



Another beautiful piece of segmented turning work by Ron Gubb

### Presidents Blog

The budget and subscriptions for the year starting 1st April 2026 - 31st March 2027 were approved unanimously at the Guild's General Meeting on 21st February 2026.

Subscriptions are due for renewal for the 2026/2027 year from 1st April 2026. The fees for the year are:

Type	Membership Subs
Full Membership – Not NAW Member	\$150
Full Membership – NAW Member ( NAW number to be supplied )	\$140
½ Year membership if Join after 31 Dec 2026	\$75
Partner Active Membership – additional	\$45
Partner is Social Member only	\$5
Junior Member ( 18-20 years )	\$20

*Note : Subs enable access to any of the Club workshops and includes receipt of an electronic copy of the monthly newsletter. Use of machinery and facilities is provisional on payment of the subs by due date and submission of the updated membership form and safety declaration*

*Note : Membership will be discontinued if subs have not been paid by 24 April 2026 per Constitution clause 3.6)*

Members who wish to renew must also resign a 2026/27 Membership Form agreeing to comply with the Guild's procedures and safety rules.

Motions to amend the Constitution by: adding a definition for “Finance Subcommittee” to Clause 1.5; to revise Clause 8.1 to define that the Finance Subcommittee is responsible for control and management of the funds and property of the Guild; and to revise Clause 5.7 to define the frequency of Committee meetings to being “at least once every two months”. The motions to make these changes were approved unanimously by members attending the Guild’s General Meeting on 21st February 2026.

Every member is reminded that

- Until a person pays their subscription and completes a membership form, prospective members are not allowed to use the machinery even under supervision.
- Workshop leads are the sole arbiters on what is appropriate use of equipment and may halt at risk methods.
- Workshop leads may request use of loud/noisy machinery to be stopped.
- Members are reminded that we are a club of hobbyists, so extended use of single items of woodworking equipment would, as of course, be considered contrary to the clubs objective and will be discouraged.
- Members are reminded that as part of their membership renewal they have made undertakings as to following club safety expectations.

From March 1st, 2026 a sign off sheet, which will be located on the desk by the entrance, must be signed off by a group leader certifying that the egresses are clear. Sign off is a compulsory activity required by our building warrant of fitness.

The Turners are evaluating whether to purchase a 2bd hand Nova 3000 lathe and possibly to dispose of the Hathco.

**Regards Paul**



### **Carvers**

The members of our new carving group have started an ambitious project to complete a sculptural project of a ladies head. The next session for the group is March 7th, but with the

### **Group Activities**

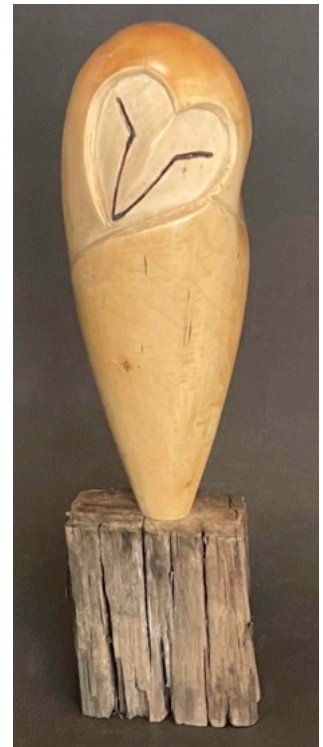
Activities have recently resumed for all Groups. You can find the schedule of dates for March at the end of this newsletter, together with the Duty Group roster for the whole of 2026.



1st Saturday in April being the Easter weekend, the April date is still to be confirmed.

The Monday Carving group is once again busy with a lot of different projects. One of the current focuses seems to be on carving birds - both realistic and abstract.

Our new carver Yann began working on carving a fork, while Kent has progressed work on his humpback whale carving which is looking great.



A selection of photos of members work follows.



### Turners

Turners who are attending the Tuesday morning, Wednesday evening, Saturday morning and beginner group sessions are all busy, and full of enthusiasm. Once again here are some photos of work.





### Woodworking Group

Mike Buck presented a very interesting talk at the February monthly meeting of the Guild on his procedure for making inlay boards.

A video of this talk is available to view and download from the Guild main webpage, and with this link:  
<https://vimeo.com/1167494106>

### Safety Warning

An article appeared in the December 2025 issue of Creative Wood which mentioned the use of different brake cleaners for removing carbon when cleaning CBN Grinding Wheels (used for chisel sharpening).



The Guild has been alerted to the potential health and safety risks associated with some of these products. We recommend that people avoid any brake cleaning product that use Tetrachloroethylene (known as PERC) because of the potential cancer risks. A product which is considered a safer alternative by the NZ motor service industry is ChemZ "Rapid Brake Cleaner", which is both chlorine and CFC free.



### Speaker for March 2026 Group Meeting

The Carving group is on duty for the Guild meeting on 21st March & our speakers (Nadia and Wolf de Kremer) will be discussing Chainsaw carving!



### Safety Awareness

The reason we have safety rules is so that members avoid having this problem!

### 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.

#### MARCH 2026 CALENDAR

Carvers	9.30am	2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Saturday Leaner Carvers	9.30am	7th
Turners	9.30am	3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st
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

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

#### GUILD DIRECTORY

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Newsletter Editor	Phil Hansen (Interim)
Librarian	TBD

November	.....	Scrollsaw
December	.....	No Meeting
Jan-27	.....	No Meeting
Feb-27	.....	Thurs Woodcrafters

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