

newsletter of the tauranga woodcrafters guild inc.



2026 Sustainability Award Plaques - Club Project

President's Blog

Happy New Year everyone.

It's been great to see the level of energy already from the carvers and turners and I am sure the other groups are coming back refreshed and inspired. The odd injury around that reminds us that equipment in the workshop can be unforgiving so please take care - both of the gear and most importantly.

We have farewelled some longstanding members towards the end of last year - Derek, Jean and Merv. They have done so much for the club over many years so I want to acknowledge that. Derek even went so far as to leave a donation through commission on selling his equipment and now selling some of his timber stocks - which I would like to thank Phil for his efforts there on behalf of the club. Another piece of work generating income is though Greg and Phil picking Dereks commission work for making turned and carved plaques for the 2026 NZ Farm Environment and Sustainability awards.

TOLO out at Omokoroa continued to give visibility to the Guilds activities - thanks to Greg for co-ordinating. A few sales were made.

We have had one new member join the carvers - welcome Yann.



The maintenance team started the new year by replacing the planner blades that had been chipped - quite a fiddly and time consuming task - which should have been unnecessary but people keep processing recycled timber. the Jointer also needs attention. Mark is looking for a replacement part for the big bandsaw. The blade on the small bandsaw unfortunately broke due to a bit too much pressure. A learning experience but thanks timely incident reporting meant we have been able to quickly get onto sorting out a replacement

We will need to do a workshop “spring-clean” so will let you know the proposed date soon

A couple of NAW things to keep in mind - the annual workshop this year is in Papatoetoe early May; and the Art of Wood for Sept entries We've enjoyed prior year showings at our clubrooms but for that to continue this year we need to be submitting entries - I am told it is 15 submissions from a club for this coming year - so please get crafting and submit a piece or two.

Looking forward to seeing peoples creativity as the year progresses.

Regards Paul

Group Activities

Activities have recently resumed for all Groups. You can find the schedule of dates for February at the end of this newsletter, together with the Duty Group roster for the whole of 2026.

Workshop Housekeeping

In the interest of ensuring the clubrooms stay in a tidy state for everyone the Committee requests:

That after each workshop season

- **The kitchen is left**
 - o clean and tidy,
 - o Bins are emptied
 - o Food leftovers removed including from fridge
 - o Floors given a mop if needed
- **The Bathrooms are left clean**
 - o Sinks and toilets left tidy
 - o Waste baskets emptied
 - o Floors given a mop if needed
- **The Woodworking area**
 - o Tools Away
 - o Machinery left safe and
 - o Dust, scraps and shavings removed
 - o Door mat shaken and floors swept
 - o All power off and plugs unplugged
 - o Facilities locked up and alarms set

Thank you

TWG Committee

Nov 2025

FEBRUARY 2026 CALENDAR

Carvers	9.30am	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd
Saturday Leaner Carvers	9.30am	7th
Turners	9.30am	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th
Woodcraft Workshop	9.30am	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
Scrollsaw	9.30am	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Saturday - Openworkshop	9.30am	14th, 28th
Guild	1.30pm	21st

DUTY ROSTER

February	.....	Thurs Woodcrafters
March	.....	Carvers
April	.....	Sat. Openworkshop
May	.....	AGM (Turners)
June	.....	Scrollsaw
July	Thurs Woodcrafters
August	Carvers
September	Sat. Openworkshop

GUILD DIRECTORY

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Duty Roster Responsibilities

- Catering : Tea / Coffee a few snacks
- Seating. : Set up and put away
- Talk, Demo or Guest speaker

Advise the President two-weeks before so it can be advertised for interest.

Notice of Special General Meeting

**Notice is hereby given for a Special General Meeting
to be held for the Tauranga Woodcrafters Association
on Saturday 21 February 2026
at the clubrooms 3 Cherokee Place
Commencing 1:30pm**

A quorum is required comprising 20% of the current financial members. If you can't attend a proxy may be provided to a Committee member in person or by emailing the club advising such

The items to be addressed at the meeting are :

1. Set budget and membership fees for the year commencing 1 April 2026, and
2. Amend clause 8.1 of the constitution to create a smaller Finance Committee for operating the Guild's bank accounts and to transact the financial affairs of the Guild. This change is necessary as the Bank interpretation of the existing clause means that for any change to authorities to operate accounts, add, delete signatories all members of the Committee must sign the necessary paperwork and as necessary provide proof of id etc etc. Following last years change to the executive it took us 6 months to make the necessary changes through the bank - a situation not really tenable for future committees
3. Amend clause 5.7 so that the frequency of Committee meetings shall be a minimum of two monthly (currently monthly). This is ample for a club of this size and the Committee can quickly be called together to consider any matters that need attention

Full details on these matters will be sent out next week (hopefully)

Note: the SGM is a part of our normal February Guild meeting
Duty Team for that meeting is the Thursday Woodcrafters

We were kindly donated wood courtesy of Derek Kenwood by way of donation and this will be brought to the meeting (if not sold before) providing to purchase quality wood at very reasonable prices. I will be sending out a separate note on what is available shortly

Paul Glenton
President - TWG

Activities



Wood turning and then carving the sustainability award plaques in accordance with Derek Kerwood design instructions, has occupied a number of hours over the summer break. We bought a slab of kiln dry black walnut (as recommended by Derek) for the 11 regional award plaques and used copper beech for the National award. We created a special makers logo and Trevor Martin kindly used his laser burner to print this onto the back of each plaque to keep Derek's memory with the plaques.



Derek Kerwood Design

The Public Art Omokoroa recently advised that they have finally installed a new wall carving in their library. Our Guild has carved three items for this piece of work (the 3 baskets of Tane). A local Maori carver, Pete Smith, has carved a Waharoa (the gateway) to sit above the baskets with a design representing the heavens. Public Art Omokoroa hopes to have a formal opening and unveiling in late January or early February.

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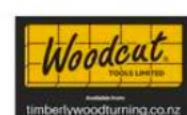
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