

October 2025 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 October is Pyrography. And the competition for November is Scroll Saw.

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 and welcome to October's newsletter.

The first item that I would like to mention is the successful 3-day event we had at Dingee, our sales were very good considering that it was uncharted territory. We were extremely well received by the people running the Dingee part of the exhibition, although I must admit if we weren't there it would have been quite a sparse show.

I would particularly like to thank Patrick Curtis who spent a lot of time liaising with the organisers at Dingee and then reporting back to the club regarding the event, he helped make the setup very smooth and uneventful.

Thanks also to all those who travelled each day to help, I think the roster worked well but next year we might need to take the lead out of JA's right foot.

Malcom, Harald, Arthur, Heather and I had a meeting with Mark from Victoria Men's Shed who visited our club the Monday after coming back from Dingee, he was quite intrigued with the age of our building and its history and was also impressed with the setup of our club. He was very helpful in our application to join and setting us on the right pathway for future grants and contacts for future equipment. We were also invited to join a meeting of representatives of all the Victorian clubs on Wednesday 22nd which we will report about at the meeting.

The Christmas lunch venue has been confirmed and will be at "Chasers dining room" at Lords Raceway, Junortoun. More details regarding the event will be announced shortly.

Speaking of Christmas, our sales are only 6 weeks away so start getting organised.

I have been contacted regarding the private sale of a lathe which is the same as our club Vicmark 175 machine, apparently it used to belong to Danny Whitford who is a life member of the club who sold it to the grandfather of the person now selling the lathe, pictures will be in the newsletter and contact details if interested.

That's all for now, keep on turning

Cheers,

Steve Brereton

President

Secretary's Report

Hello to everyone

No new members in the last month but we have had some positive enquiries. A few things have happened in the last month and apologies if I am repeating some of President Steve's report.

- The Club attended and helped at 2 Bunnings activities in early September
 - Father's Day Activity where we had an activity table and also cooked their BBQ. We received some Bunnings vouchers for our work and I thank everyone who helped
 - Bunnings Spring Launch – a few of us manned a table displaying some of our work that again we received a Bunnings voucher for our attendance. Thanks to those who helped.
 - We have also had 2 sausage sizzles
 - Sat 28th Sep was extremely successful with over \$1,500 made for the Club; and
 - Fri 17th Oct – this was the 1st Friday BBQ we have done for Bunnings and we were not sure how it would go and how to cater. Business admittedly was slow but we still came out ahead about \$530. This is still good money for the Club and those who helped on the day enjoyed the conversation and camaraderie. Thanks to those who helped.
 - Loddon Valley Arts Trail (Dingee). Steve has hopefully reported on this weekend as I was away. All reports received say that it was far more successful than anticipated with excellent sales from those who attended. Many thanks to Patrick Curtis for co-ordinating the event.
 - Malcolm Hill and myself will be attending a Victorian Men's Shed Association (VMSA) Forum in Melbourne next Wednesday.
 - For those who are unaware we are in the process of joining the VMSA as associate or affiliate members.
 - This membership will have no effect on how we run club business.
 - We do not change our name or constitution in anyway
 - This membership opens the door in a major way to significant funding through VMSA grants
 - We hosted one of the VMSA senior executive a couple of weeks ago to show him through our Club
 - Malcolm and I will keep you informed of our meeting
 - We have recently purchased a 2nd hand 21" bed scroll saw at a very, very good price. The saw is in near new condition and we thank

Bruce Guilmartin about informing us about the availability and the contact for the purchase. Bruce also picked up the scroll saw for us from Kyneton.

- We intend to build a new table/bench for all the scroll saws in the main room that will in turn free up space in the workshop
- The tickets for the Major Raffle have now been printed. Please see Jeff Willey to get your tickets
- Christmas sales are not far away and the following dates and times are most likely:
 - Wed 26th Nov – Fri 28th Nov (9am – 3pm)
 - Wed 3rd Dec – Sat 6th Dec (9am – 3pm)
 - NB. Not open on Sat 29th Nov because of conflicting Bunnings Sausage Sizzle and EFTPOS machine required.
- Annual Christmas Lunch has now been confirmed at Chasers (restaurant area of Greyhound track, Junortoun) on Sunday 7th Dec at noon. Harald Mai will advise members of more detail and costs. The cost will be more than previous years because of the location but we have the same caterers

That's about it for this month, stay safe

**John Phillips,
Secretary**

Out & About

Loddon Valley Arts Trail at Dingee – What a weekend!



Figure 1 An impressive display



More from Dingee



Figure 3 Dawn Easson hard at work



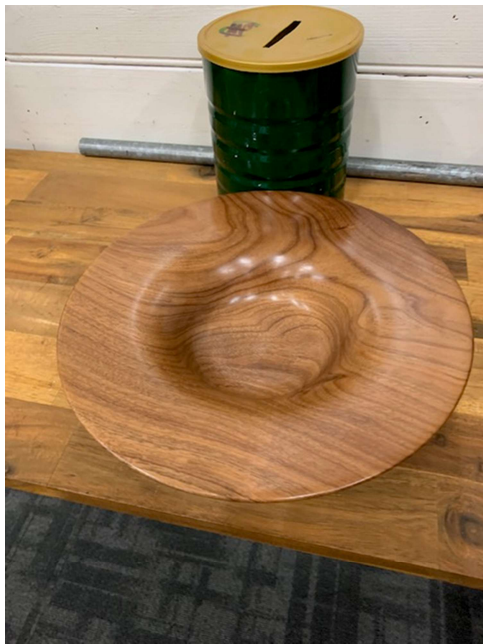
Figure 2 Meanwhile, the boys relaxed!

Back at the Club



Figure 4 Harlainy & Eydan with their bowls - permission granted for inclusion in the newsletter

Monthly Competition



*Figure 7 Monthly Competition
Blackwood bowl by Kevin Trevan*



*Figure 6 Open Competition 1st
Helen Franklin's beautiful mirror,
photo bombed by Arthur*



*Figure 5 Open Competition - 2nd
Kookaburra carving by Bruce
Guilmartin*

For Sale



\$2,000 negotiable

Phone Harrison on 0413 886 597

Formerly owned by Danny Whitford a Life Member



Something for the Ladies



Figure 8 From my Embroidery Website



Figure 9 Also happens at the Club!

Events Calendar

October 2025

3 rd -5 th	Dingee Art Trail
6 th	Executive Meeting
17 th	Bunnings BBQ
27 th	General Meeting
28 th	Bunnings BBQ

This month's competition is Pyrography

November 2025

3 rd	Executive Meeting
21 st	Bunnings BBQ
24 th	General Meeting – last for the year
26-28 th	Christmas Sales
29 th	Bunnings BBQ

This month's competition is Scroll Saw

December 2025

3-6 th	Christmas Sales
4 th	Bunnings Christmas Activity – Activity Table & Cook BBQ
7 th	Christmas Party
8 th	Executive Meeting
10 th	Trivia Night
19 th	Bunnings BBQ

No general meeting in December – no newsletter

January 2026

No Executive Meeting

26 th	Australia Day
26 th	General Meeting

This month's competition is Pyrography

February 2026

2 nd	Executive meeting
23 rd	General Meeting

This month's competition is Scroll Saw

March 2026

2 nd	Executive Meeting
23 rd	General Meeting

This month's competition is Carving

Our Supporters

