

September 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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From the committee,

May we remind all our members, when putting material online in the name of Bendigo Woodturners, that the club remains politically nonbiased. Please, we **do not**, as a club support or criticize either state nor federal political parties of any persuasion.

President's Report

Hello Woodies,

just a brief report this month. Firstly a big thank you to John Phillips, Heather Pascoe and Ian Bunting who represented the club in a Bendigo Bank community promotional video which was filmed at the club. Thank you also to Jeff Willey who organised it but unfortunately was unavailable on the day of filming. It is great to see these initiatives, and those mentioned did themselves and the club proud with the way they spoke and handled themselves in front of the camera. If interested there should be a link on the website to view the video. We have gained a few new members in recent weeks and also have had quite a few walk in club jobs which has caused us to be quite busy, if there is a call out to help with a club job please feel free to help out as it takes the pressure of myself and others who will normally do these tasks and also look after the new members.

We are gearing up for Dingee with the Loddon Valley Arts Trail on October 3rd and 4th, thank you to Patrick for being the club's liaison with the organisers and producing a layout for how the club will set up on the weekend.

I am sure John will elaborate more on this matter but it looks like the club will be at the Elmore Field days on Wednesday 7th, stay tuned for further information but it will be a limited site as it is a part of the Australian Men's Shed Association site and we have been invited to participate. It will be limited numbers, but further information will be given at the meeting.

As I said it is a short report, so that's all for now, stay safe and keep on turning.

Steve Brereton

President

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/jw0VAjVTkvY>

Secretary's Report.

Secretary's Report September 2026

Hello to everyone again,

Welcome to Spring and isn't it warming up.

Please join me in welcoming Zenith Godfellow to the club as our latest new member.

Not much happens at this time of the year but we do have a couple of activities coming up that I will detail later.

A few of us were involved with the following activities at Bunnings in the last month:

- Father's Day Activity Evening - we cooked their BBQ and also had an activity table and received a Bunnings voucher for our assistance. Thank you to everyone who helped on the night.
- Spring Launch - we were invited along with several other community groups to show any of our work. We also took the opportunity to try and sell some tickets in our major raffle. Thanks again to those helped on the day. Another bonus on the day is that we may have picked up a new member, one of the young Bunning's ladies who is very good at Pyrography.

Next week we have the Loddon Valley Arts Festival event at the Dingee Community Hall. This is actually a 3 day event (Fri, Sat & Sun) but we will only be involved on the Saturday and Sunday. Patrick Curtis is co-ordinating this activity with packing up on Thursday and setting up on Friday. The actual event is on the Saturday and Sunday from 9am to about 4 or 5pm. See Patrick for more details.

Last month I reported on the production team that visited us about the Benefit Bendigo grant we received, an initiative of the Bendigo Bank. The production is now complete and Trevor has placed the link on our Facebook page. If you can't find it or see it, see Trevor or myself. We have had a few members not too well lately, we wish them a speedy recovery and hope to see them again soon.

Finally, fees are now due if you haven't already paid.

Stay safe

Stay safe

John Phillips

Secretary

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.

September is for the turners.



Won by Chris Pascoe, with this small Huon pine bowl

Out and about



Fathers day at Bunnings, we supplied the labour

Bunnings spring celebration



A base for a rowing trophy by our president Steve Brereton



Walking stick rebuilt by Steve Brereton



The 2027 platter for the raffle by Jeff Willey, well done that man.

Events Calendar.

October 2026

- 2-4th Dingee – Loddon Valley Arts Trail
5th Executive Meeting
7th Elmore Field Day
26th General Meeting
29th Bunnings Epsom, Halloween

This month's competition is Pyrography

November 2026

- 2nd Executive Meeting
8th. Bunnings Epsom sausage sizzle
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

January 2027

- 12th Second Tuesday of the month, the club is open.
19th General meeting
26th Australia day at lake Weeroona.

This month's competition is Pyrography

February 2027

- 2nd Executive meeting
23rd General meeting

This month's competition is Scroll Saw

March 2027

- 1st Executive meeting
22nd General meeting
26 – 29th Easter sales

This month's competition is Carving

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