

March 2026 NEWSLETTER



BENDIGO WOODTURNERS INC.
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Bendigo Woodturners Activities Program

General Meeting:	4th Monday Monthly	7.00pm
Executive Meeting:	1st Monday Monthly	6.30pm
Tuesday Group:	Every Tuesday	9.00am to 12.00pm
General Woodworking:	Every Thursday	9.00am to 12.00pm
Toy Group:	1st & 3rd Saturday Monthly	9.00am to 12.00pm
Pyrography Group:	1st & 3rd Tuesday Monthly	7.00pm
Carvers Group:	1st & 3rd Tuesday Monthly	7.00pm
Triton Group:	1st & 3rd Tuesday Monthly	7.00pm
Scroll Saw Group:	2nd & 4th Tuesday Monthly	7.00pm
Wood Turning Group:	2nd & 4th Tuesday Monthly	7.00pm
Group Activities:	Saturday (as required)	9.00am to 12.00pm

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Show and Tell

This section of the meeting is open to all members to enable them to exhibit any interesting items that they have made, brought, found or otherwise acquired.

Monthly Competition

The competition for March is Carving., the competition for April is Wood Turning.
The open competition is for any other items. One entry only in each section per month and once an item has been entered it cannot be entered again later. Entrants will be invited to discuss their entry detail allowing members to gain from your experiences.

President's Report

Hello Woodies,

Welcome to the March Presidents' report and the general meeting. We are now getting into the swing of things for the year with Easter just around the corner followed very closely by Seymour. I know I need to pull my finger out to get some things done, I hope everyone is not as disorganised as me.

Many thanks go to Bob Trigg's daughter Anna who, as a member of the Board of the Bendigo Bank, approached us through Bob about a new round of grants. Through this, we have received a substantial amount which has been utilised to purchase a new 12" planer/jointer to replace the existing one, by the time you read this report it will be in operation on the floor.

The fund raiser project "Tracks of Care" which has been organised by Damien and Emma Power is nearing completion, a huge thanks to Jeff for co-ordinating the project from our end and to all the helpers within the club, especially Chris Pascoe who has taken all the completed stands home to fill in any holes and spray them. Damien and Emma picked just over 200 last week. Thanks everyone.

U-turn is fast approaching, it will go ahead again this year even though numbers are less than what is required to make it financial, if you think it might be something you are interested in please contact Jeff Willey, Malcolm Hill or myself and we can give you some further details. Remember, this type of event, once they finish, they are very unlikely to start again and it will be a huge loss.

Now, on a significant and quite dangerous safety issue, please DO NOT turn machinery off at the wall unless you have already turned the machine off AT the machine. This is a very dangerous practice and one that an unsuspecting operator will find out when they are the next person to use the machine. We pride ourselves on our safety and I want to keep it that way, I do not want anyone having a serious life changing injury, I've seen too many so please take note and operate machinery properly.

Well, that's enough for now, keep on turning.

Steve Brereton
President

Secretary's Report

Hello to everyone,

I hope everyone has enjoyed the start of another year and are busy getting things ready for upcoming events.

No new members in the last month that I can recall.

Historically this is our busiest time within the Club with the following major events quickly approaching:

EASTER Exhibition Bendigo Trades Hall	Good Friday – Easter Sunday
Seymour Alternative Farming Expo	Fri 17th April – Sun 19th April

Hopefully the fuel crisis will not reduce our visitors and turnover but no doubt numbers will be down because of it.

We also have a Bunnings Easter Activity Evening next Thursday 26th March at Bunnings Epsom. We will be having a table with handouts for the kids and be cooking the BBQ. Thank you to those who have helped prepare for this activity, with a big shout out to Malcolm Hill.

Steve may have mentioned in his report but we have been most fortunate in the last month to receive a \$5,000.00 grant from the Bendigo Bank which has gone toward a new 12" jointer. The new machine has arrived and will be installed in the next couple of weeks. I would like to thank Malcolm Hill again for liaising with Hussey Transport who have donated/volunteered to help with positioning the new jointer which weighs about 600kg. Thank you to Glen, Max and Brent who we will see on the crane that will get the jointer into the workshop. I would also like to thank Bob & Marg Trigg's daughter Anna who works at the Bendigo Bank for advising and helping with our submission.

On a slightly negative note, it seems some personal and club items may have gone missing from the club in recent times, so I urge members to label any equipment they bring in and take it home at the end of any session.

Stay safe,

John Phillips
Secretary

Save the date – Tuesday 19th May!

Each year Jeff & Lyn Willey host our Biggest Morning Tea

Entry is a Gold coin donation

Raffles (please donate something) Please bring a plate of food to share family and friends' welcome



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Monthly Talk/Show & Tell



Ray Watts brought along a 3D printed 4-way valve and bracket. Totally made from recycled plastic, cost of the valve approximately \$10.00. The 3D printer can be controlled remotely.



Bruce Guilmartin – again Bruce provided a talk on a couple of books he found from long ago and showed a price list from June 1981 which was particularly interesting; followed by a turning demonstration of a finial and explanation on a couple of his tools.

PAUL WITZIG & CO. P/L. Henry Taylor JUNE 1981
 PRICE LIST HT-6/81 P/CODE: 59-001

'DIAMIC' WOOD TURNING TOOLS

BOXYD SET	TOOL DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE
3	1/2" TURNING CHISEL - 1/2" TURNING GOUGE - 1/4" PARTING TOOL	34.00
5	1/2" TURNING CHISEL - 1/2" DIAMOND POINT - 1/4" TURNING GOUGE - 1/2" TURNING GOUGE - 1/4" PARTING TOOL	57.00
8	1/2" TURNING CHISEL - 1/2" TURNING GOUGE - 1/2" ROUND NOSE - 1/2" DIAMOND POINT - 1/4" TURNING GOUGE - 1/2" TURNING GOUGE - 3/4" TURNING GOUGE - 1/4" PARTING TOOL	92.00

ALL WITH STANDARD BLADES FITTED TO 11.1/4" YELLOWSTONE HARDWOOD HANDLES

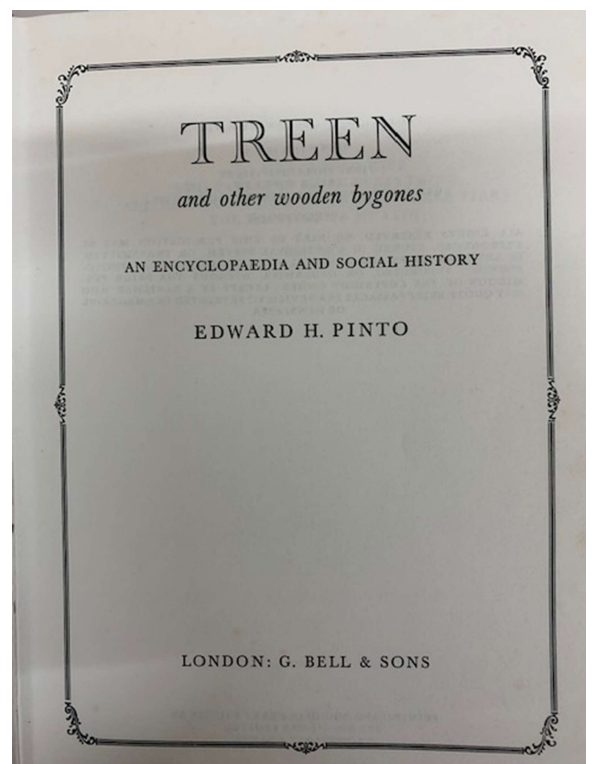
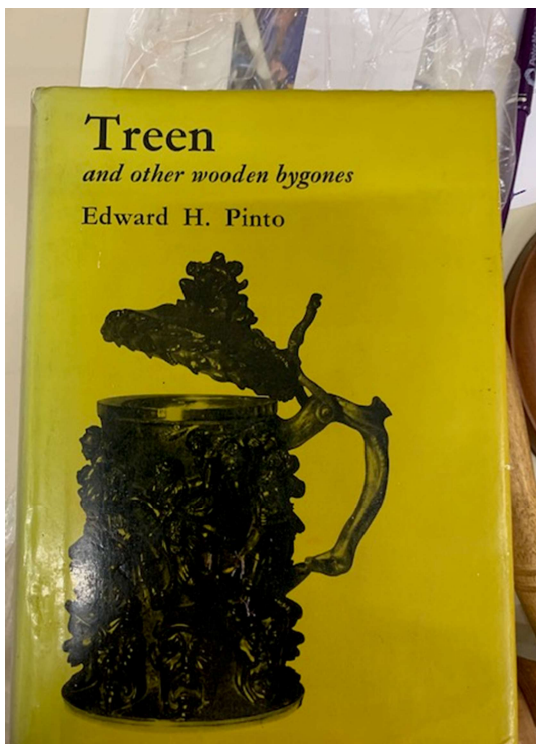
STANDARD TURNING CHISELS		ROUND NOSE	
SKREW END	\$	SQUARE END	\$
- 1/2"	9.10	- 1/4"	9.10
- 3/4"	9.80	- 1/2"	9.10
- 1"	10.50	- 3/4"	9.80
- 1.1/4"	14.10	- 1"	10.50
		- 1.1/4"	14.10

STANDARD TURNING TOOLS		STANDARD TURNING GOUGES	
DIAMOND POINT	\$	DEEP FLUTING	\$
- 1/2"	9.80	(ROUGHING OUT)	19.10
- 3/4"	10.60	- 1.1/2"	25.80
STANDARD FLUTE	\$		
- 1/4"	12.00		
- 3/8"	12.00		
- 1/2"	12.00		
- 3/4"	13.10		
- 1"	14.50		

MAGIC SUPERFLUTE TURNING GOUGE - QUALITY HIGH SPEED STEEL 49.00
 STANDARD STRENGTH PARTING TOOL - 1/4" 9.80

NO. LONG & STRONG CHISELS AND GOUGES - AVAILABLE ON INDEBT DELIVERY P.O.A.
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 PRICES SET OUT OR REFERRED TO HEREIN ARE RECOMMENDED PRICES ONLY AND THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO COMPLY WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS.





Top to bottom

Bruce (the legend) in action, he makes it look so easy; always a pleasure to watch. I think the message is he doesn't waste a movement.

Bruce explaining tools he's made to make life easier when turning repeat items and time is of the essence. We thoroughly enjoyed Bruce's demonstration and explanations of how to make life easy whilst turning.

Thank you!



Save the Date!

1st - 3rd May 2026 U-turn Ararat

We need you! A great weekend of wood turning, scroll sawing, raffles and laughter.
Partners welcome; there's also craft in the main hall if you're not a Turner also good fun.

Our Sponsor

An experienced team of professionals provide a range of conveyancing and property services to our local and interstate clients.



Our fearless leader 'Captain Cod'

Events Calendar

March 2026

- 2nd Executive Meeting
23rd General Meeting
26th Mothers' Day Activity - Bunnings
28th – 29th Lost Trades Fair – Hanging rock

This month's competition is Carving

April 2026

- 3rd – 5th Easter Fair
6th Executive Meeting
17-19th Seymour Alternative Farm Expo
26th General Meeting

This month's competition is Wood Turning

May 2026

- 1-3rd U-turn at Ararat
4th Executive Meeting
19th Biggest Morning Tea
25th General Meeting

This month's competition is Pyrography

June 2026

- 1st Executive Meeting
22nd General Meeting

This month's competition is Scroll Saw

July 2026

- 6th Executive Meeting
27th General Meeting

This month's competition is Carving

August 2026

- 3rd Executive Meeting
24th Annual General Meeting

No competition this month

September 2026

- 7th Executive Meeting
28th General Meeting

This month's competition is Wood Turning

Our Supporters

