

Woodchat

Tauranga Woodcrafters' Guild Monthly E-Newsletter



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Te Kete Tuatea
Basket of knowledge
which could be
harmful
Lance Gray

The three baskets of knowledge represent the legend of Tane going to heaven to obtain the baskets. Each pattern was chosen by Pirirakau's cultural representative. The flax handles were woven by Lance Gray's wife Rawinia, a talented and noted weaver in Omokoroa, and from Pirirakau hapu. The finish was Liberon sanding sealer and Danish oil and the handles are epoxy glued to the wood.

Te Kete Tuauri
Basket of ritual, memory
and prayer
Geoff Brann

Te Kete Aronui
Basket of helpful knowledge
Phil Hansen

President's Report

Happy Woodcrafting 2024



I hope everyone is keeping well. To all those members who are unwell, or recovering from illness, our thoughts are with you and we all wish you a speedy recovery.



WELCOME to new member Jon Weaving.

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Happy new year to everyone. Hope you enjoyed your Christmas and New Year's activities and are now looking forward to getting into more woodcrafting.

Group meetings have all resumed. Thanks to all the group coordinators for getting things underway and communicating with everyone.



Woodcrafting course

This year it would be a great goal to run a short intensive woodcrafting teaching course and then use the course to promote everything we do in the club.

I have had discussions with some group coordinators about such a course and ultimately we will need volunteers to help the course leader.

Carving project at Omokoroa Library

The baskets were carved from a very old black walnut tree, which grew on the old pa site, now the Gerald Crapp Reserve and is believed to have been planted by one of the early settlers - either Rev. Gellibrand or his son-in-law Thomas Crapp. The tree has special significance to the Pirirakau hapu, who consider it grew on the blood of their ancestors.

The kete will be mounted on the wall of the Library and Pirirakau will add explanatory panels about the legend. The club is being paid for making the work.



Gerald Crapp Reserve



The new library

🔥 BBQ 🔥

It was great to have so many members, partners and family, get together with us at the workshop on Saturday 20th January for a BBQ. I especially enjoyed catching up with various members I hadn't seen at the workshop for a while.

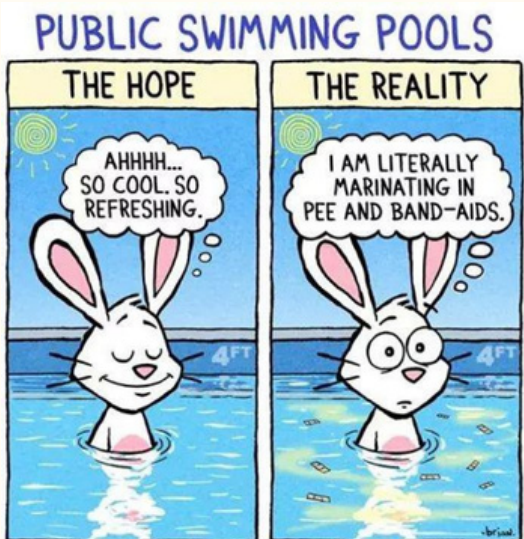


Many thanks to Colin Milne, Mike Buck and Roy Tregilgas for their planning and BBQ cooking skills.

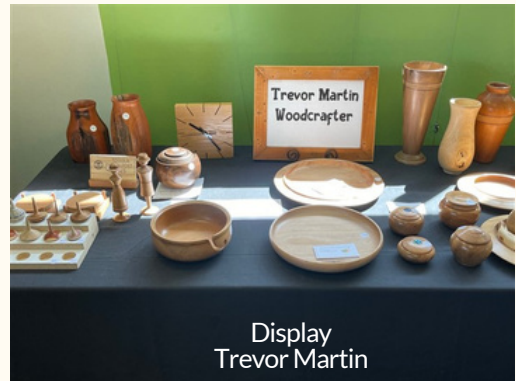
Check out the great display of recent members work at the BBQ. Wonderful to see the talent and creative ideas.







The Guild has a display of wood crafts on display and for sale in The Old Library Omokoroa (TOLO) from 10am until 4pm until the end of January.



Display Trevor Martin



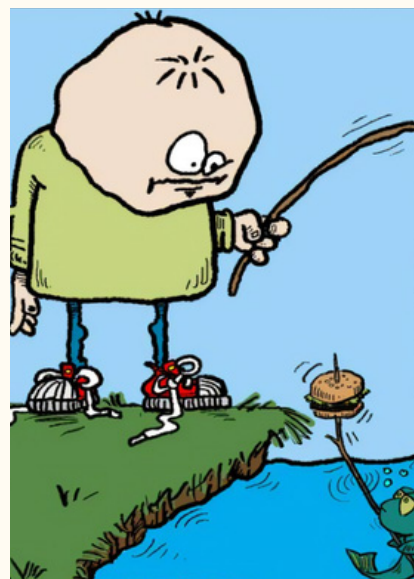
Barwick Harding



Scrollsaw work Gavin Bell



Trevor Martin



February 2024 Calendar



Carvers	9.30am	5th/12th/19th/26th
Turners	9.30am	6th/13th/20th/27th
Wood Prep	9.30am	8th/15th/22nd/29th
Scrollsawers	9.30am	7th/21st
Open Workshop	6.30pm	Tuesday, 13th/27th
	9.30am	Saturday, 10th/24th
Guild Meeting	1.30pm	17th



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March	Wood Prep
April	Carvers
May	Turners
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