

August 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

There is no competition in August due to the Annual General Meeting. The competition for September 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

A brief report this month as I will be giving a more in-depth report at the AGM.

We take a short breath after the highly successful Sheep and Wool show and now look forward to a new year starting in September after the AGM with our first show in October at Dingee, a 3-day event. We won't need huge numbers at the event so stay tuned for further information.

We also have a Bunnings Father's Day evening in early September and Gary King has been very busy cutting out Bunnings hammers to give away to the kids, great effort Gary.

Our open day was held on Saturday August 9th, numbers I am told were about a dozen people in the door with some solid enquiries about joining, a big thankyou to all those who attended and helped run the morning.

With the AGM on Monday 25th, we will be electing a new committee, most of the current committee are putting their hands up again and at this stage we have 3 more nominations so we will be having an election, something to look forward to.

I will sign off now as I will have more to say at the AGM, stay healthy and keep on turning.

Cheers,

Steve Brereton

President

Secretary's Report

Not too much to say this month but a few of the main things that happened or are coming up:

- Annual General Meeting next Monday 25th August starting at 7 pm in the Clubrooms
 - The AGM is our most important meeting of the year where:
 - The committee for the coming year is elected.
 - Membership fees for the coming year are proposed and voted upon.
 - Life Membership Award for 2025 is presented; and
 - The President and Secretary present their annual reports.
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Immediately after the AGM a normal General Meeting for the month of August is conducted. Historically this is very short. At the conclusion of the AGM and GM we will share a cuppa and supper so members are asked to bring a plate.

No new members in the last month but our Open Day on Saturday 9th August possibly enticed a few new members.

Now I have mentioned the Open Day I would like to thank all the members who came along that morning. We think it was very successful and a warranted event that does not take too much organisation, to that extent we may try and have 2 a year in the future.

The Bendigo Woodturners Inc drew their mid-year raffle at our last General Meeting on Monday 28th July 2025. Winners have all been notified and results posted on our website. A big thank you to Jeff Willey for running and organising the event.

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| 1. 1st Prize Coffee Table | Ticket 1033 Sarah Preston |
| 2. 2nd Prize Redgum Twin Clocks | Ticket 0211 John Holloway |
| 3. 3rd Prize Wine Barrell Clock | Ticket 1208 Megan |
| 4. 4th Prize Pyrographed Coat Hanger | Ticket 1759 Alistair |
| 5. 5th Prize Pen & Pencil Set | Ticket 1088 Mal |
| 6. 6th Prize Crochet Set | Ticket 0235 Karen |

More good news – the Club has been officially notified that we were successful with another Community Grants proposal that Jeff Willey submitted. The proposal was to replace one of our lathes that would cost approximately \$4,500. The successful grant was for about \$3,000 with the Club to cover the difference (about \$1,500). I'm sorry I don't have exact figures.

The following upcoming activities have been promulgated before but I think it good to remind members again:

Bunnings Sausage Sizzles

- Sunday 28th September
- Saturday 29th November
- Friday 17th October
- Friday 21st November
- Friday 19th December
- Bunnings Special Activities
 - Father's Day Thursday 4th September (Activity Table and Cook BBQ)
 - Christmas Thursday 4th December (Activity Table and Cook BBQ)
 - Spring Launch Saturday 6th September

Stay safe

**John Phillips,
Secretary**

The Year Review in Pictures

Another busy year for the Woodies and look what we've done, another year over, a new one just beginning!



Chris Pascoe. Photo Darre



Events Calendar

September 2025

- 1st Executive Meeting
- 4th Bunnings Father's Day – Activity Table & Cook BBQ
- 6th Bunnings – Spring Launch
- 22nd General Meeting
- 28th Bunnings BBQ

This month's competition is Wood Turning.

October 2025

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

This month's competition is Pyrography

November 2025

- 3rd Executive Meeting
- 21st Bunnings BBQ
- 24th General Meeting
- 26-29th Christmas Sales
- 29th Bunnings BBQ

This month's competition is Scroll Saw

December 2025

- 1st Executive Meeting
- 3-6th Christmas Sales
- 4th Bunnings Christmas Activity – Activity Table & Cook BBQ
- 7th Christmas Party
- 19th Bunnings BBQ

No general meeting in December

January 2026

- No Executive Meeting
 - 26th Australia Day
 - 26th General Meeting
- This month's competition is Pyrography**

February 2026

- 2nd Executive meeting
 - 23rd General Meeting
- This month's competition is Scroll Saw**

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