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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
Scroll Saw Group:	2nd & 4th Tuesday Monthly	7.00pm
Wood Turning Group:	2nd & 4th Tuesday Monthly	7.00pm
Triton Group:	2nd & 4th Wednesday Monthly	6.30pm
Group Activities:	Saturday (as required)	9.00am to 12.00pm

Bendigo Woodturners Directory

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Newsletter items need to be with the editor no later than two weeks prior to the General meeting

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 January competition is Triton and February is Pyrography. 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 cannot believe we are at the end of another year. 8 months ago, no one had any idea of what the year would look like or how it would finish. We did however manage to hold the AGM with Covid restrictions and open our doors as well as hold the Christmas sales and attend the lunch at the Bendigo Pottery. It was great to see members return to the club and I hope we will be able to catch up with everyone else again in 2021. Even though there were restrictions, we were still able to get some projects completed. Thank you to all who assisted.

I wish to congratulate all members who were reflected to the committee and welcome new members John Humphreys and Eric Smith. Thank you to Steve Brereton for accepting the position of Vic President. I also thank those who are continuing as team leaders for the group activities as well as the library, shop, and maintenance. You will find all appointments in the updated directory.

John Turner did not renominate for the committee. I wish to thank him for his contribution whilst on the committee as well as for the number of times he stepped in as Vic President during my absence. John will continue in his role as safety officer as well as an assessment officer.

Thank you to all committee members who continue to do great work by offering up their time to keep the club operational and to the many club members for your assistance with the various activities and events as well as maintaining the club rooms, workshop equipment, and grounds. I particularly wish to thank John Phillips for the tremendous work he continues to do for the club.

The club will close its door on Tuesday 15th December 2020 and recommence on Tuesday 12th January 2021. The last day of the Christmas sales ends on Saturday at 4pm so items cannot be removed after that time. If you have items, please collect them on Tuesday or arrange prior to 4pm Saturday. I wish to start refurbishing the club as soon as possible on Tuesday and give the workshop a good clean. There is a bit to do, so if you can do so, your cooperation and assistance with the clean-up will be much appreciated.

It was with great pleasure that I presented John with the Life member award for his service to the club.



TESTIMONIAL – JOHN TURNER

John joined the club in 2001. In that time John has been a very productive and proactive member of the club, participating in many club activities and events including working bees. Since 2013, John has been a member on the committee, which included a period as Vice President as well as substituting for the President on several occasions.

He currently holds the position as Safety officer a role that is a vital and extremely important function within the club. He continually identifies and resolves, as well as providing briefings, on all matters regarding safety of members and the equipment they use.

He is also involved in the training and assessment of new members. He maintains a register and assists in the implementation of refresher training and assessment, as required, for validating club members on their use of tools and machinery within the club.

He was involved for several years in the annual delivery and instruction of first aid training to club members.

He regularly assists with the maintenance, general repair, and upkeep of equipment within the club workshop.

John has displayed great commitment and support to the club and is therefore a worthy recipient of Life Member of the Bendigo Woodturners.

Harald Mai
President

Secretary's Report

What a weird and unfortunate year everyone has had, as it will go down in history, a once in a hundred-year catastrophe. For the record I refer to the Covid19 pandemic.

The Club was forced to close its doors for about 6 months of this year and even when open it was only for limited numbers, including tonight for our AGM.

Our membership stands at 78 at the moment which is a fairly consistent figure for the club over the past few years.

Some of the highlights since our last AGM have been:

- Christmas Sales Nov/Dec 2019
- Australia Day, Lake Weeroona, January 2020
- Seymour Alternate Farming Expo, February 2020

And then unfortunately the Covid19 restrictions hit the entire country and many events that we normally attend were cancelled including:

- Easter Exhibition
- Sheep & Wool Show
- CraftAlive
- Bendigo Home & Leisure Show

Not to mention our club's monthly general meetings.

Through all of this we have survived and supported each other, and the Club, and I thank you all for your support.

When the restrictions relaxed slightly some members of the club were able to conduct some improvements, including the construction of a 6m * 6m work shelter in our top area. The work included lifting/jacking both containers to construct substantial concrete plinths at each end and then paving the shelter area. The work is not yet complete, but the next steps are to rearrange the contents of the containers and the storage of timber. The path leading up to the top area now has heavy duty steel guardrail with paving planned soon. Many thanks go to everyone who helped in these major projects with particular thanks to David Alexander, Malcolm Hill and John MacDonald.

As I have said many times, this year has been extraordinary for all of us, but it appears life is starting to return to a little bit of normality, and it is hoped the following events will still occur in this financial year:

- Australia Day, Lake Weeroona, Tue 26 January
- Seymour Alternate Farming Expo deferred to 16 – 18 April 2021
- Easter Exhibition albeit not in MacGillivray Hall but the Trades Hall on View Street
- And hopefully all other usual events we attend
- The committee only recently decided to still conduct our Christmas Sales within the Club because of the easing of restrictions commencing Tue 1st Dec till Sat 5th Dec, and Tue 8th Dec to Sat 12th Dec. All government delegated safety precautions will be enforced during the sales period.

A flow on effect of all this year's disruption is a major reduction in our revenue from Bunnings events and sales of raffle tickets. Fortunately, we were in a reasonable financial position and now that Bunnings has commenced sausage sizzles again, our bank balance should improve or at least pay for some of the improvements that have been undertaken. The club was fortunate to be given the honour of the 1st Bunnings Sausage Sizzle after the Covid19 restrictions eased in regional Victoria on Sat 14th Nov. Many thanks to everyone who assisted on the day where \$1,263.00 was made on the day.

There are many members to be thanked for the work they have done for the club including the following:

- Arthur Curnick for putting out the bins weekly
- Patrick Curtis and his team for our ground maintenance
- Malcolm Hill and team for equipment maintenance
- Jeff Willey for the work he has put in to applying for government grants
- I apologise for those I have missed.

This Club continues to be highly successful and due to a great degree by the friendliness of members and how we can help each other when required. Let's continue with this ethos.

The Executive Committee discussed this year's annual fees at length and because of Covid19 causing the Club to be closed for considerable time this past year that fees not be increased for any new member and continuing members be given a discount as per figures in bold below the normal fee.

	Sep-Oct	Nov-Feb	Mar-May	Jun-Aug
Bendigo				
Single	\$70.00	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$20.00
	\$35.00 for returning member for 2020 - 2021 financial year only			
Family	\$100.00	\$82.50	\$55.00	\$27.50
	\$50.00 for returning members for 2020 - 2021 financial year only			
Country				
Single	\$55.00	\$48.75	\$32.50	\$16.25
	\$30.00 for returning member for 2020 - 2021 financial year only			
Family	\$80.00	\$67.50	\$45.00	\$22.50
	\$40.00 for returning members for 2020 - 2021 financial year only			

Additional family members as defined as living/residing at same address will pay the difference between a single and family rate (approximately \$30.00).

Members are encouraged to pay their fees electronically via EFTPOS or direct debit to:

Account Name: Bendigo Woodturners Incorporated
BSB: 633000
Account No: 134124510

Please use Member Name as Reference followed by "FEES"

NB. Country membership eligibility is for those who reside outside a radius of 40km from Bendigo. In addition to above fees, and for this year only, the committee chose that no raffle levy will be collected, instead each club member is asked to take a raffle book and sell as many as they can. The Easter raffle has been renamed to the major raffle and will be drawn at the Gen Meeting on 26th April 2020.

Finally, thank you to the President, committee and members who have assisted me in the last 12 months and hopefully the coming year will not be as dramatic as this year.

I should also mention many of our other members and/or their immediate families have not had a great year health wise and we wish them all the best.

John Phillips
Secretary

VALE

Heinz Gross, Alistair Shanks and Bill Bruinsma

Past members - Bernie Warren and Ron Barrows (past Club President)

Our thoughts are with the families of all these members

First Bunnings sausage sizzle since the restrictions began. There was a steady flow of customers for most of the day



Some of the work recently completed

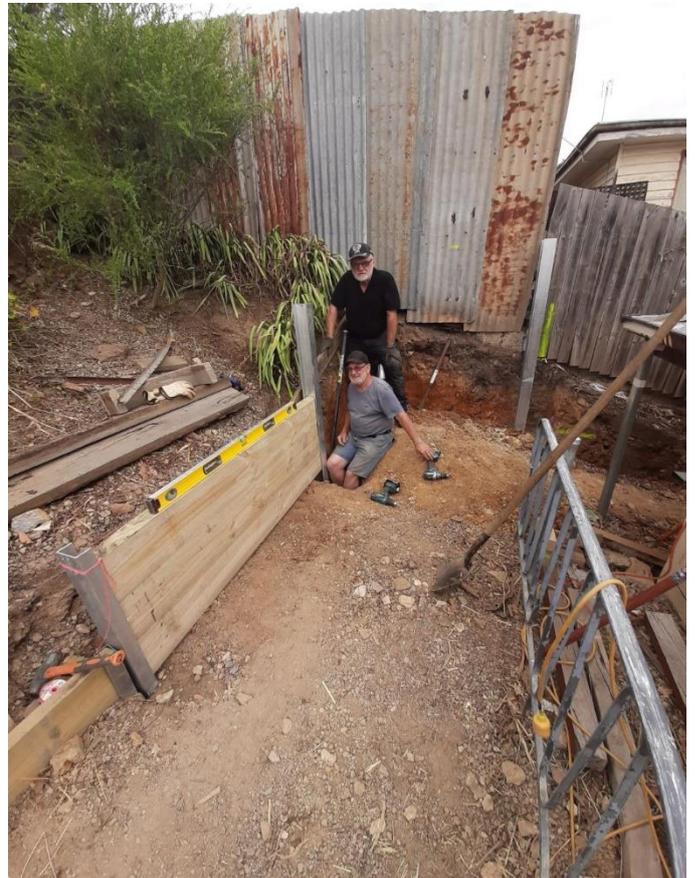
New Shelter Construction

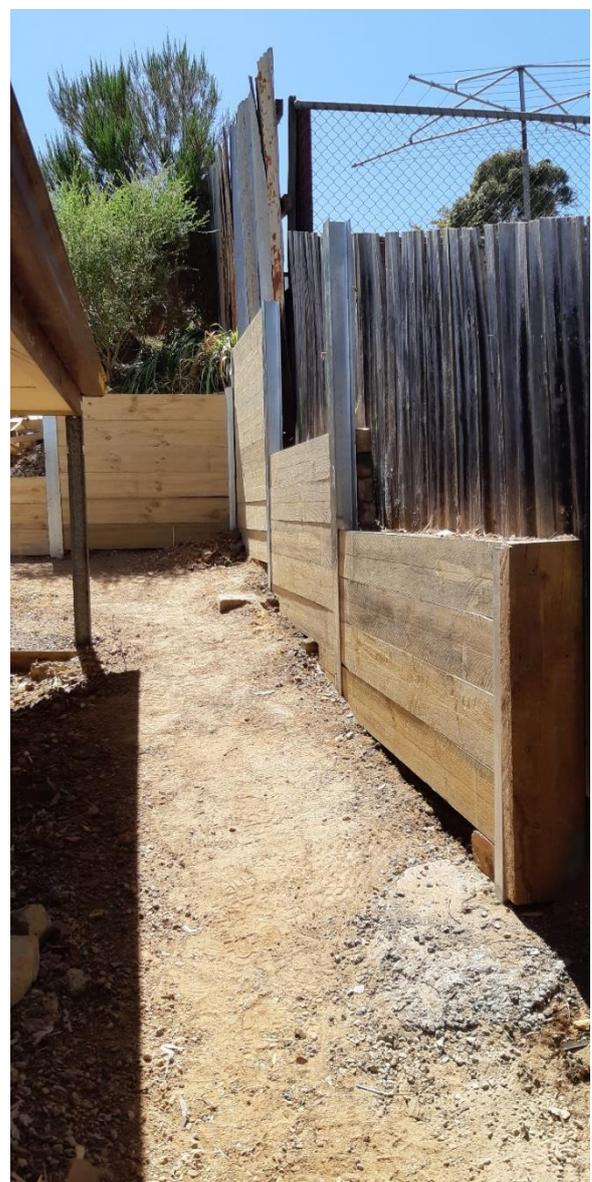


Jeff showed up for photos



New Guardrail and retaining wall under construction





Christmas Lunch 2020





Jennie Barnes Pyro Request for Bunnings

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

Events Calendar

December 2020

12th – Last day of Christmas sales
15th – Last day for club activities

January 2021

12th – Club resumes (group activity leaders to arrange their own return date)
18th – General Meeting
26th – Australia Day (Lake Weeroona)

February 2021

1st – Executive meeting
22nd – General meeting

March 2021

1st – Executive meeting
22nd – General meeting

April 2021

2nd to 5th - Easter Exhibition (Trades Hall)
10th – Cavendish Redgum Festival
12th – Executive meeting
16th to 18th – Seymour Alternative Farming Expo
26th – General meeting

May 2021

3rd – Executive meeting
24th – General meeting

