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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

Bendigo Woodturners Directory

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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

Competition for September is Scroll Saw and for October is Carving. 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 in detail allowing members to gain from your experiences.

President's Report

Hello woodies

I believe the time has come for me to step down as President and therefore will not be submitting my name this year. As this will be my final report as President, I want to take the opportunity to thank all members who served on the committee during my tenure. I have been very fortunate that my role as President was made so much easier because of the strong support from the committee. Thank you to all club members who contribute to the effective operation of the club as well as the support given to me. I have enjoyed my tenure although it has not all been clear sailing.

I look back over the 5 years and in that time, I was involved with several major projects. The highlight for me was the Dragon stands that the club was commissioned to construct through the Bendigo Council for the Bendigo Chinese Association. The preparedness of members to help was truly pleasing and it demonstrated the quality, experience and professionalism displayed by all who were involved. A fantastic result was achieved that is still being remarked upon by those external to the club. The club also completed the construction of the shelter, storage shelving for the wood, the footpath from the clubrooms to the rear of the property, water diversion from the back of the building and retaining walls along the fence line and path. These projects greatly improved access to the rear of the property as well as providing all year protection from the elements.

Unfortunately, Covid impacted on several club activities, but regardless, we were still able to maintain a strong membership rate. I am extremely pleased to see a more diverse membership from people joining the club with little or no wood working background which I believe is a clear sign that people are very interested in what the club has to offer. Most have now produced some wonderful items, and some have even sold their items. This reflects strongly on the professionalism of our team of group leaders who continue to give up their time to instruct new members as well as providing support to all other club members. Thank you.

I especially thank John Phillips, for his support, which made my job so much easier.

Finally, I wish the incumbent President and incoming committee all the best and I will continue to provide whatever assistance I can to the new Committee and club.

To all our members who are in poor health, I wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you back at the club soon.

Stay safe.	
Cheers,	
Harald	

Secretary's Report

Another club year has passed and at least we were open for business for all of it, albeit we still need to be careful and aware of the dreaded Covid19.

The Club currently has 80 members with nearly 30% being female which is outstanding (for info, I saw something online the other day for someone looking for a good-sized shed to rent to set up a Women's Shed).

Some of the highlights of the year have been:

- 12 Bunnings Sausage Sizzles since the start of July 2021
- Easter Sales

- Seymour Alternative Farming Expo
- Sheep & Wool Show
- CraftAlive
- A club project to restore/refurbish outdoor garden furniture
- The incredible work of the Toy Group
- Very successful major and mid-year raffles
 - o Thank you to ticket sellers and those who donated prizes
- Money raised from these events has allowed the club to do the following:
 - o Ground works around Club, especially in the upper work area
 - Install new security systems (cameras and digital lock)
- We have also been fortunate to have installed a 6.5kW solar power system under the auspices of a state government grant. Many thanks to Jeff Willey for his submission.

Our Tuesday and Thursday morning groups continue to be very popular with lots of work and camaraderie enjoyed

Many thanks are due to a lot of people, and I hope I don't miss anyone:

- to each of the hands-on groups especially the committee members providing guidance to new members.
- Arthur Curnick for taking the bins out
- David Barber for making sure the kitchen is stocked and raffle prizes at the ready for GM's
- The volunteers who clean the clubrooms, toilets and vacuum the floor with special thanks to John Humphreys who was often the member seen doing it all.
- Maurie Chelman who we often see sitting behind a grinder and touching up all our chainsaws and large bandsaw blades
- All the members who attend working bees to tidy up the garden areas.
- Members who do garden maintenance
- All the members who assist with Bunnings Sausage Sizzles
- All the members who volunteer to activity nights with cubs, scouts, and venturers
- Members who take on additional roles with the CWWG as our club representatives

As you can see there is a lot to running a successful club and we can't do it without a bit of help that hopefully can be shared.

This Club continues to be very successful and happy place for all of us to enjoy ourselves and I'm sure this will continue.

John Phillips

JULY DEMONSTRATION





Jeff Willey demonstrating how he sets up the glass cutting jig to cut a variety of glass containers for use in several wood creations such as candle holders as shown. A very interesting and informative session. Jeff is happy to show and teach the technique to anyone who is interested. Thanks, Jeff.

Venturer's Activity

The club hosted the Bendigo Venturers on the August 18th. It was an extremely successful night with several club members in attendance. The feedback from all who attended was very positive. I wish to thank all who participated. It was especially pleasing to see several of our newer members attending for the first time. Well done everyone, a good night was had by all.











Events Calendar

August 2022

1st – Executive Meeting

6th – Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

18th – Hosting Venturers Group (6.00 pm)

22nd – Annual General Meeting

27th - Bunnings Sausage Sizzle

September 2022

5th – Executive Meeting

26th - General Meeting

October 2022

3rd – Executive Meeting

16th - Maldon Agricultural Show

24th - General Meeting

November 2022

2nd – Executive Meeting

28th – General Meeting

30th – Club Xmas Sales (10am to 4pm)

December 2022

1st to 3rd - Club Xmas Sales (10am to 4pm)

5th – Executive Meeting

7th to 10th - Club Xmas Sales (10am to 4pm)

20th - Club closed for Xmas Break (Individual to organise their own finish dates)

January 2023

10th – Club Resumes (Individual groups to organise their own start dates)

23rd – General Meeting

26th - Australia Day Event (Lake Weeroona)

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