

July 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 July is Carving; there is no competition in August due to the Annual General Meeting.

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,

As I write this report I have just returned from the Sheep and Wool show on Sunday night with glowing news that we have had a fantastic 3 days, the best sales ever by about 5k, the weather was very kind to us, cold early then great days. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped out over the 4 days in setting up and working at the show and then packing up, a great team effort and you should all be proud of your work.

Some of our members had great sales numbers but I think everyone would be very pleased with their sales, we even had our new member, Damien Nolan, having his first sales, well done Damien. The roster system worked well as we didn't seem to be falling over each other and crowding the entrance as in previous years so it will be here to stay.

A big congratulation to the raffle ticket sellers and to Cheryl for folding the tickets, the raffle sales were I believe above previous years, no doubt John will supply the details in his report.

On another note we now start to gear up for our end of year in the August AGM, we will have at least 1 spot vacant on the committee as Chris Pascoe is not putting his name forward for next term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris for his tireless work and I want to wish him and Heather all the best on their journey ahead. So, to those of you out there, give it some thought as to if you would like to be a part of the committee, or even an executive position, John has called for nominations so make sure you see him if you are interested.

It is also the time of year for life member nominations, if you have someone in mind, put together a short but detailed story of their involvement in the club and have your nominations in to John by the first of August, just before our executive meeting on the Monday.

With the sheep and wool show now over, our next event is the show out at Dingee in early October which runs for 3 days, I am sure we are all short of items so a few days in the shed might be needed, also give some thought as to helping out, even for 1 day, no doubt we will be carpooling to assist with travel so make it known if you want to help.

I have had enough for now, time for a beer, keep on turning.

Cheers,

Steve Brereton

President

Secretary's Report

No new members to welcome in this report, but we have had many positive and promising enquiries.

Words and adjectives cannot cover how successful the 2025 Sheep and Wool Show was to our Club. We set up on Thursday ready for the Friday opening at 9am and we did not stop all day (literally). The Saturday and Sunday were not as busy but still very, very good. I will not state the actual dollar amounts that crossed the desk but by the end of the weekend we had exceeded our previous best by a few thousand dollars. The Sheep and Wool Show is by far our Clubs most successful for members.

Besides members sales our incredible Raffle Ticket sellers brought in about \$1,500, so a huge shoutout to Patrick Curtis, John MacDonald, John Fuzzard and John Humphreys.

Another enormous thank you goes to our intrepid Toy group. They went to the Show with a lot of stuff and are going home with very little. Their efforts have brought into the Club over \$1,100. Well done to Kevin Trevan, John Humphreys, John Fuzzard, John Atkinson and John MacDonald and anyone else I may have forgotten.

I am at liberty to say that after all expenses (Marquee, Site Fees, Extra Tickets etc), the Club made about \$3,500 from Commissions, Toys and the Raffle.

Don't forget the Mid-Year Raffle will be drawn at the next General Meeting on Monday 28th July.

Bunnings have offered the Club the following events that we have accepted:

- Sausage Sizzles
 - Sunday 28th September
 - Saturday 29th November
 - Friday 17th October
 - Friday 21st November
 - Friday 19th December
- Special Activities
 - Father's Day Thursday 4th September (Activity Table and Cook BBQ)
 - Spring Launch Saturday 6th September
 - Christmas Thursday 4th December (Activity Table and Cook BBQ)
- Very busy time with Bunnings but we make good money for the Club at these events

There are a lot of people in Bendigo going down with the flu or something similar and considering how much contact that could have gone on at the Sheep Show please be very careful and if you feel crook stay home, get rest, and don't spread it around the Club if possible.

Finally, congratulations to Malcolm Hill for receiving his OBE a couple of weeks ago.
(Over Bloody Eighty).

I have added some photos from the Sheep Show

Stay safe

John Phillips,
Secretary

Australasian Sheep & Wool Show – thank you John Phillips for the photos



Figure 4 Happy patrons in the shed



Figure 3 Our brilliant raffle ticket sellers, John MacDonald and John Fuzzard



Figure 2 Andrea & Tracey burning away (when not talking)



Figure 1 Malcom & Tammy busy at the sales table



Figure 5 Our setup out front



Figure 6 Raffle ticket sellers with prizes and sales items



Figure 7 John MacDonald and some happy ladies at the raffle table

Events Calendar

August 2025

- 4th Executive Meeting
- 9th Open Day
- 26th Annual General Meeting – no competition

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 Dingley 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**

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