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## Bendigo Woodturners Activities Program

Woodturners General Meeting:	4th Monday Monthly	7pm
Woodturners Executive:	1st Monday Monthly	6.30pm
Pyrography Group:	1st & 3rd Tuesday Monthly	7pm
Scroll Saw Group:	2nd & 4th Tuesday Monthly	7pm
Tuesday Group:	Every Tuesday	9am to 12pm
Triton Group:	2nd & 4th Wednesday Monthly	7.30pm
Woodturning:	2nd & 4th Tuesday Monthly	7pm
Carvers Group:	1st & 3rd Tuesday Monthly	7pm
General Woodworking:	Every Thursday	9am to 12pm
Group Activities	Saturday (as required)	9am to 12pm

## **Bendigo Woodturners Directory**

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Newsletter items need to be with the editor no later than two weeks prior to the General meeting.

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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 January is Triton. 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 at a later time. Entrants will be invited to discuss their entry in detail allowing members to gain from your experiences.

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## ***President's Report***

Hello woodies

Welcome to a New Year. I hope you all had a very happy and joyous Christmas with family and friends.

Christmas lunch – The Christmas lunch at the Bendigo Pottery was well attended with 54 members, partners and guests. It was a great way to finish off the year. A big thank you to Ros Barber (Christmas cake), Lyn Willey (table runner) and Bill Whitting (pine trees) for the Christmas raffle and door prizes and to David barber for running the raffle. The same venue has been booked for next year on 1 Dec.

Bunnings – The club attended the Bunnings Christmas activity on the 6th Dec with members working the BBQ and activity tables. Thank you to all who attended. The club received a number of gift vouchers for our efforts.

Christmas Sales - Our Christmas club sales were again reasonably quiet. I wish to particularly thank Robyn, Dawn, Gladys and Cheryl who manned the sales table over the three weeks with cameo's from other members. During this time other workshop projects were completed, such as the new cupboards and storage room as well as prizes for the Easter raffle, trophies for the whip crackers at the Seymour Alternative Farming Expo. Thank you again to all who were involved in those projects. I particularly wish to thank the team who suffered some hot conditions to clean up the back yard.

Chinese Dragon Project – The club completed the Dragon stands, with thankfully only a few hiccups along the way. The completed stands were delivered to the Bendigo Council storage facility. There will be more activity on this project during January and quite possibly in the next few months. More information will be supplied when it becomes available. We will complete this project with minimal interruption to the normal Tuesday and Thursday activities.

Thank you to all who participated in this project and for your continued support.

Grants – The club was successful in receiving two grants. The first was from the Greater City of Bendigo Grants and Awards Program which contributed to the purchase of a larger trailer (already purchased) and the second is from the Federal Government Stronger Communities Programme (SCP) Round 4 which will contribute to the purchase of a new larger Lucas Mill (order has been placed). A big thank you to Jeff Willey who submitted both applications.

Website – John and I have made a few changes to the web site especially the group activates. I request all groups have a look and provide current pictures so they can be included. Also provide a short description of the picture. Any other suggestions to improve the site would be appreciated.

Thank you to Damian Valenti for his very generous donation. A sample of Scotland's finest will be raffled off with tickets at \$2 available at the next general meeting. The winner will be drawn at the February general meeting.

I look forward to seeing you all back in 2019 for another productive and successful year.

To all our members who are not in the best of health, we wish you a speedy recovery.

Have a nice day

Cheers,

Harald

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## ***Electrical testing***

“A Reminder” The Bendigo Woodturners club will be conducting its Annual Electrical Equipment testing program on Thursday 24th January starting at 8am. If you use any of your own equipment for club “demonstration purposes” they can also be tested on the day at no charge.

Equipment for testing may be dropped off at the Club on Tuesday the 22nd January between 8am and 11am. The price will be similar to last year.

Note: Normal Thursday workshop activities on that day will not occur

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## **Forthcoming Events**

- Studio Furniture 2018 is a partnership between Australian Wood Review and Bungendore Wood Works Gallery, as above, and invites people to participate in the exhibition. Further details [here](#) The exhibition will run from **20 October 2018 to 31 January 2019**
  - Kiama Woodcraft Group's Annual Woodcraft Expo Demonstrations and sales by members plus timber sales by All Class Timber Services will be held at Kiama Masonic Hall, Collins Street, Kiama NSW. **March 9 - 10, 2019** 9am – 4pm Saturday, 9am – 4pm Sunday. Free entry. Contact: David Bywater, Expo Coordinator, Mob: 0425 249 148
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## Competition Results – November 2018

### Turning section

1<sup>st</sup> – Heinz Grosse (turned orb on stand)



2<sup>nd</sup> – Arthur Curnick (turned salt & pepper shakers)



### Open section

1<sup>st</sup> – Phil Heritage (intarsia scene)



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## Chinese Dragon Project

Some of the team hard at work constructing the stands for the new Chinese dragon which will arrive January/ February 2019.



The team who completed the dragon head practice pole. This pole will support a weight (around 18kg) which will be used to allow carriers to get used to the weight of the dragon head. Thanks Bob, Arthur and Eric.



Wendy and Harald along with Rob (Australian Co-ordinator) and Adrian (Executive Director, TukTuk for children) displaying some of the toys that the club is making for the kindergartens in Pursat, Cambodia. This is an ongoing club project started in 2017. Many thanks to Wendy and her team.



## A GOOD NEWS STORY

At some time over recent years we have all probably felt that customer service is a thing of the past when resolving a problem with a newly purchased item. You know, when a business really goes out of their way to fix it and satisfy the customer so that they will keep coming back.

Members may remember Russell Watson doing a demonstration at the club rooms in November last year of the Trend products from the UK. Russell is one of the few Australian agents for Trend. He is based in outer eastern Melbourne at Chum Creek, just north of Healesville, about a 200km drive from Bendigo.

I had marked the demo date on the calendar because I had been looking at different types of personal dust protection for a while and this was too good a chance to miss to handle and assess the Trend Airshield Pro respirator.

After the demo I had a chat with the members who had said they owned and used the unit and all had said how good it was. I asked Harald to include one for myself in the club's bulk order and collected it a couple of weeks later. After assembling it, I plugged in the battery charger - no LED light in sight as the book said there should be. Leaving it charging overnight proved no different so I left a message on Russell's phone about the problem.

Russell rang the following day and after sussing that it was indeed a faulty charger and being just under two weeks to Christmas, he said, "I'll have one to you tomorrow."

Just before 10am next day he is knocking on my door, replacement charger in hand.

I can't say how impressed I was. He said that looking after his customers is his main concern in the running of his business. With a business ethic like that he can't go wrong.

Russell went above and beyond the call of duty in getting that charger to me, far more than could reasonably be expected and far more than I've ever experienced from any business! thanks again Russ!

Happy New Year.

Kevin Trevan (New member October 18)

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## ***Events Calendar***

Jan 2019
8 <sup>th</sup> - Club resumes
21 <sup>st</sup> - General meeting
24 <sup>th</sup> – Electrical testing (There will be no club activities that morning)
26 <sup>th</sup> - Australia Day (Lake Weeroona)
Feb 2019
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Bunnings BBQ
3 <sup>rd</sup> - CWWG Meeting (12 noon BBQ at our clubrooms followed by meeting)
15 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> - Seymour Farming Expo
25 <sup>th</sup> - General meeting
Mar 2019
25 <sup>th</sup> - General meeting
30 <sup>th</sup> – Bunnings BBQ

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**Cleaning Roster**

January – Carving  
April - Pyrography  
July – Scroll saw  
October - Woodturning

February – Woodturning  
May - Carving  
August - Pyrography  
November – Scroll saw

March – Scroll saw  
June - Woodturning  
September - Carving  
December – Pyrography

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