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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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Send newsletter items to the editor 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 Wood Turning and the November is Triton. 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

Below is my annual report, which I presented at the AGM. All committee members renominated and were duly elected unopposed. I welcome Rosie Kelleher to the committee in the newly created position as Assistant Secretary.

“Covid has again disrupted several of our activities over the past 12 months, but we did manage to sneak in a few events and club projects.

As always, none of these projects would have been possible without the great support received from you. Thank you to all who assisted.

A special thank you to all committee members who continue to do great work by offering up their time to keep the club operational. The activity group leaders and their helpers who supervise the hands-on evenings, and to the many club members for your assistance in maintaining the club rooms, the workshop and equipment, and grounds. I particularly wish to thank John Phillips, our secretary, for the tremendous work he continues to do for the club.

I don't know what the next 12 months will be like, but I'm confident we will be back to near normal as possible. However, I suspect that some of the current restrictions will be with us for some time, such as using the QR Code, masks, and hand sanitizing.

Although it has been very difficult and demanding year, I look forward to the challenges that face us in the coming months, and I know all club members will continue, to comply with the rules and protocols which will enable the club to function as best as it can in a safe environment.

Thank you, and all the best for the next 12 months.”

Reminders:

- Membership fees are due with an early payment discount of \$10 before end of November
- Raffle books will be available soon. See Jeff Willey.
- Current Covid19 rules still apply.

Working Bee:

There will be a working bee (weather permitting) Saturday 16th October, from 9am. We need to apply a 'spring clean' to the grounds as well as sort through the timber up the back. Please bring gloves and appropriate sun protection.

Cheers,

Harald

REMINDER:

We now have a QR Code for the club.

All club members and guests must sign in using the code. If unable to do so, you must enter your details on the visitor attendance sheet.

All members are still to fill in the club attendance sheet as per normal.

Don't forget to practice hand hygiene and social distancing and if not feeling well, stay home and stay safe.

Secretary's Report

Well, another year has passed albeit with all the problems and nuisances of Covid19 restrictions continuing.

The pandemic has caused the Club to shut its doors a few times through the last 12 months and restrict numbers in attendance for the greater part of the last 12 months also. Needless to say, the Club has survived.

The Club currently has 71 members with our membership fluctuating each year, but over the last 5 years or so the membership has always seemed to end up around the 70 mark. Our Tuesday morning group usually has between 20 and 30, and Thursday mornings between 15 and 20. Covid19 restrictions have limited our attendance in the Clubrooms to a maximum of 20 at any one time. Attendance at hands-on evenings is probably down but again Covid is a major reason for this.

Hopefully once the State gets to 80% vaccinations the chance of lockdowns will disappear and everyone will feel more confident in attending.

In the last 12 months the only major activities we attended were:

- Club Christmas Sales in Clubrooms (2 weeks of December 2020)
 - Eventhough we reduced the sales to 2 * 5 business day weeks our sales were excellent. We will probably do the same format this year.
- Australia Day – Cancelled
- Easter
 - Very successful 3 days at our new location in the Trades Hall on View Street
- Seymour Alternate Farming Expo
 - Dates were pushed back from February to mid-April
 - Not as many exhibitors but still a very successful event for the Club
- Sheep & Wool Show – Cancelled the day before
 - This was a major blow to the Club, but many other people suffered far worse than us financially.
- CraftAlive – Postponed to a date to be advised

The major concern for the Club with the cancellation of many events is that we did not have the opportunity to sell raffle tickets for either our major raffle or mid-year raffle. Fortunately, this loss of income was offset by money raised at 6 Bunnings Sausage Sizzles that we have had between 14th November and 4th July that accrued over \$5,000.00 for the Club. I will also thank Bunnings for their generosity of donations to the Club that are probably worth about \$1,000.00 in the last 12 months also.

In the last 12 months many of us have been busy in improving the Club with the following work either completed or nearing completion:

- Retaining wall along Eastern fence line
- Concrete paving from side gate to rear steps
- Water proofing of back wall of Club
- New covered area in top work area including concrete slab
- General tidy-up of all storage in top area

I thank everyone who assisted in these works.

There are many other 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, and
- David Barber for keeping the Club kitchen stocked and looking after raffle prizes at monthly meetings
- Jeff Willey for the work he has put in to applying for government grants
- Maurie Chelman for sharpening chainsaw chains
- All the volunteers at our Bunnings Sausage Sizzles

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

Finally, thank you to the President, committee and members who have assisted me in the last 12 months and hopefully the coming year will be even better.

John Phillips

Secretary

Please note the fees are now payable for 2021/2022. Payment details are within the AGM minutes. Members are encouraged to pay fees electronically via EFTPOS or direct debit to:

Account Name: Bendigo Woodturners Inc

BSB: 633000

Account No: 134124510

Please use Member Name as reference followed by "Fees"

Payment can also be effected at the Club via EFTPOS or Cash

LIFE MEMBER

Every year we receive nominations for Life Member. This year it was my great pleasure to present Norm Eason with that award. Below is Norm's testimonial:

Norm joined the Bendigo Woodturners in 1998.

Since he became a member, Norm has participated in most club activities. This includes serving on the club committee for several years assisting in providing a strong sense of direction through his sage and timely offering of advice in many areas.

Norm was the custodian of the club shop for many years and during that time implemented the catalogue system which allows the shop to be maintained and function in a manner that benefits the club members.

Norm's main strengths as a member are his willingness to participate actively in and lead many of the club activities. He supervised hands on activities in the early phase and demonstrates woodturning at the various shows the club attends. He also participated in the construction of the workshop and entrance foyer.

While he has not enjoyed the best of health in the last three years, Norm pushed through these issues and still represented the club when he was able, displaying his normal cheerful persona.

As a member and worker, Norm is very worthy of being recommended for life membership of our club.



Norm Eason being presented with the 2021 Life Membership Award by President Harald Mai. (Immediate Past President Jeff Willey in background)



Norm and Dawn Eason after presentation.



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

October 2021

4th – Executive Meeting
25th – General Meeting

November 2021

1st – Executive Meeting
22nd – General Meeting

December 2021

1st to 4th – Club Christmas Sales (10am to 4pm)
5th – Christmas lunch (Bendigo Pottery-12.00pm)
6th – Executive Meeting
8th to 11th - Club Christmas Sales (10am to 4pm)
16th – Club closes for Christmas break
No General Meeting for December

January 2022

11th – Club resumes for 2022 (Activity Groups will determine their own start times)
24th - General Meeting
26th – Australia Day (Lake Weeroona)