsletter October 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 – Art of Wood Exhibition

October's Club Night will be held at **7pm on Tuesday 20 October** at the Storey Ave club hall, where we will host **the Art of Wood 2026 Waikato Exhibition**, featuring entries and award winners from across the region, including those of our members Tunde Balvanyos, Steve Carlisle, Richard Jackson, Gary Judkins, Mitchell Jury, Dennis Morgan, Murray Price, Connie van der Walt, and Robert Wiseley. This is a public event, so please invite family and friends and help spread the word.

AGM and 2027 Committee Nominations

Our AGM will be held at **7pm on Tuesday 17 November at the Cambridge Road clubroom**. The attached notice includes further details, along with proxy voting and Committee Officer nomination forms.

Members will elect the 2027 Committee at the AGM. Please consider standing for the Committee or nominating another member who may be willing to serve. A committed committee is essential to the Guild's continued operation, and we need members to step forward.

We will also need help with a range of roles outside the Committee as we settle into the new workshop and continue the Guild's activities. Please put your hand up where you can; every contribution helps share the workload.

Cambridge Road Updates

We are now on the home stretch. Our application for the Code Compliance Certificate has been submitted, and we expect it to be issued within the next couple of weeks. Once it is issued, we will be able to begin operating from the new clubrooms.

If you can lend a hand or provide any of the items needed for the project, please get in touch:

- **The Big Move:** We plan to move into the new workshops towards the end of the month and will need fit, able-bodied volunteers to help move the lathes and other heavy equipment. If you, your family or friends, or a community group can help, please get in touch.
- **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.
- **Regular Working Bees:** Every Wednesday morning and Saturday morning from 9am unless otherwise advised.
- **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. Please get in touch if you are able to help organise or assist with this.

Trade Corner

Triton Table Saw and Magazines – Dennis Morgan, Te Awamutu (Club Member)

Dennis is selling a Triton Mark 3 table saw with various boxed attachments for \$150. He is also giving away his collection of English Woodturning magazines. Please contact Dennis on 020 4117 6948 or morgan-family@xtra.co.nz.



Timber and Tools – Chris Pickin, Pukete (Public)

Chris is selling a Carbatec 1.2 variable-speed lathe with accessories, two grinders, a bandsaw, and a drill press. He also has about two trailer loads of dry timber cubes and rounds, including totara, kauri, elm, oak, walnut, and pohutukawa. The timber is free but must be taken as one lot. Contact Chris on 027 493 6691 or chrispickin@xtra.co.nz.



Wanted: Sofa Leg Extensions – John Britton (Public)

John is looking for someone to turn 12 sofa-leg extensions from Banksia branches he can supply. A simple finish is acceptable, making this suitable for a beginner or an experienced turner. Please contact John to discuss details and pricing on 027 733 4083 or john.britton@comax.co.nz.

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.

Acorn ITM Members Discount

Our major sponsor Acorn ITM in Riverlea is offering members a trade discount for products. Please mention that you are a member of the club and the staff will apply the discount for you.

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.

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
Oct 20 th	Club Night 7:00pm – Art of Wood Exhibition
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.

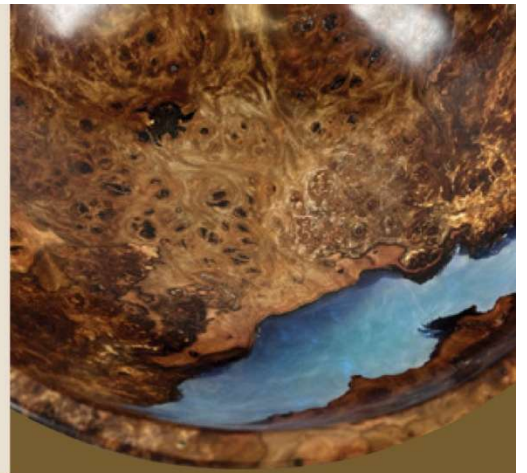
Start now!!

Co-Ordinators: Richard Jackson richard000jackson@gmail.com

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**FREE
ENTRY**

**TUESDAY
20 OCTOBER
7:00PM**



ART OF WOOD

Waikato Exhibition

**WAIKATO GUILD OF WOODWORKERS
8 STOREY AVENUE, FOREST LAKE, HAMILTON**

EVERYONE WELCOME
*Hosted by Waikato Guild
of Woodworkers*

**EXPLORE THE
EXHIBITION ONLINE**

From 1 October

www.artofwood.nz

*Info & enquiries:
Trefor 021 153 3060*



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: September Club Night Demonstration by Dave Jones: Inside Out Turning.



Above: **Small Containers.** Peter Watt (2026). Various timbers including Gorse (*Ulex sp.*), Totara (*Podocarpus totara*), Barberry (*Berberis sp.*), and Lemon (*Citrus sp.*) with embellishments.



Above: **Figurines.** Hugh Oliver. *Acacia paradoxa* (left) and Pink Broom (*Carmichaelia glabrescens*) (right).



Above: **Large Bowl.** Colin McKenzie (2026). Ash (*Faxinus americana*), with resin and paua inlays.



Above left: **Small Container.** Colin McKenzie (2026). Black Mairi (*Nestegis cunninghamii*), burl offcut with turned deer antler lid.

Above right: **Large Bowl.** Colin McKenzie (2026). Mairi (*Nestegis cunninghamii*) burl.



Above: **Egg Cups.** *Callum Birch (2026)*, from our Youth Course.



Above left and right: **Acorn.** *Daniel Mundy (2026)*, from our Youth Course.



Above top and bottom: The Whatawhata Road Thursday evening group with their **Multi-Axial Ladies**. The latest challenge for the Thursday evening Whatawhata Road group was an exercise in multi-axial turning. This was keenly accepted and quickly developed into a detailed discussion on ladies' hats and dresses.



Above: **Bowl.** *Clive Wilson and Robert Wisely (2026)*. Kauri (*Agathis australis*). Members will recall that earlier in the year we lost Clive Wilson, Tutor at Hamilton club for many years. As a parting challenge Clive left a number of pieces that he had commenced but not finished. These have now been completed by club members and presented to Clive's family.



Above left: **Bowl.** *Clive Wilson and Colin McKenzie (2026)*. Kowhai (*Sophora sp.*).

Above right: **Bowl.** *Clive Wilson and Murray Price (2026)*. Unknown Timber.



Above: **Bowl.** Clive Wilson and David Cowley (2026). Kauri (*Agathis australis*).



Above: **Containers.** Clive Wilson and Richard Jackson (2026). Buckthorn (*Rhamnus sp.*).

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