



Sandra's (first!) small goblet is the Editors pick of the month.

Presidents Blog

The year moves at pace

There is the NAW Expo event happening at the beginning of May in Papatoetoe - still chance to attend. Art of Wood comes around fast - so get crafting

Bill Wilson is looking to organise some basic woodworking / cabinet making projects - so if you are interested get in touch with him.

Our AGM is just a month away - nominations needed for the executive and committee. Notice of meeting has been sent out.

Machinery damage continues to happen and is frustrating. Chips in the new thicknesser blades and a kink in one of the new bandsaw blades. Unfortunately the club is not able to continually fund repairs so we are moving to "live with it until it becomes a big enough concern" approach chips or kinks out of blades will be monitored but not remediated until sufficiently concerning. We will however continue to address any safety issues as they arise.

Happy creating.

Paul Glenton
President TWG

AGM NOTICES

The Guild's AGM will be held **at the clubrooms at 1:30pm Sat 16 May 2026**

Call For Nominations

The Executive and Committee must be appointed at each AGM

This is the formal call for nominations

The 3 executive roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer **must be filled**

Nominations are also needed for the wider Committee

If you have any nominations please add them to the form that is on the noticeboard.

The Nominee must sign off that they are willing to be considered for positions

Voting at the AGM

Only fully financial members can vote - so if you have yet to pay your subs important to get done before the AGM

Should you wish to assign a proxy please email your proxy to the Guild's email address assigning the proxy to the President.

AGM Agenda

1. Appointment of Executive and Committee
2. President's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Adoption of Annual accounts
5. General Business

Regards

Paul Glenton

President - TWG

Tauranga Woodcrafters Guild

Invites you to:

Demonstrations and Sales Opportunities

Being brought to us by Terry Scott of Timberly Woodturning

On Sunday **21 June 2026** at our workshop 3 Cherokee Place, Tauranga

Please RSVP for numbers to tgawoodcrafters@gmail.com



The Program:

9:15	Set up complete and open for attendees - Sales opportunity from Timberly - Tea and Coffee available
10:15 - 11:45	Demo 1 by Terry Scott - Sharpening and turning techniques - getting a clean cut with minimum sanding . - What makes a good bowl - Bowl form - suitable finishes - and if time permitting : a showing Terry's ideas on new method of turning a bird in flight ,called "Flying Away". which becomes a lidded box . This is also a centre piece with texturing and carving, which could be of interest to carvers as well .
11:45 - 12:45	Lunch break - Sales opportunity from Timberly - Tea and Coffee available. Lunch is BYO
12:45 - 2:15	Demo 2 Multi-axis turning by Terry Scott - Mounting a burl and turning a multi-axis bowl - Safety considerations, jigs, securing pieces aligning for more than 1 centre, keeping balanced . - finishing and suitable embellishment
2:15- 3:15	- Fellowship and questions - Final Sales Opportunity from Timberly

We are look forward to seeing you there

Paul Glenton

President TWG



Turning Group

Creative outputs were shared at the 1st April meeting of the month from the challenge set by Graham (Machiavelli) Nicolson - "turn something from an indoor bowl". These are made from a very hard oily wood - lignum vitae - which provided much scope for thoughtful ways to approach the holding of the bowl, through to gluing up. Turning the very hardwood was in itself a major challenge. Fun was had - with a few swear words along the journey as things didn't quite go to plan.



Carving Group

The Monday Carvers keep beavering away from 9:30am until about 2.00pm each week. Smoko and lunch discussions always take a deep dive into a wide range of topics - amongst this months discussions have been class distinction in India and John's life at sea visiting those places. John and Alex are busy carving their ladies' head, and coming along nicely. Chandon has stained his fossil carving and started work on carving a boot. Kent has been diverted onto his breadboard-making exercise. Perhaps for her forthcoming 100-year birthday his Mum is getting a present of a new breadboard?





Saturday OpenWorkshop (every 2nd & 4th Saturday)

Members who work on the weekdays find our Saturday Openworkshop Group suit them well, whether they are interested in Turning, Carving, Scrollsawing or have their own woodcrafting project in mind.

Bill Wilson, our group leader of the Saturday Open Workshop, makes it a multi-tasking session facilitating members' passion for timber and sharing his knowledge & skills.

Last Saturday, 11th April, Bill brought in planks of pine, kauri and more all ready for attendee's vision to turn into individual creations.

In the upcoming Saturday Open Workshops, Bill is proposing people work on one of two (2) proposed group projects: Garden Chair & Cabinet making. **Please contact Bill via text message or on WhatsApp 0210354553 if you are interested.**



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April Guild Meeting

The April monthly meeting provoked a lot of interesting discussion.

1. Mike Buck spoke on some of the make and assembly subtleties of how he makes his heirloom boxes.

2. We had a brief refresher on the whys

and wherefores of using our dust extractors. The intention is for the team leads to bring this refresher forward to each of the workshops

- Extractor MUST connected and ON BEFORE any of the bandsaws, planner, thicknesser or sanders are turned on
- consider angle of the hoses for best effect
- empty the bag when 3/4 full
- re attach empty bags so not hanging off the units - torn bags make spread the dust and lose the benefit
- the 3 HP extractor should be used on any equipment that creates chips
- members to stop anyone not doing so
- and safety with power leads - no coiling around your arm to wind up. Sonot wrap around the coils to tie up - it is not a mooring rope! Don't kink the leads. Loop by extending your arms to make the loops

3. And there was a Machinery maintenance discussion (Yes - Yet another one!)

- one of the new bandsaw blades is kinked beyond repair - undersized timber made a catch!
- the thicknesser had a couple of issues - glue on the rollers - so please ensure your work is fully cured; and we have a couple chips in the new blades - either nails or possibly stones in end grain. We have fixed the thickener but it was agreed we wouldn't be actioning repairing the blades at this point in time. So you will have to do more sanding for now.
- Why are we doing this? The club isn't a bottomless pit of money and the messages about more care and consideration is not getting through. Recycled timber is still being presented to equipment even though the standing rule is that no recycled timber is to be used in our workshop.
- after discussion it was agreed that we will be less focused on sorting out defects as they arise. Small defects / off alignment will be ignored until the problem becomes significant
- safety issues will continue to be actioned promptly
- please don't rely on the workshop leads to identify all the issues - they are often caught up helping others - be aware of what you or others are doing and take action in advance so issues don't arise please

Regards

Paul Glenton
President TWG

MAY 2026 CALENDAR

Carvers	9.30am	4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Saturday Leaner Carvers	9.30am	2nd
Turners	9.30am	5th, 12th, 19th, 26th
Scrollsaw	9.30am	6th, 13th, 20th, 27th
Woodcraft Workshop	9.30am	7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Saturday - Openworkshop	9.30am	9th, 23rd
Guild	1.30pm	16th

GUILD DIRECTORY

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	Kent Leung
	Mark Bennett
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	Garry Webber
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Newsletter Editor	TDB
Librarian	TBD

DUTY ROSTER

May	AGM (Turners)
June	Scrollsaw
July	.....	Thurs Woodcrafters
August	.....	Carvers
September	.....	Sat. Openworkshop
October	.....	Turners
November	.....	Scrollsaw
December	.....	No Meeting
Jan-27	No Meeting
Feb-27	Thurs Woodcrafters
Mar-27	Carvers
Apr-27	Sat. Openworkshop

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Duty Roster Responsibilities

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

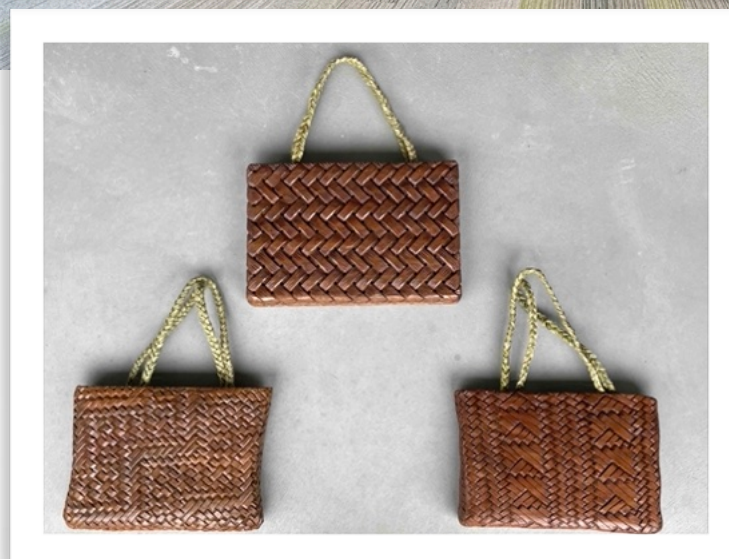
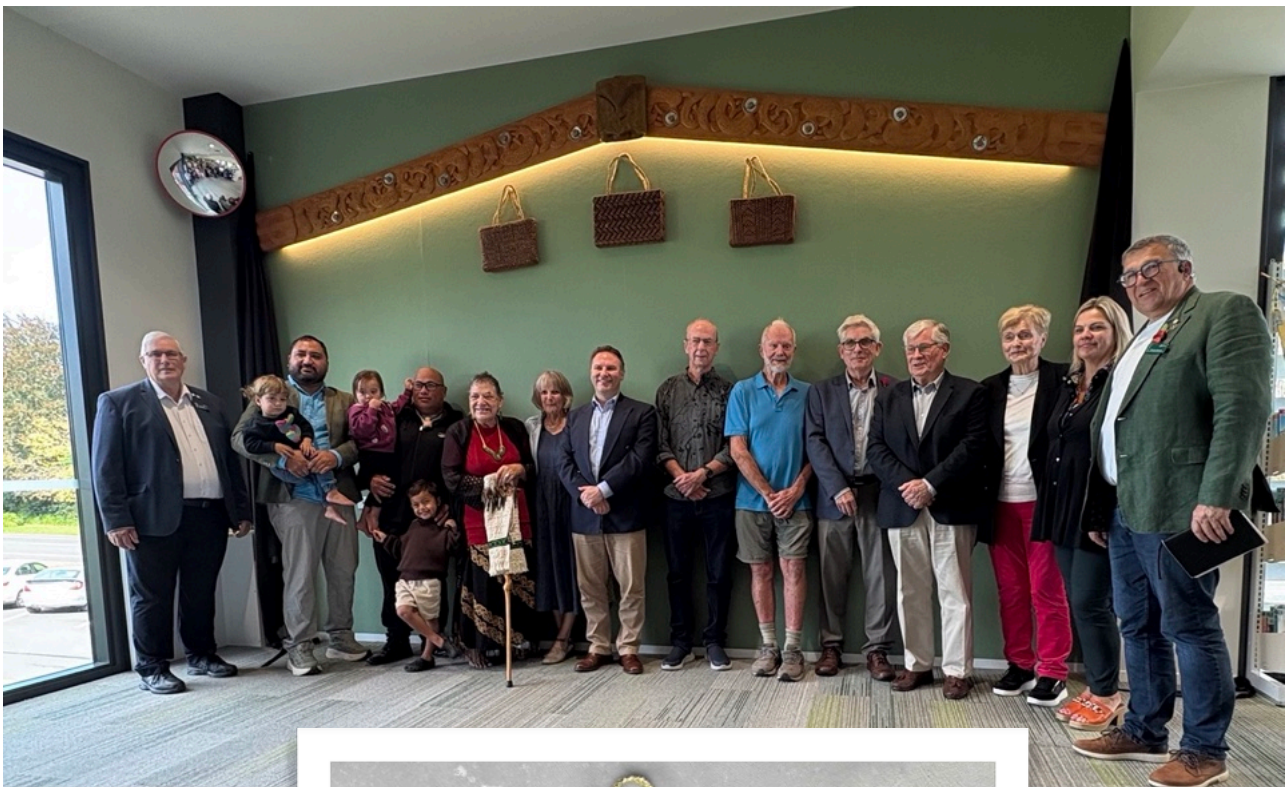
Advise the President two-weeks before so it can be advertised for interest.

Newsletter Editor

We need a member to takeover as the Guild's Newsletter Editor at the May AGM. I have continued doing the newsletter in an interim role ever since Jenny Bowker left the Guild in 2024. Please talk to me. Thanks - Phil Hansen

Community Projects Completed

April 2026 has been a bit of a milestone. Two of the Community Art projects, that our Guild has been involved with, were officially opened. The Gratitude Tree for the Waipuna Hospice was a collaboration project with a local mural artist (who painted the backdrop) and we made the wooden tree, was officially opened by the Rt. Ho. Helen Clark. And Tane's 3 baskets of knowledge for the Omokoroa Library was formally opened on the 20th April by James Denyer, the Mayor of the Western BOP DC. The latter has been a 4-year project for the Guild. Our members carved the 3 baskets and the Manaia sitting above these was carved by Pete Smith (a local Master Maori Carver).



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