

August 2026 NEWSLETTER



BENDIGO WOODTURNERS INC.
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Bendigo Woodturners Activities Program

General Meeting:	4 th Monday Monthly	7.00pm
Executive Meeting:	1 st Monday Monthly	6.30pm
Woodturners:		
Tuesday Group:	Every Tuesday	9.00am to 12.00pm
Tuesday evenings:	Every Second Tuesday in the month	7.00pm to 9.00pm
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 to 9:00pm
Carvers Group:	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday Monthly	7.00pm to 9:00pm
Triton Group:	1 st & 3 rd Tuesday Monthly	7.00pm to 9:00pm
Scroll Saw Group:	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday Monthly	7.00pm to 9:00pm
Wood Turning Group:	2 nd & 4 th Tuesday Monthly	7.00pm to 9:00pm
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.

General meeting on Monday 3rd of August,

Bruce Guilmartin show & tell, exceptional carved lids and box joinery.





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Woodies,

Just a brief report for this month as I will be giving an in depth report at the AGM. Well, it has been another big year, we have just come off our best ever Sheep and Wool show with record sales and crowds. This was a fantastic effort by everyone involved and I am sure all members were happy with the returns on their sales.

We have just had a Bunnings BBQ and a big thankyou to all those who attended and helped out, all reports say it was a busy day and our return was over \$1400, fantastic.

Mal and John went down to Carbatec and purchased a new Drill press which has variable speed control and a few other mod cons, it is a fantastic piece of gear, please check with Mal if you want to learn how to use it.

<https://youtu.be/znc6k62a6tQ?si=qicA6DczCdzFML9H>

Bendigo Bank were out at the club just recently filming a number of staff and a few interviews which Jeff had organised regarding our recent receipt of funds from "Benefit Bendigo" through the bank, this money was used to upgrade the jointer/planer, it is a fantastic and generous direction the Bendigo Bank has taken and we are extremely grateful for the donation. Many thanks to those involved in the filming and interviews.

<https://www.facebook.com/share/r/187UCRnKwH/>



It has been a busy year and I will no doubt elaborate further at the AGM on other events, but thank you to all members for their continued support and involvement in the club, let's move to make next year even bigger and better.

Stay safe and keep on turning.

Steve Brereton

President

Secretary's Report.

Hello to everyone,

No new members this month but we have had a couple of most interested people call or pop in.

We have just had another Bunnings BBQ last Sunday that was most successful again. The weather was fantastic which probably brought the gardeners out to buy a few things. At the end of the day, we had cleared about \$1,400, so thanks again to all our helpers.

We will be assisting Bunnings at their Father's Day Activity evening on Thursday 3rd September from 5pm to 7pm. We will be cooking the BBQ and also have an activity table. The new digital pedestal drill has been installed. Please see Malcolm about approval and instruction for use. Malcolm found an excellent YouTube video for using this machine that everyone should watch.

We had a visit from a production team who interviewed and filmed a few club members in support of the grant we received from Benefit Bendigo. This is a Bendigo Bank initiative that the Club received a \$5,000 grant towards our new 12" jointer. When the production is complete after editing, I will let you all know where to find it.

Everyone should be aware that next Monday 24th August is our Annual General Meeting. It is a very important event for any Club where the committee for the upcoming year is elected, Fees for the next year are ratified and the announcement of the 2026 Life Member. At the completion of the evening we will be having a supper, so please bring a plate to share with everybody.

As a final note I would like to thank Heather Pascoe for her work as editor of this newsletter and also being instrumental in starting up our Facebook page. Heather is standing down as editor effective this AGM with Trevor Fehring taking over the reins.

Stay safe

John Phillips

Secretary



Sunday, 16th August, Bunnings Epsom. Cleared \$1400.00

Major Raffle Prize for 2027



This magnificent chess table and chess pieces have been made by Dave Carbury. The chess pieces were turned on his lathe. A huge thank you to Dave, they are truly magnificent and no doubt will be very popular in the raffle sales next year.

Events Calendar.

August 2026

- 3rd Executive Meeting
- 16th **Bunnings Epsom Sausage Sizzle 8:00am to 4:00pm** 🌭
- 24th Annual General Meeting, supper, bring a plate please, preferably with something edible on the plate. 😂.

No competition this month

September 2026

- 3rd **Bunnings, Epsom, Father's Day, 5:00pm to 7:00pm**
- 7th Executive Meeting
- 19th **Bunnings, Epsom Spring Launch, 10:00am to 3:00pm**
- 28th General Meeting

This month's competition is Wood Turning

October 2026

- 2-4th Dingee – Loddon Valley Arts Trail
- 5th Executive Meeting
- 26th General Meeting

This month's competition is Pyrography

November 2026

- 2nd Executive Meeting
- 23rd General Meeting & supper, bring a plate, please.
- 25-28th Christmas Sales

This month's competition is Scroll Saw

December 2026

- 3-5th Christmas Sales
- 7th Executive Meeting
- 13th **Christmas function, Queens Arms Hotel, Times & Cost TBA**
- No general meeting**

Around the club



Bob turning a green timber bowl.



Sharon making Darning mushrooms.



Toy makers, a wheely good time.



Mal, looking for more overseers 🤔

Scroll saw news



Katie on the scroll saw, oh so patient.

Update on Scroll saw Workshop Ownership:



UPDATE ON OWNERSHIP:

It's been five months since we lost Steve and I wanted to again thank all of you for your support.

I am happy to announce that Scroll Saw Workshop will be continuing under the new ownership of Stephen Dinesen, President of Bear

Woods Supply.

Scroll Saw Workshop was a huge part of Steve's life for the last 20 years and your support has meant the world to both Steve and our entire family. In the last months of Steve's life, we discussed what he would want for the future of Scroll Saw Workshop in the case that he wasn't able to continue with the blog. As you all know Steve had a relationship with Stephen and Bear Woods for many years and Stephen was someone that Steve trusted to continue his work, so I feel confident in making this transition knowing that I have Steve's blessing.

Stephen Dinesen will be taking over Scroll Saw Workshop beginning tomorrow, August 18th, 2026. We have discussed his plans for the blog and it sounds like the future of Scroll Saw Workshop will be in good hands. He is initially hoping to gather stories and comments about Steve and his impact on the community over the years. I think this is a great way to honor his legacy and look forward to hearing all of your stories.

During the transition, the blog will be updated with new contact information for Stephen and his team. For those of you who may wish to reach out to me directly, you can email me at MrsSteveGood@gmail.com. Several followers have mentioned sending photos of various completed projects and I would still love to see those when they're ready!

Thank you again for all of your support over the past 20 years and especially the past several months. This isn't something I was expecting to go through for a long time, but having the prayers and condolences of this community has helped greatly.

Love,

Patty Good and Family

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