November 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
Woodturners:		
Tuesday Group:	Every Tuesday	9.00am to 12.00pm
Tuesday evenings:	Every Second Tuesday in the month	7.00pm to 9.00pm
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 to 9:00pm
Carvers Group:	1st & 3rd Tuesday Monthly	7.00pm to 9:00pm
Triton Group:	1st & 3rd Tuesday Monthly	7.00pm to 9:00pm
Scroll Saw Group:	2nd & 4th Tuesday Monthly	7.00pm to 9:00pm
Wood Turning Group:	2nd & 4th Tuesday Monthly	7.00pm to 9:00pm
Group Activities:	Saturday (as required)	9.00am to 12.00pm

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Welcome to new members

David McCool and Jack Sweatmore.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President's Report

Hello Woodies, well this is my last report for the year, it is going far too quickly as we now head into setting up for our X-mas Sales and then closing down over Christmas and New Year and our last General meeting.

As just mentioned, our last General meeting will be held on Monday 23rd at 19:00, please bring a plate for some fellowship after the meeting. The following week on the Tuesday we will be setting up for the X-mas sales, for those wishing to help set up please be there by 09:00, as you know, we won't wait. The dates for the X-mas sales will be Wed 2nd to Sat 5th and Wed 9th to Sat 12th. The times will be from 09:00 to 16:00. There is a roster for the front desk at the club, so if you wish to help out please put your name down. We will pack up the sales area on Tuesday 15th and this will be our last day for the year, recommencing on Tuesday 12th.

Our X-mas lunch will be held on Sunday December 13th at the Queen's Arms hotel in Flora Hill gathering at 11:30 for a 12:00 start, it will be a 2 course meal with tea and coffee available, drinks at bar prices, price for members is $30 per head, the club will subsidise the remainder.

Since our last meeting we have had another Bunnings BBQ with this one being our best ever result yet, well done to all those who helped out on the day, John will no doubt update members in his report.

The new Drum sander should arrive at the club in mid December and will be set up for use next year. Please see Malcolm for instructions on its use.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting, stay safe and keep on turning.

Steve Brereton

President

Secretary's Report.

Secretary's Report November 2026
Hello to all, and apologies for not submitting a report last month.
First of all please join me in welcoming a couple of new members to the club,
Jack Sweatmore and David McCool.
Even though this part of the year is typically our quiet time we have still been busy. Some of the activities we have had are:

- Bunnings Sausage Sizzles
  - 31 Oct 26 making $1,364.00 ; and
  - 8 Nov 26 $1,798.00 (a new record for our club)
  - Thank you to everyone who helped on the days
- 1st Bendigo Cubs visit
  - I think we had 17 cubs and their leaders visit earlier this month. The kids were really good and thoroughly enjoyed the evening. We were a little light handed that night so if you can spare a bit of time when we have another similar event it would be most appreciated.

A few of us ventured away to Yea last week for an annual get together with other members of the CWWG (Central West Woodworkers Group). We all had a great time that included visits to Alexandra Community Shed, Snob's Creek Hatchery, Healesville Sanctuary and Kerrisdale Miniature Railway and Museum.

Next year we are looking at returning to Hamilton the week after Melbourne Cup.
Christmas is fast approaching with the club open for sales from Wed 2nd Dec to Sat 5th Dec and Wed 9th Dec to Sat 12th Dec. Hours of trade for all days 9am to 4pm. If you can help at the sales desk for half a day sometime through that period it would be great. Roster is on the pin board inside main door.
We have a few members and/or their family who haven't been too well and we wish them a speedy recovery.
A few photos of some recent activities:



Heather and Helen showing Cubs how to scroll saw



Harald on the pyro with some cubs



CWWG trip to Yea and visit to miniature railway (Roger Hallam and Malcolm with Jennifer)



CWWG trip to mini railway and their museum



CWWG trip and Tracey at Healesville Sanctuary



CWWG trip and visit to Snobs Creek Hatchery (Tracey, Joy and Maggie)



Snobs Ck Hatchery with Malcolm and David looking for fish

Stay safe
John



Zenith sanding



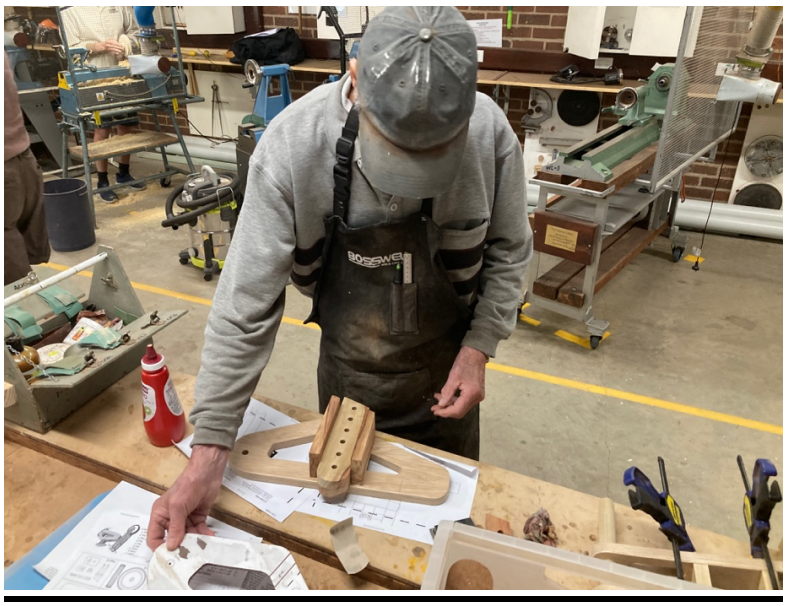
Is there any wood left?

Toy group hard at it.





Wheel barrow or Unicycle?





Mal and Phill replacing a clubhouse window sill.

Show and Tell

This is the new beast due to arrive in December

Twin Drum Sander - DS-660



User guide is in the files area of our facebook page.

Out and about from the editors desk.

I hear the Bunnings sausage sizzle of Nov 8 was a phenomenal success, well done to all concerned, would have been a busy day.

A wonderful supporter of woodturners and specifically pen turners, has decided to close shop, I wish Sam of Steve's Woodcraft all the very best for her future.

https://www.steveswoodcraft.com.au/

Events Calendar.

November 2026

2nd Committee Meeting

23rd General Meeting & supper, bring a plate, please.

No Christmas sales for November

This month's competition is Scroll Saw

December 2026

3rd @ **1730 Bunnings Epsom, Christmas activities**

2-5th Christmas Sales

7th @ **1830 C**ommittee Meeting

9th–12th Christmas Sales

13th @ **1200, Christmas function,**
Queens Arms Hotel,
Function room,
drinks at bar prices,
2 course meal $30.00.

No general meeting

January 2027

12th @ **0900 Club reopens on the 2nd Tuesday of January**
General meeting to be announced

26th **Australia day at Lake Weeroona**

February 2027

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