

JUNE WANAKA WORKSHOP UPDATES



Te Wiki Tūao ā-Motu
National Volunteer Week

TŌU TAU KI TE TŪAO
Your Year to Volunteer
#NVW2026 | 14-20 June 2026

Growth, Creativity and New Opportunities at WCW

Life at the Wānaka Community Workshop continues to grow, with strong demand for our sewing programmes, Women & Wood workshops and a new school holiday programme launching this winter.

We're welcoming more members into the workshop than ever before and seeing an exciting variety of projects taking shape across both the wood and sewing workshops. One of the most rewarding outcomes continues to be the confidence people gain as they learn new skills, connect with others and bring their ideas to life.

As we celebrate National Volunteer Week, we'd like to thank the volunteers whose time, skills and enthusiasm help make WCW the vibrant and welcoming community space it is today.

This month we're introducing Jo Underwood, one of the trustees helping guide the future of Wānaka Community Workshop.

Jo is a local architect with a passion for sustainable materials, building performance and community connection. Through her involvement with WAO, the Wānaka Arts Society and other local initiatives, she has developed a strong appreciation for the role community organisations play in bringing people together and creating opportunities to learn and grow.

As a parent and active member of the community, Jo sees Wānaka Community Workshop as a valuable place where people of all ages can build skills, confidence and a sense of belonging. She is excited to support the workshop as it continues to grow and evolve.



COMMUNITY & PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



Opportunities



Volunteer Opportunity with MINT

MINT will be running a series of eight wood workshop sessions for MINT members throughout July and August and is looking for a little extra support.

If you have basic practical woodworking skills, enjoy helping others, and can spare an hour or two on Tuesday afternoons, Charlotte would love to hear from you. This is a fantastic opportunity to share your knowledge, support community participation and help others build confidence in the workshop.

For more information or to express interest, please contact:
charlotte.jackson@minttrust.nz

Wheelbarrows for Local Preschools

Our Wood Workshop volunteers have been busy crafting wooden wheelbarrows for preschools in Wānaka and Hāwea using recycled materials. These fun and practical creations will support imaginative play while giving new life to donated materials.

Supporting local schools and community groups is an important part of what we do, and we're always pleased to see workshop projects making a difference in our community.

School Holiday Workshop

Skateboard Collage Art

Wednesday 15 July | 9am–4pm

A one-day creative workshop for ages 10–13. Participants will sand and prepare a recycled skateboard deck before transforming it into a unique mixed-media artwork.

\$120 | Limited to 6 participants
Skateboard decks kindly supplied by Boardhouse Wānaka.

WEEKLY CALENDAR SESSIONS



THE WOOD WORKSHOP

Weekly Member Sessions

- Tuesday 5.00 - 8.00pm
- Thursday 1.00 - 5.00pm
- Saturday 10.00 - 4.00pm

Weekly Volunteer Sessions

- Tuesdays 9.00am - 12.00pm
- Thursdays 9.00am - 12.00pm

THE SEWING ROOM

Weekly Member Sessions

- Monday 6.30 - 8.30pm with Ruth
- Tuesday 9.00 - 12.00
- Thursday 1.00 - 6.00pm
- Thursday 6.00 - 8.00pm with Sam
- Saturday 10.00 - 4.00pm

Weekly Volunteer Sessions

- Wednesdays 9.30am - 12.30pm

JULY SEWING COURSE


**Sewing Basics
and Sewing 2.0**
21st & 22nd July


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