

October 2019 NEWSLETTER



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Bendigo Woodturners Activities Program

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| General Meeting: | 4 th Monday Monthly | 7.00pm |
| Executive Meeting: | 1 st Monday Monthly | 6.30pm |
| Tuesday Group: | Every Tuesday | 9.00am to 12.00pm |
| General Woodworking: | Every Thursday | 9.00am to 12.00pm |
| Toy Group: | 1 st & 3 rd Saturday Monthly | 9.00am to 12.00pm |
| Pyrography Group: | 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday Monthly | 7.00pm |
| Carvers Group: | 1 st & 3 rd Tuesday Monthly | 7.00pm |
| Scroll Saw Group: | 2 nd & 4 th Tuesday Monthly | 7.00pm |
| Wood Turning Group: | 2 nd & 4 th Tuesday Monthly | 7.00pm |
| Triton Group: | 2 nd & 4 th Wednesday Monthly | 6.30pm |
| Group Activities: | Saturday (as required) | 9.00am to 12.00pm |

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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 October competition is carving and November 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 at a later time. Entrants will be invited to discuss their entry in detail allowing members to gain from your experiences.

President's Report

Hello woodies

October so far has been quite busy with many projects keeping us all active. I want to thank everyone who attended the working bee a couple of Saturdays ago to clean up the gardens and grounds as well as the construction of new shelving in the store room. The grounds look so much better and the shelving has given us a lot more space to put stuff away. Great job team.

CWWG Mount Gambier getaway – Each year the CWWG goes on safari and this year we were at Mount Gambier. A wonderful time was had by all, albeit the weather was a bit on the cold and wet side. There were 9 couples with 4 from our club. Thank you to John and Tracey Phillips for doing most of the organising.

Each day there was a scheduled morning activity with the afternoons free for individual activities. An evening meal was organised for Wednesday at the local RSL club. I believe everyone had a very enjoyable time and the nightly get together for the happy hour was a great way to finish off the day. The highlight for me was the visits to Feasts Car Museum, and N. F. McDonnell & Sons Timber Mill. Photos later in newsletter.

Next year's activity is again going to be organised by the Bendigo group and Daylesford has been suggested as the location to be held late October or early November. Further details to be announce at a later stage.

Reminder:

- Set up for Christmas sales will be after morning tea on Tuesday 26th Nov.

Note: Volunteers are required for manning the front desk during sales hours. If you can spare some time, please advise the committee so that a roster can be drawn up. There needs to be two people at the desk at all times.

The club shop has Trend face masks and filters available for sale. Also please get any orders to Arthur by mid next week so that items can be delivered prior to Christmas.

To all our members who are not in the best of health, we wish you a speedy recovery.

Have a nice day

Cheers,

Harald

Secretary's Report

Bunnings activities:

Sausage Sizzle on Saturday 23rd November 2019

Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 19th January 2020

Community Activity Day on Saturday 12th October

Thank you to Wendy for organising with help from many incl. Jennie Barnes, Vanessa Bate, Arthur Curnick, Bob Trigg (not sure of others)

Received \$80.00 Bunnings vouchers

Christmas Activity Evening, Thu 5 Dec

Club Christmas Lunch on Sunday 1st December at Bendigo Pottery. Names on board please (Cost \$25.00 per person)

Early membership payment discount expires end of October.

The Club will be visiting Carshalton House again on 12th November. POC Jeff Willey

Next General Meeting (25th November) will be last for 2019, no demo or who am I. Please bring a plate to share.

1st General Meeting for 2020 will be on 3rd Monday of January (20th January) so we get one in before Australia Day

Final Tuesday Morning for 2019 on Tue 26th Nov

Club Christmas Sales Hours of Business

1st week - 27 to 30 Nov 2019

2nd week – 4 to 7 Dec 2019

3rd week – 11 to 14 Dec 2019

Wed, Thu & Sat 10am to 3pm

Fridays 3pm to 8 pm (BYO BBQ Dinner)

John

Monthly Competition

Open Section:

1st – Bill Bruinsma (Knife Block)



2nd – Meg Bruinsma (Pyrography Lion)



Scroll Saw Section:

1st – Wendy Logan (Horse on Carousel)



2nd – Gladys Chelman (Working a Scroll Saw)



Note: Apologies for the poor pictures – (President)

CWWG Caravan Safari – Mount Gambier

Feasts Car Museum

A group photo taken of the CWWG gang at our visit to Feasts Car Museum at Port MacDonnell. An amazing place to visit. There are so many other items on display which would interest most.



NF McDonnell & Sons timber mill

Thanks to Roger Hallum for organising this visit. The cutting process is fully automated with the operation being controlled and monitored by a single operator. There are many other parts of the mill that require staff including maintenance, blade sharpening, sorting and stacking. The mill only processes locally sourced plantation pine timber and is transported interstate for treatment. Most of the timber is used for landscaping but special overseas orders are also met. Logs of various sizes are cut green and generally despatched within 48 hours. All waste material is recycled.



Millicent National Trust Museum

This steam driven lathe was on display along with fully restored buggies, carriages & wagons and many other items relating to the history of Millicent.



Safety article published for CFA members but important for everyone to be aware

As people prepare their property for the fire season, communities and members need to be aware of protecting themselves from the fungus cryptococcus.



P2 masks currently are required whilst operating a chainsaw for CFA people, however there are updates in PPC from 1 July 2021

We are coming into spring, and many people are preparing their property for the summer fire season. Clearing trees and vegetation from around houses is often part of this preparation, however people should be taking precautions to protect themselves.

A recent experience by a CFA volunteer who contracted the rare disease **cryptococcal meningitis** has highlighted the need for members, undertaking operations such as using chainsaws, to observe greater respiratory protection.

Cryptococcus is a potentially fatal fungus that, when inhaled, may spread via the spinal cord to the brain.

This fungus has been found to be especially associated with Eucalyptus trees, most notably River Redgum, Bluegum and Blackwood timbers and soils, as well as some bird droppings. The disease can display symptoms of fevers, headaches, muscle aches and tiredness – not dissimilar to influenza.

Although on average, it only affects six to ten people in Australia each year, those clearing properties using chainsaws are potentially putting themselves at a higher risk of contracting the disease. Operators undertaking chainsaw operations (either battery or two-stroke powered) should wear a P2 mask to protect from inhalable particles, along with compliant chainsaw chaps, chainsaw helmet with ear muffs and visor and goggles/safety glass.

NOTE: It would be reasonable to assume that the fungus Cryptococcus which may result in a member catching Cryptococcal Meningitis while machining wood both at home and at the Club, may never happen however, the warning is there.

Events Calendar

Oct 2019

28th – General meeting

Nov 2019

12th - Carshalton House (POC Jeff Willey)

15th – Youth group visit (5.30pm)

23rd – Bunnings BBQ

25th – General meeting (last for year – bring a plate to share for supper)

26th – Setup clubrooms for Christmas sales

27th to 30th – Christmas sales (Wed, Thu and Sat – 10 to 3; Fri – 3 to 8)

Dec 2019

1st – Christmas lunch (Bendigo Pottery – 12 noon)

5th – Bunnings Christmas activity

4th to 7th - Christmas sales (Wed, Thu and Sat – 10 to 3; Fri – 3 to 8)

11th to 14th - Christmas sales (Wed, Thu and Sat – 10 to 3; Fri – 3 to 8)

19th – Club closes for Christmas break

Jan 2020

14th – Tuesday group resumes (Other groups will set their own return)

19th – Bunnings BBQ

20th - General meeting

27th – Australia Day (Lake Weeroona)

