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Supporting all things fine woodworking in New South Wales. Find out more about our skill building courses, workshop space, general meetings with amazing speakers, and other opportunities to meet passionate professional and amateur woodworkers

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The Woodworkers Association of NSW promotes the appreciation of fine woodworking and encourages creativity, design and skill development for all woodworkers. It is a forum for networking, exchanging ideas and enjoying camaraderie among woodworkers.

Our workshop is open on Wednesdays and Sundays from 10am to 4pm for the use of members who have booked via: [Bookings.Woodworkersnsw@gmail.com](mailto:Bookings.Woodworkersnsw@gmail.com).

The association also represents professional woodworkers and it promotes environmental awareness, judicious use of native timber resources and sustainably harvested, recycled and reclaimed timbers.

The association holds exhibitions of members' work and organises competitions among its members, other woodworkers and woodworking groups around Australia.

For information on our meetings and how to join visit the [Members](#) page

For details about our well-resourced workshop visit the [Workshop](#) page

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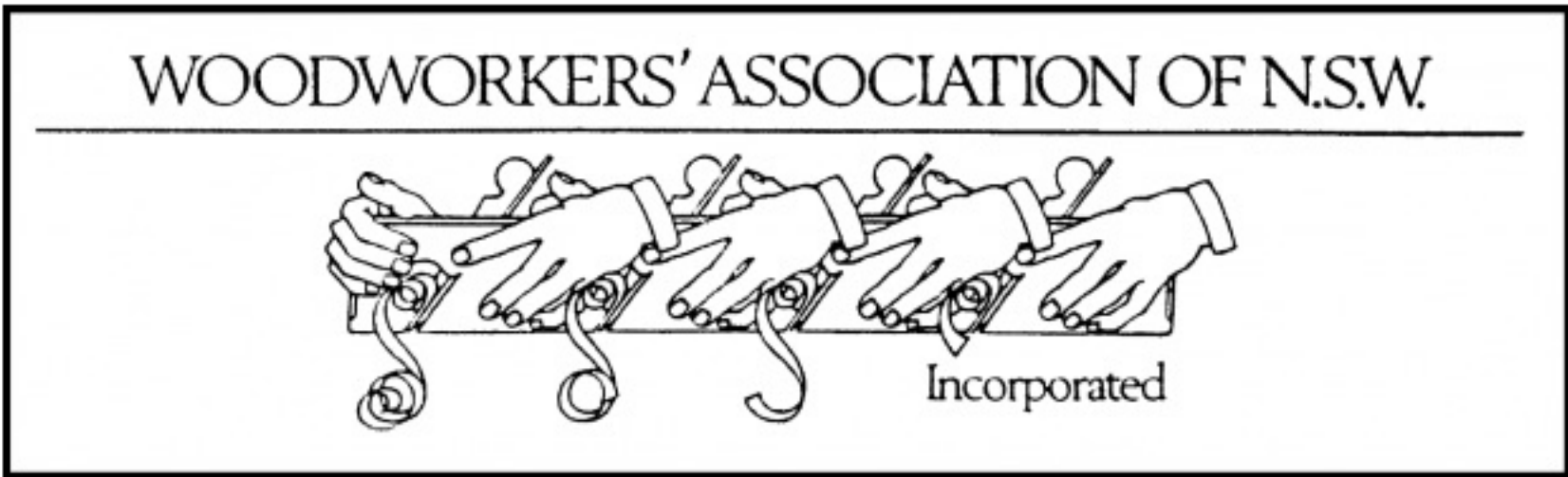
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PO Box 3282 Wareemba NSW 2046  
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Woodworkers Association Workshop Details

50A Spring Street, Abbotsford NSW  
Open: Wednesdays and Sundays 10am-4pm  
More workshop information is available from  
Peter Harris: [peterh47@ihug.com](mailto:peterh47@ihug.com)







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Details

Monday 5 December 2022  
William Room, Canada Bay Club  
4 William Street, Five Dock  
7:00pm for 7:30pm start  
Plenty of free parking

Meeting Agenda

- End of Year Update
- Tool Sales & Giveaways
- Members are encouraged to bring their work items, or items of interest to share with other Members

For any meeting enquiries, please contact [secretary.woodworkersnsw@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.woodworkersnsw@gmail.com)

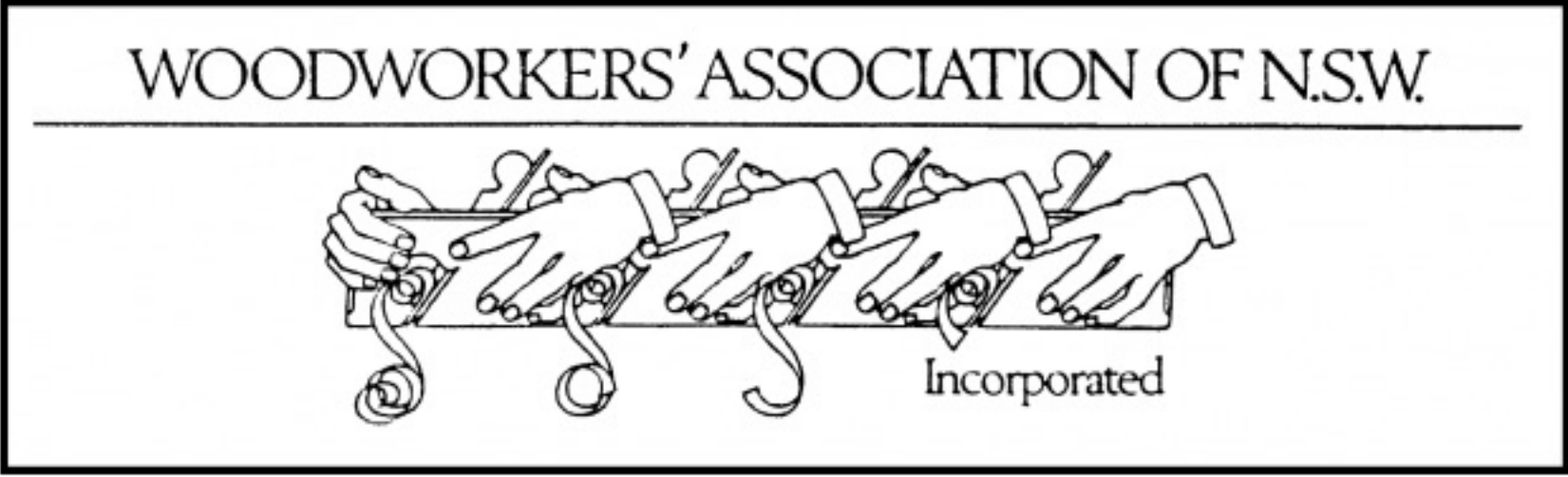
Reminder

Meals and light snacks are available at the Club Bistro, tables will be reserved for Association Members.

Members are welcome to invite family and friends to attend the Meeting.







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## Woodworking Courses

### Current courses




**Basics of Finishing**  
3 & 10 September  
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**Introductory Woodworking No 2**  
1 October 2022

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**Annual Sharpening Day**  
15 October 2022

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## Frequently Asked Questions

### How do I join a course?

Courses are open to members and filled on a first paid, first confirmed basis. If you would like to participate in a course or if you need any information please contact Phil Nanlohy via email at [philnanlohy@gmail.com](mailto:philnanlohy@gmail.com) or mobile 0416 022 252 between 9am to 9pm, 7 days a week.

### How do I pay for a course?

To pay for a course a direct debit needs to be made to the Associations account. . Please check with Phil that space is still available before making a payment.

Woodworkers Association of NSW  
BSB: 112879  
ACC: 107098141

## About WWA courses

The Association is pleased to offer a range of short courses for members. They are presented by members, for members and costed as a benefit of membership. Non members are most welcome to attend once becoming a member by downloading the form on our [Membership](#) webpage.

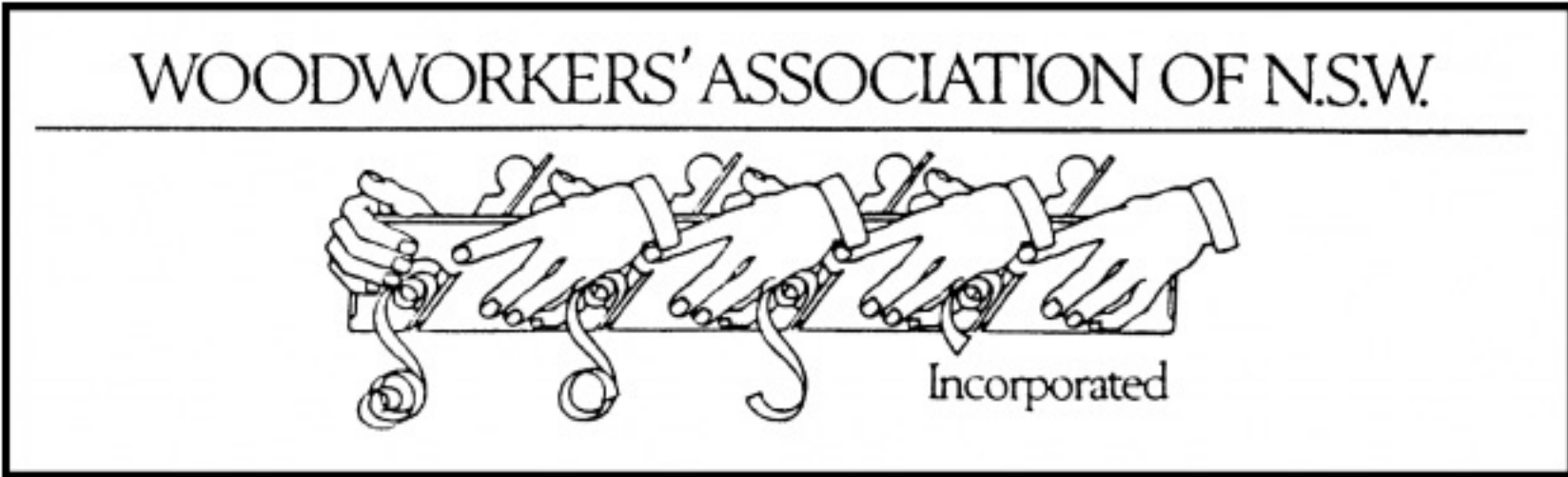
All courses are presented in our COVID safe workshop in Abbotsford. Program details date, cost, presenters and a brief description of each event are shown above. More detailed descriptions are published in our Newsletters.

Courses need at least 4 participants to be viable and are capped at 6. Courses may be repeated as demand requires. Reminders about upcoming courses will be emailed to members.

If you have a suggestion for a course please get in touch with [Phil Nanlohy](#). We are particularly interested to hear from members who would like to lead a course. Even if you have not done this before please consider sharing your expertise. The committee can offer you assistance to plan and prepare your course and can be there to provide support on the day.







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## Basics of Finishing

Kain Tietzel — 12 May 2022

Course Leader: Nik Teply

Course Date: Saturday 3rd & 10th September 2022

Course Fee: \$200

Places available: 2

In woodworking the verb 'finishing' as applied to the process of protection and enhancement of your finished working project. Do it wrong and your work is ruined. Applying these protective products is a detailed and intricate process.

Many professional woodworkers outsource finishing to those for who this is their entire profession.

This course will be presented by one of Sydney's best known furniture conservators and restorers. He will demonstrate a range of finishing processes that participants will also apply to a large sample board that they will keep as a future reference.

Instruction will be given in the application of both solvent and water base finishes and there will be discussions of the advantages and disadvantages of the different available products.

Participants will leave with enhanced knowledge of finishing and a sample board for reference who is in future projects.

To secure your place on this course, please email [phili@nanlohy@gmail.com](mailto:phili@nanlohy@gmail.com)

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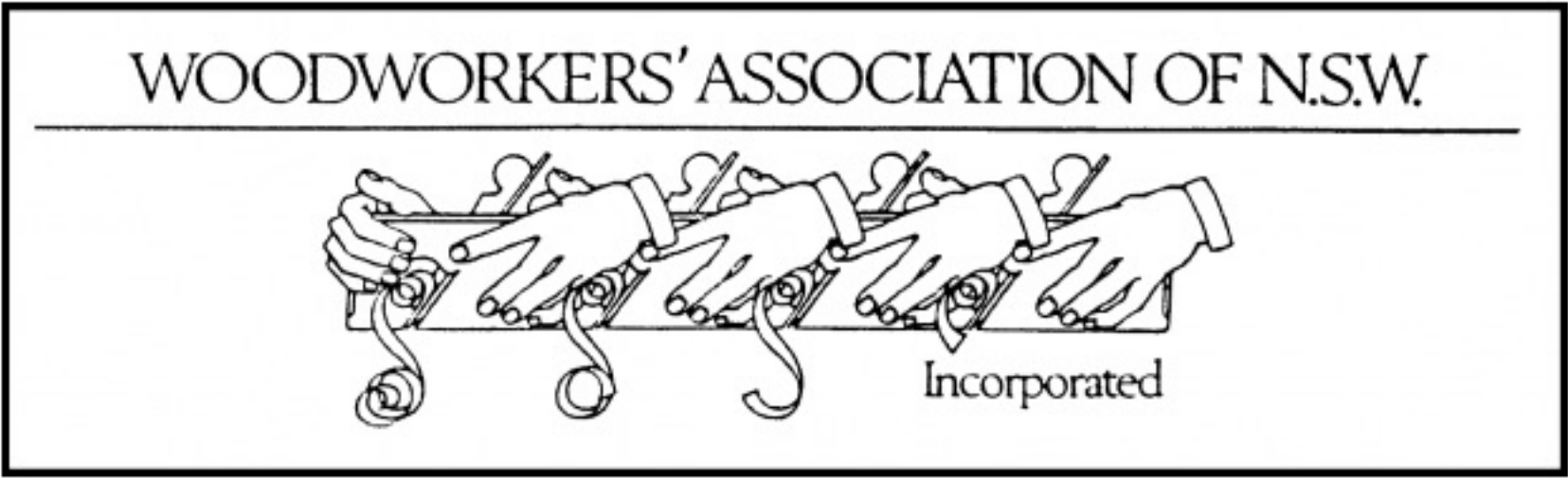
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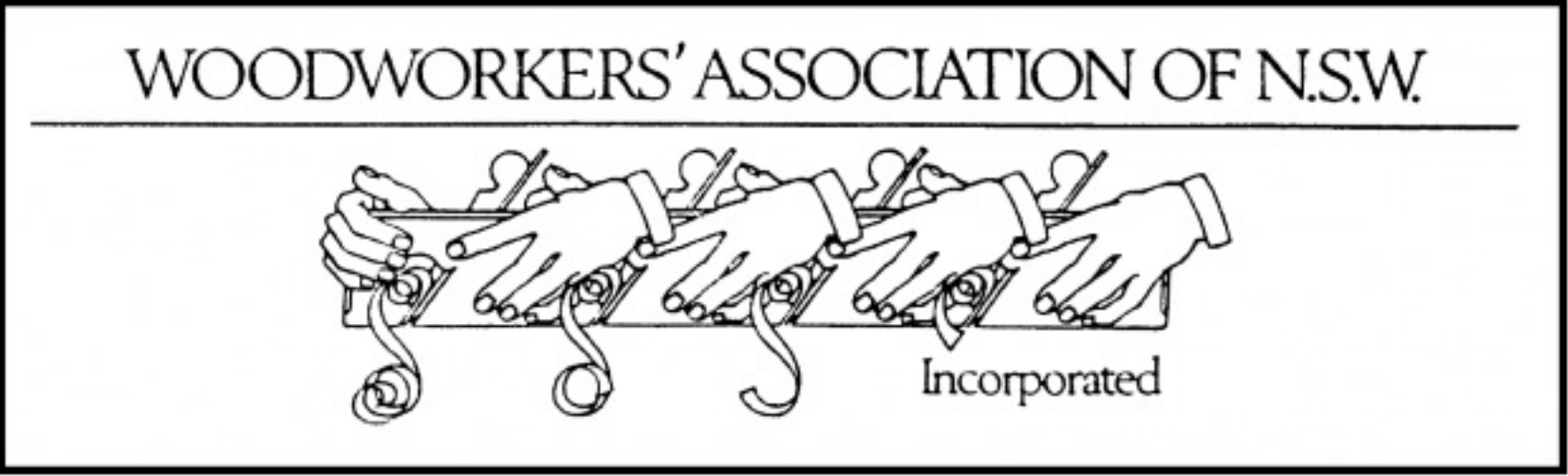
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## Membership



The NSW Woodworkers Association members include highly skilled professional woodworkers, semi-professionals, and hobbyists – essentially anyone who loves working with wood. We encourage anyone and everyone who shares our passion to join regardless of your skill level. Why?

### Community

First and foremost the Association is a community of people invested in the same field, whether professional or not.

Our **General Meetings** are a great opportunity to catch up with other woodworkers from across the state and hear what exciting things are happening.

These meetings are held at 7 for 7.30 pm, on the first Monday of every second month: February, April, June, August, October and December.

Find out more about our next meeting [here](#)

### Skill Building

If you want to learn a range of skills and techniques our **Woodworking Courses** are constantly changing and growing. We aim to provide high quality and engaging courses in woodwork for people of all levels. Whether you are a beginner or experienced, if you have an interest in refining your skills it is our aim to help you get what you need while creating a strong community of people with a shared passion.

As a member you get first notification of new upcoming courses and often a substantial discount off course fees. Members get priority access to workshop courses.

Find out more about our upcoming programs [here](#)

### Our Workshop

We have a fully equipped woodworking workshop available to all members on Wednesdays and Sundays every week. The workshop has a great selection of equipment as well as supervisors on site who can give you assistance on your project. The workshop is located in the grounds of the historic Quarantine Reserve at Abbotsford which was where animals brought to Australia were held until proved to be disease free. The Reserve is are on the shores of the Parramatta River and has barbecue facilities, toilets and grassed areas.

Members enjoy regular get-togethers in our workshop to work on their own projects or just watch other members and learn new skills and ideas.

Find out more about our workshop [here](#)

### Recap

- Free access to general meetings
- First notice of upcoming events and courses
- Priority access to woodworking courses
- Substantial discount on course fees
- Access to our workshop in Abbotsford
- Access to a great community of woodworkers
- Supporting all woodwork in NSW!

### Becoming a member

[Membership application form](#) (download and print)

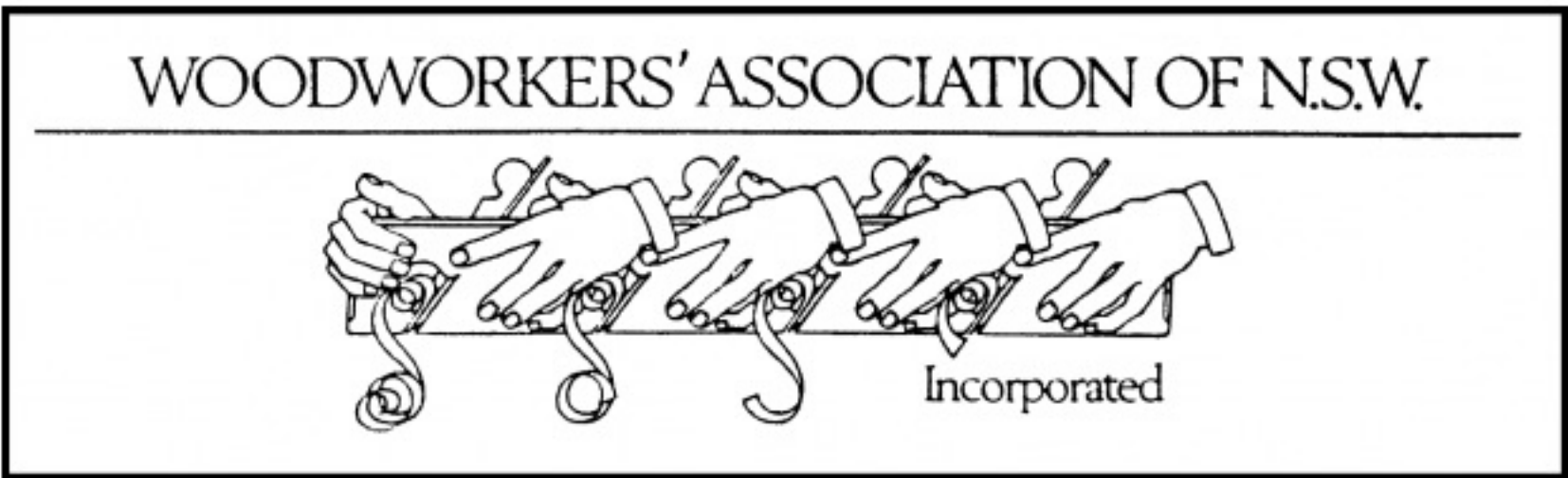
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Life Members Richard Crosland, Phil Lake, Kim Larymore, Leon Sadubin, Richard Vaughan and David Palmer.







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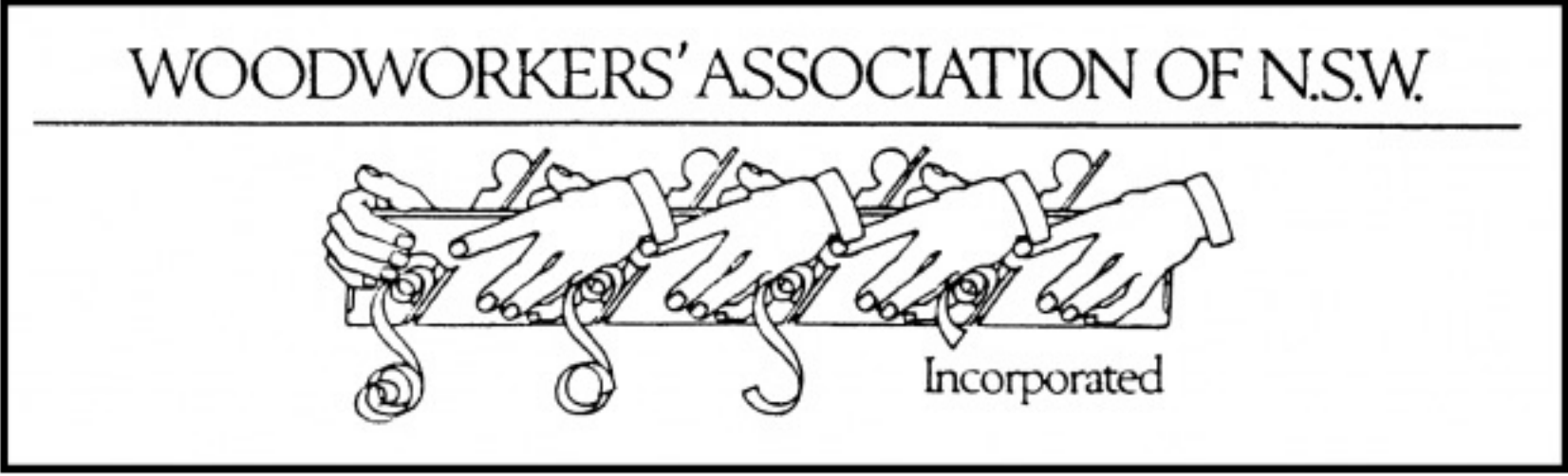
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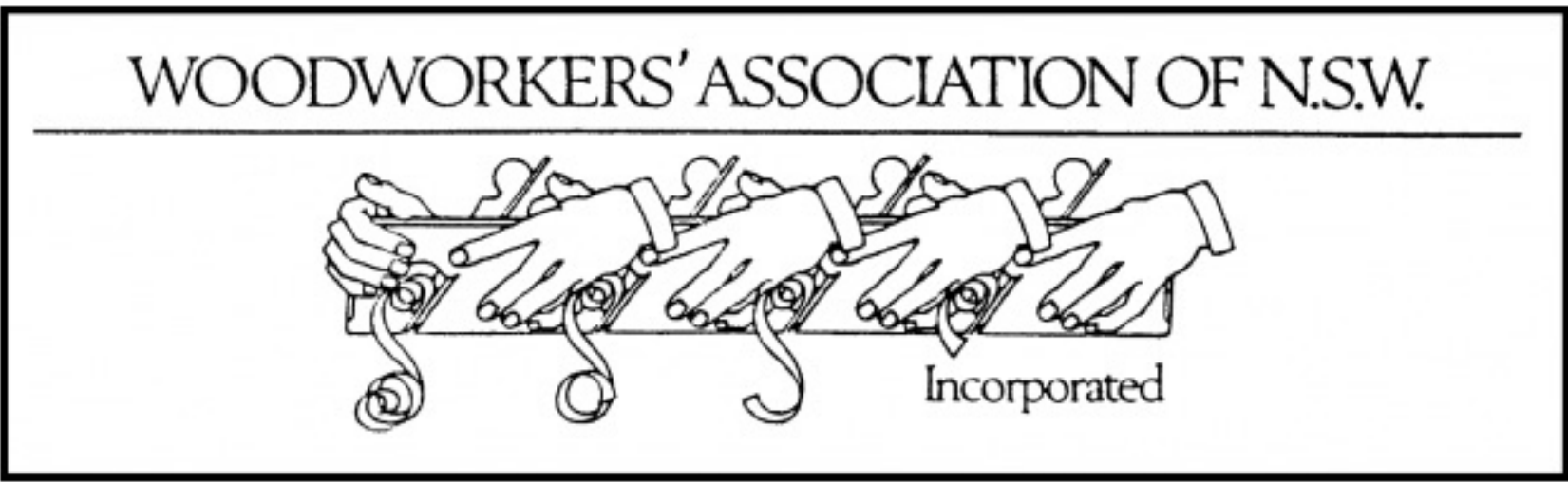
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## A brief history

The association has conducted meetings, exhibitions, liaised with government departments and industry, and provided educational and public information sessions and associated activities continuously since 1978. In 1978, 20 woodworkers participated in an exhibition *Woodcraft 78* at the Design Centre in Sydney. The exhibition proved to be popular beyond all expectations, and in response, a woodworkers' group was established later that year. The new wood working association became the vehicle whereby meetings, projects and exhibitions were organised. The group later adopted the name *The Woodworkers Association of NSW* (Inc). The founders Leon Sadubin, Alan Wale and Les Miller and many members have since become well known both in Australia and internationally. Leon Sadubin is best known for his furniture in the new Parliament House and the Power House Museum. Les Miller was foremost an educator who became a household name from his participation in the ABC's *Woodies* program and *The New Inventors*. Alan Wale established the Sturt School for Wood in Mittagong in 1985. Members such as Tony Kenway, Mathew Harding and Evan Dunstone have been awarded Churchill fellowships as well as international recognition for their work. Many other members working quietly away on commissions produce uniquely designed and made furniture and other wooden objects. Many are hardly known beyond their client base and woodworking enthusiasts. The association is a forum for all those interested in wood. Many amateurs – both seriously dedicated and slightly interested – benefit from our regular bi-monthly meetings and other activities. Some have gone on to become full time woodworkers. The bi-monthly general meetings provide a forum for discussion, demonstration and presentation by guest speakers. Guests are always welcome. There are also periodic visits to members' workshops and other sites of interest as well as group projects and competitions. Our newsletter and website are important lines of communication between members, particularly those outside the Sydney metropolitan area as well as for other interested people. The association also provides an educational role in promoting fine woodwork to the general public and assisting people seeking our assistance. We have a regular presence at events such as the *Timber and Working with Wood Show*, *Out of the Woodwork* (Historic Houses Trust) and activities of State Forests of NSW. The public also seek our assistance via our website. The association was born from an exhibition of fine woodwork. There is a proud history of continuing exhibitions, albeit less frequently in recent years. We are finding it increasingly difficult to find suitable exhibition spaces at reasonable rates. The following is a list of exhibitions staged by the association:

- Woodcraft 78, the Design Centre Sydney, 1978
- OTC House, Martin Place, 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1983
- Woodcraft goes to the Opera, The Opera House Exhibition Hall 1985
- Woodcraft goes to the Opera, The Opera House Exhibition Hall 1987
- Hands on, Dixon Gallery, State Library of NSW, 1991
- For Tomorrow, Mitchell and Dixon Galleries, State Library of NSW, 1993
- Woodmasters 2000, ABC building, Ultimo, Sydney, 2000
- Woodworkers@home, Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour, Sydney, 2005
- Chifley Square Exhibition
- Creations in Wood 2014, Gallery Lane Cove, September 2014
- Creations in Wood 2015, Gallery Lane Cove, September 2015

Most of the exhibitors are individual designer/makers who work to commissions so exhibitions provide a rare opportunity to see such a display of fine woodwork. The increasing appreciation of our work has been evident in galleries and private and public collections such as the permanent collection of the Powerhouse Museum and The Henry Kendal Collection established by the Forestry Commission of NSW (now State Forests of NSW). Parliament House in Canberra also provides a permanent and spectacular showcase for the Australian woodwork from panelling to the furniture in the chambers and offices. Members of the association were commissioned to carry out much of this work. Australian timbers are unique and beautiful and our woodworkers are very talented. They have received acclaim in Australia and internationally.

### Our old websites

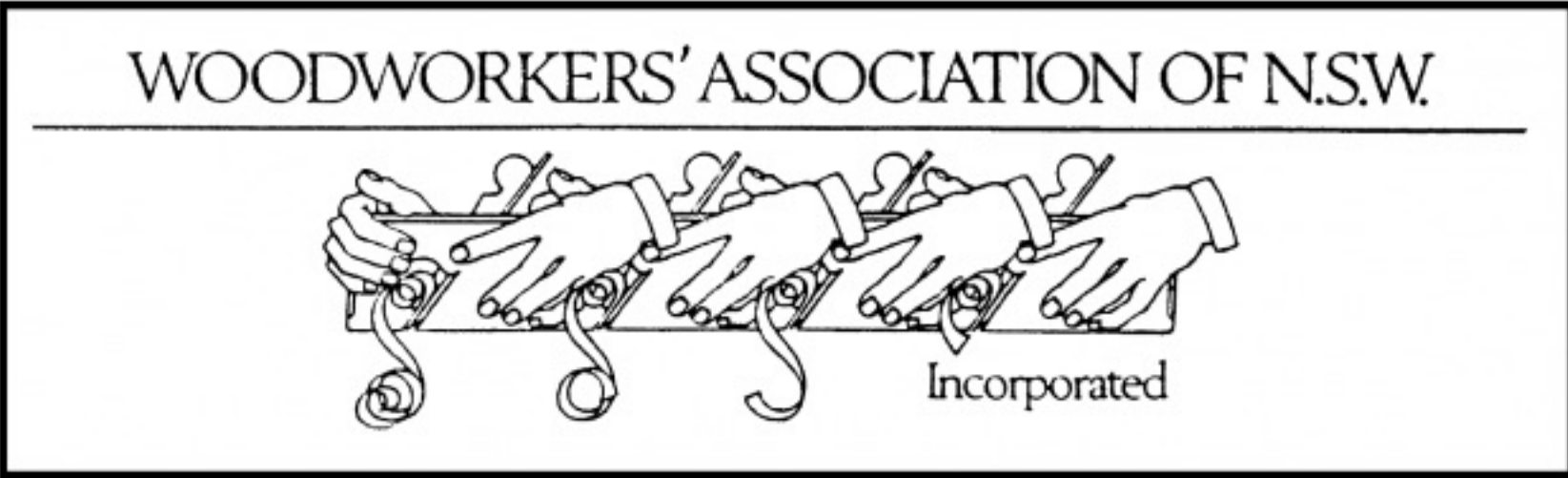
**Please note: these old websites contain some outdated material and broken links.**

2006 – 2010   [www.woodworkersnsw.org.au/index.html](http://www.woodworkersnsw.org.au/index.html)

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Members are also welcome to use the workshop on any day providing:

- it has been arranged for a committee member to unlock the workshop
- two or more members are present at all times, and
- the members attending the workshop use only the machines on which they are accredited, or are supervised by a member who is accredited.



Machines include

- large planer
- thicknesser
- band saw
- panel saw
- drum sander
- lathe
- advanced router table

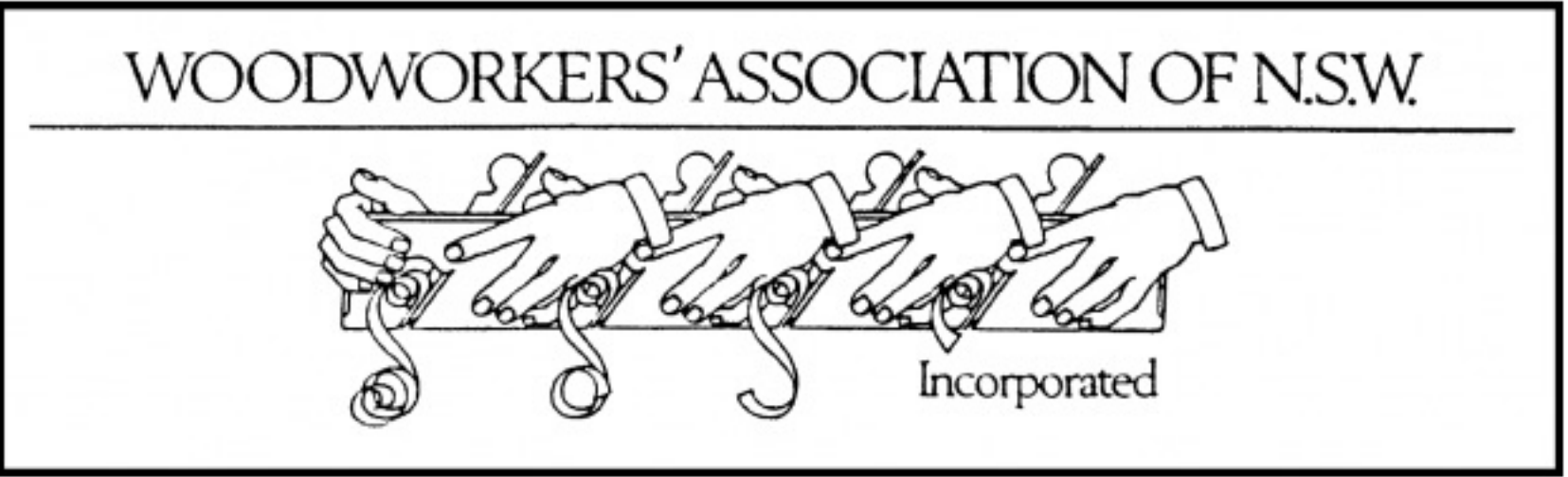
The workshop is also equipped with a roll-down photo backdrop. This greatly improves the quality of photos you take of your creations. It eliminates distracting backgrounds and ugly shadows. It can't be used while people are working in the workshop so choose a time when others won't be using the workshop.

Workshop development days

These days are organised with willing members to get together and undertake maintenance and repairs at the workshop.







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Workshop rules

- There must be at least two people present before machinery is used
- You have to be accredited to use the machinery yourself. (To use your own power tools, advise the supervisor for that the day before you do.)
- You must provide your own ear and eye safety equipment. This equipment must be worn when using powered equipment and ear protection must be worn when power equipment is being used. Where appropriate a suitable dust mask should also be used
- You must wear closed shoes and appropriate clothing
- You must sign the visitor register whenever you visit (required for our insurance cover).

Members need to supply consumables (glue, fixings, sandpaper, blind tongue biscuits, etc) for their own projects and are encouraged to make a donation on the day they use the workshop and contribute in person (or kind) to maintaining and developing the workshop. (Feel free to say how you want to use the workshop so we can plan appropriately.)

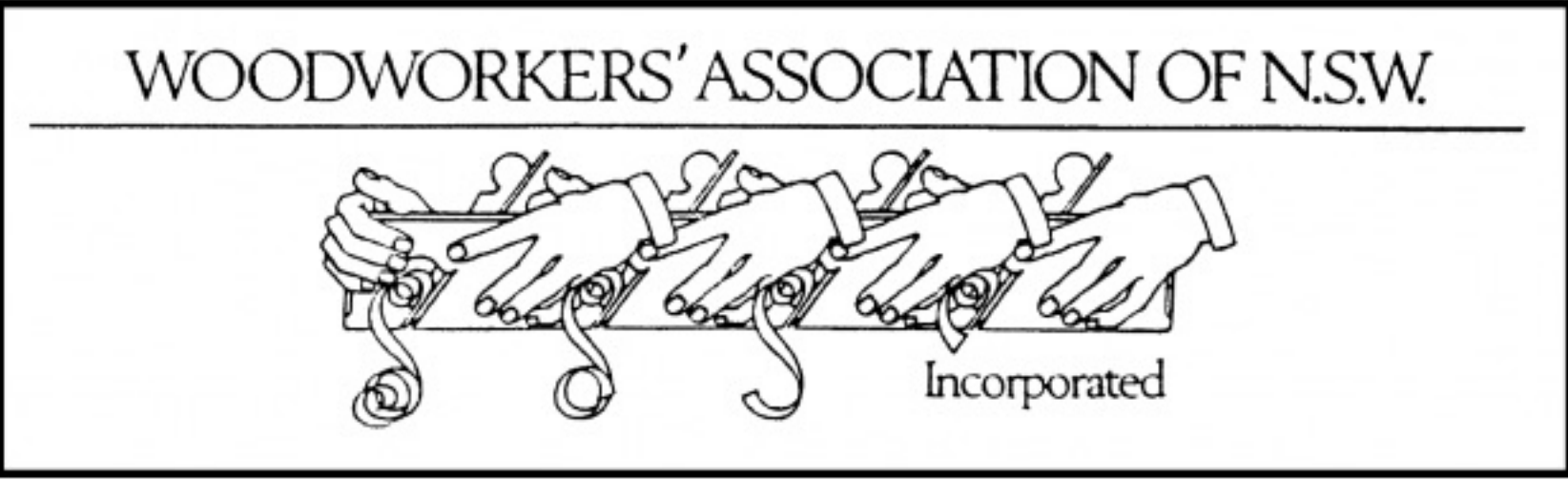
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Gallery

The Woodworkers Association of NSW Inc has many creative and highly-skilled amateur and professional woodworker members. You can view examples of their design and woodwork related skills in the photographs below. To view a larger image, click on the photo. Below each photo are the maker's name and name of the item.

At the foot of this page is a listing of the makers represented in the photos together with their town/suburb, phone number and web address. Most are professional woodworkers. If there is a woodwork-related item or piece that you have been thinking you would like designed and made, please contact any of the makers to discuss your project.

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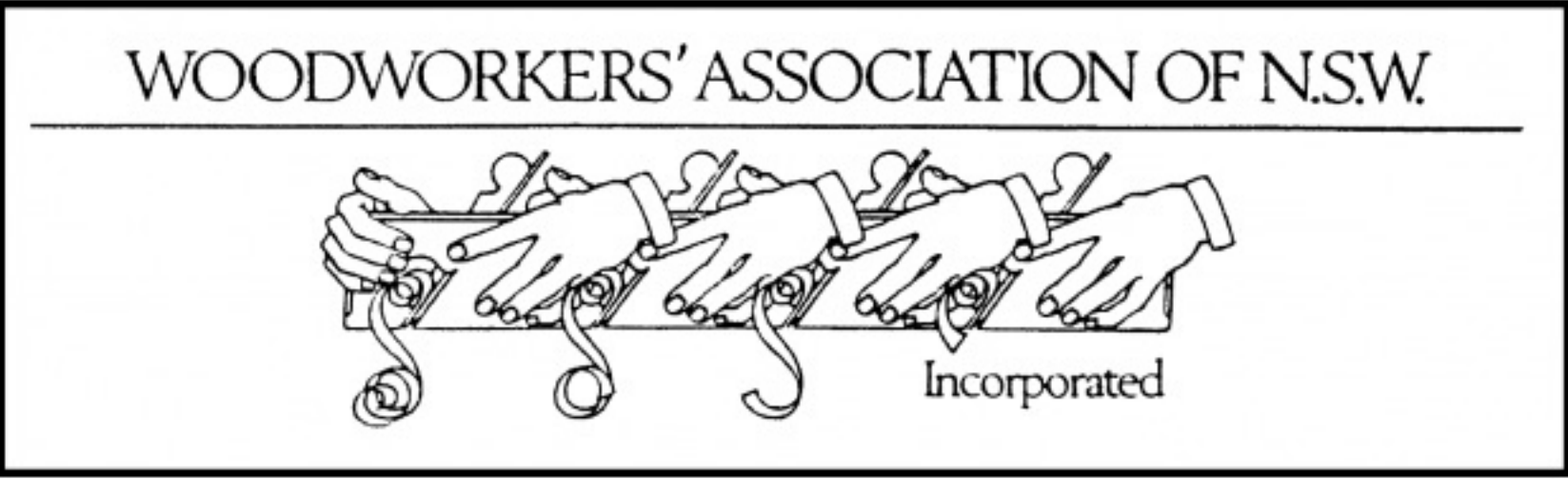
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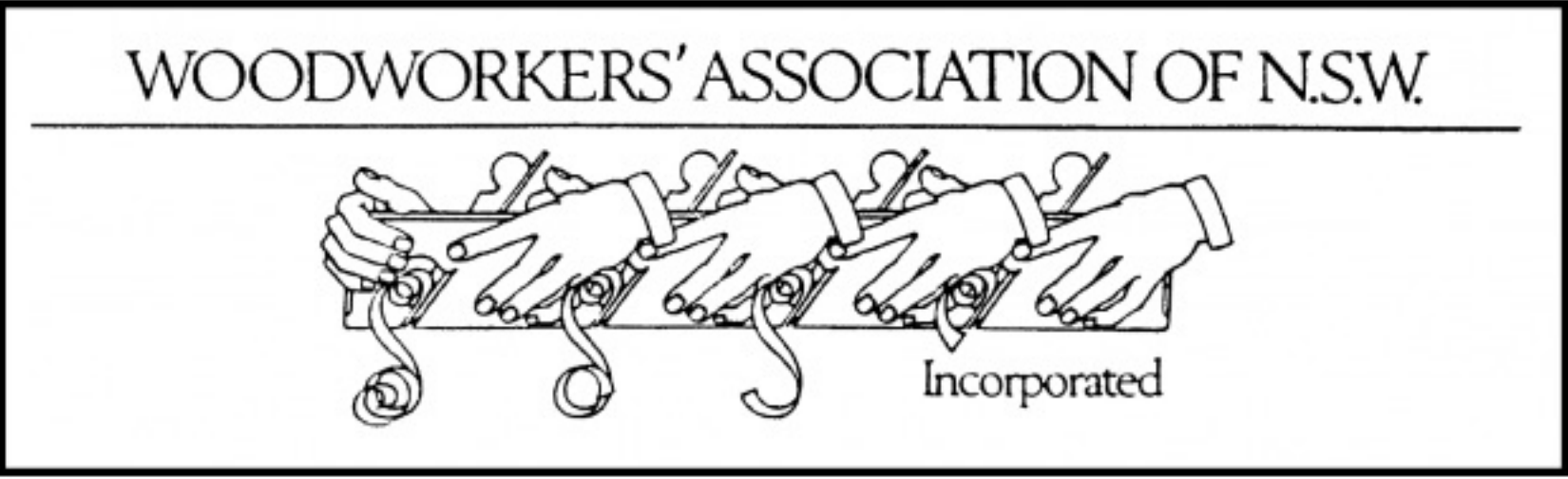
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