

July 2026 NEWSLETTER



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

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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

The competition for July is Carving. There is no competition in August due to the Annual General Meeting.

President's Report

Hello Woodies,

Well, I am writing this report the Monday after the Sheep and Wool Show and what a fantastic show we had, record sales for the first 2 days and I am sure if we weren't short of stock on Sunday, we would have surpassed our best day 3 by a long way. John will give you a full run down on the figures but they were fantastic.

I would like to thank all those who helped at the show, setting up, working on the demonstrations, the raffle, security and the sales, it was a great club effort. I know some might be disappointed about not getting a roster spot but as the club pays for the majority of ticket prices we can't justify an open slather attendance, also with the large amount of crowd in attendance, our staff would have taken up too much room.

I would also like to thank Kevin and his crew with the toys, they also received fantastic sales and a large number of compliments about the quality of the toys up for sale, there were hardly any toys left after Sunday.

The raffle boys once again excelled with great numbers of tickets sold, this is all profit to the club, so well done Patrick and his crew.

We now move on from the busy part of the year to things quietening down a little bit, our AGM is next month, if you wish to nominate for positions within the club or on the committee, please let John know, also Life membership nominations need to be in pronto.

By now we have had our night out at the Malayan Orchid and I would like to thank Sharon Bonazza for organising the venue and menu with the staff, thanks Sharon.

For those of you who aren't aware, Dave Carbury has produced a magnificent chess table with pieces which is situated near the library, this will be our first prize in the major raffle after the AGM, great effort Dave and many thanks, tickets will not be hard to sell with this on view.

Well, that's all for now, keep on turning and stay safe.

Steve Brereton

President

Secretary's Report

Greetings to everyone,

We have a new member, David McCool, please make David welcome should you see him.

What an incredible time the Club has had in the last week or so with the Sheep & Wool Show at the Bendigo Showgrounds. Some of the main points from the 3-day event:

- The mornings were very cold, but turned in to absolutely beautiful days
- The 1st day (Friday) is always the busiest and it was chaotic
- The 2nd day was very busy
- The final day (Sunday) was quieter but still good
- Last year we set a new overall record in sales and this year we exceeded that by a few thousand
- A few figures:
 - Toy Sales \$880.00
 - An incredible job by Kevin Trevan and his team but especially Kevin with hardly anything left
 - I'm sure Kevin would appreciate a bit of help in replenishing his stock
 - Raffle Sales \$1,968.00
 - A huge well done to Patrick Curtis and John Humphreys and ably assisted by John MacDonald and Harald Mai on a couple of days too
 - Member Sales - over \$28,000
 - Profit to Club from Toys, Raffle and Commissions after outgoings for marquee hire, site hire and extra tickets of over \$4,000.00
- Our sales quite possibly would have been higher if we had more stock of preferred items
 - Get busy for next year
 - New members should talk to other members or committee on how easy it is to make a few dollars from your woodworking skills. Don't underestimate what you are capable of.
- A big thank you to everyone who helped and this includes many members who volunteered to help but not required because of restricted space.

A couple of weeks ago we had another Bunnings Sausage Sizzle that was offered to the Club on short notice. It was another very successful event where we made over \$1,400.00. Thanks again to everyone who helped.

Some time ago the Committee decided and agreed that monies raised from Bunnings Sausage Sizzles should be used for special projects or purchase of new machinery and not to be used for the general running of the club. With that in mind, we have ordered a new digital pedestal drill from Carbatec in Melbourne and hope to pick it up next week.

By the time this newsletter is posted we would have had an organised club dinner at the Malayan Orchid in Bendigo. Hopefully everyone has a great feed and good time. I will report on the night in our next edition.

We are now into our quiet time for the club with no major events on the calendar for some time so we can all get busy replenishing our stocks. But don't forget the following events in the next 6 months:

- Dingee (early October) - see Patrick Curtis for details
- Annual Christmas Sales - last week of November and 1st week of December (TBC)
- Australia Day 2027 – Lake Weeroona

Don't forget the Mid-Year Raffle will be drawn at the General Meeting on Monday 27th July.

The Club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 24th August where many important agenda items need to be performed as per our Constitution including the following:

- Election of Office Bearers and Committee for the coming year
 - Please give consideration to joining the committee
 - See me for details of nomination
- Presentation of 2026 Life Member Award
 - Nominations close Friday 31st July. Please submit to myself.
- Setting of fees for the coming year
- We always complete the evening with a supper so please bring a plate to share.

A couple of photos from the Sheep & Wool Show to finish things off (I meant to take more)

Finally, to all of you who have not been too well, get better soon.

Stay Safe

John Phillips
Secretary



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.



Trevor Fehring from Abbey Road to St Andrews to London (masquerading as the Phantom) to parts beyond and Madrid where he happened upon a wood and tool shop.



Mercier Champagne, this barrel held 200,000 bottles

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Events Calendar

July 2026	
6th	Executive Meeting
17-19th	Australasian Sheep & Wool Show
22nd	Malayan Orchid Winter Get Together 6.00pm
27th	General Meeting
This month's competition is Carving	
August 2026	
3rd	Executive Meeting
16th	Bunnings BBQ
24th	Annual General Meeting
No competition this month	
September 2026	
7th	Executive Meeting
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
25-28th	Christmas Sales
This month's competition is Scroll Saw	
December 2026	
3-5th	Christmas Sales
7th	Executive Meeting
No general meeting	

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