

# THORKILD HANSEN

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## Thorkild Hansen Scholarship Programme

It was with deep, deep sadness and a heavy heart that we farewelled Thorkild Hansen who died on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021 surrounded by his loving family after a long and valiant fight with cancer.

Thorkild's contribution to the growth and world-class reputation of our school was huge.

His passion for excellence in the art of fine woodworking deeply rooted, and his remarkable teaching skills have encouraged and influenced so many.

The legacy he has left, in the shape of a cohort of woodworkers in Aotearoa who were introduced to its pleasure and satisfaction by him, is already enormous. This was so fondly acknowledged after he passed away by the many emails from his students telling us how much his teaching inspired and continues to inspire - not only in fine woodworking pursuits, but also sharing his eclectic taste in music, his absolute love for life and his stoic battle with his health.

Thorkild was a warrior, a gentleman, utterly dedicated, loyal, kind and great fun. He was cheeky, cheerful and highly energetic and a true craftsman who shared his skill and creativity with everyone who wanted to learn.

His strong values of encouraging his students to always strive to be the very best that they can be in everything they do is embedded in our teaching and is part of the Centre for Fine Woodworking's DNA.

Moe mai, moe mai, moe mai rā, e hoa.  
We hold you in our hearts.

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In 2021 in discussion with Thorkild and his wife Miriam, the scholarship programme was created to acknowledge the significant contribution Thorkild has given to the school over the last fourteen years. We are so pleased that we began planning early enough to set the scholarship up with Thorkild's blessing and input.

We are hoping that we can grow the legacy even further by offering young people from the Top of the South the opportunity to follow in his footsteps. This annual scholarship is to the value of \$9000 for one person each year for at least the next five years, to attend our 8-week Beginners Intensive Programme.

This programme was originally designed and created by Thorkild to give students the most valuable opportunity available in New Zealand to develop the foundation skills of fine woodworking and bespoke craftsmanship. The scholarship recipient for the 2023 Programme will attend the course running on 16th October – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

The core criteria to apply for the scholarship is:-

- Aged 18-25
- Is a permanent resident in the Top of the South/Te Tau Ihu
- Shows talent, determination and potential which is clearly acknowledged and supported by others. This could be their technology teacher, tertiary education design/technology tutor, apprenticeship programme/employer from a woodworking-related trade/profession.
- Has found their education challenging until realising that working with your hands is deeply satisfying and skillful.
- This scholarship will provide the opportunity for a young person to find a positive way forward with a skill through fine craftsmanship just as Thorkild did.

There will be a selection panel who will assess applications, keeping in mind Thorkild's values of:-

- Absolute attention to detail
- Working towards the highest level of craftsmanship
- The ability to strive and drive to be the very best that you can be in terms of skill and technique.

The deadline for all applications is 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

## How to apply:

Submit your completed application form along with your supporting documentation. This can be in writing, images, video or any other medium that works best for you and which you feel promotes you in the most effective way for us to consider your application.

Your application and/or supporting documentation will need to include:-

- Your current woodworking ability
- Tell us a little about your background / life journey / what you do now and what you want to do in the future
- Why you want to do the course
- Why you think you should be considered for the Thorkild Hansen Scholarship.
- A letter of support from your teacher, tutor or employer fully endorsing and supporting their application.

The recipient of the scholarship will be able to attend the 8-week programme at no cost, along with a contribution towards travel and accommodation costs to a total value of \$9000.

- The deadline for all applications is 1st August 2023
- The announcement of the recipient of the award will take place on 15th August 2023.

If you would like to apply for this prestigious scholarship, please complete and return the application form along with your supporting documents.

If you require any further details please contact us on [info@cfw.co.nz](mailto:info@cfw.co.nz)