

September 2025 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 September is Wood Turning. The competition for October is Pyrography.

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 detail allowing members to gain from your experiences.

President's Report

Hello woodies,

Yes, it's that time again, the months are getting shorter. As I write, I have just returned from a 5-day golfing trip down to South Gippsland and let me tell you the ground down there is very wet, I have my dirty golf shoes and dirty golf game to prove it.

Thank you to those members who went to Bunnings for the Father's Day event where we run the BBQ and a small stall for scroll saw giveaways and pyrography names for the kids which saw Gary King very busy in the lead up cutting out hammers, well done everyone. Also, a happy Father's Day to all the fathers, grandfathers and great grandfathers at the club.

A big congratulations to Ian Buntin on his 90th birthday, hope you had an enjoyable day with plenty of cake and Geelong give you a special birthday result in the semi-final.

I'm sure most members will now be aware that Jeff Willey has had our grant application approved and the new lathe has been ordered and is on the way and so we should see it in the club very shortly, well done Jeff.

With the warmer weather coming there will be the odd gardening working bee on as the weeds grow and we will need more mulch applied to the garden, if you are available, please help out. Also, a big thank you to Andrea who looks after the garden for us, often on her days off when the club is vacant.

The Loddon Valley Arts Trail is on in early October so stay tuned for more information regarding the event and what will be required, Patrick has done a great job in liaising with the organisers in keeping us informed. A roster is on the board to help assist with workers for the event.

That's all for now, the footy has started so keep on turning.

Cheers,

Steve Brereton

President

Secretary's Report

Hello All,

I am very happy to report on some new members, please join me in welcoming:

- Matthew Sefton
- Jodey Hatzigiannis
- Harlaine (Lainy) Hatzigiannis
- Eydan Hatzigiannis
- Anikah Whitford
- Alan Perkins; and
- Sam Perkins

For information of members, Alan and Sam Perkins' are the son and grandson of the late Eric Perkins, one of the club's founding members.

On behalf of everyone who comes along on Tuesday mornings also hands-on evenings we thank Jodey for her great and delicious homemade baking delights she brings along for all to enjoy.

Since the last newsletter a few members attended a Bunnings Father's Day Activity. Thank you very much for your help at the BBQ or Activity Table. Bunnings presented us with Vouchers for our work.

This Saturday a few members will be back at Bunnings promoting the Club at a Bunnings National Spring Launch. We will be taking a selection of products that members have made including toys and handouts for the kids. Hopefully we might pick up a few more new members. We will be at Bunnings Epsom from 10am to 3pm in the Leisure area, near the café.

The new lathe we are getting paid mainly through a successful government grant is on its way and should be in the Club within a week or two.

The following upcoming activities have been promulgated before but I think it good to remind members again:

- Bunnings Sausage Sizzles
 - Sunday 28th September
 - Saturday 29th November
 - Friday 17th October
 - Friday 21st November
 - Friday 19th December

- Bunnings Special Activities
 - Christmas Thursday 4th December (Activity Table and Cook BBQ)
 - Spring Launch Saturday 6th September
- Loddon Valley Arts Trail
 - A 3-day event from October 3rd to 5th
 - Lots of locations including Dingee, Boort, Tarnagulla and lots more
 - The Bendigo Woodturners will be taking pride of place in the Dingee Community Shed
 - See Patrick Curtis or Heather Pascoe for details. Also check our Facebook Page for details

I don't normally put out birthday wishes but I think our own Ian Buntin deserves a special one for turning 90 on the 16th September. Congratulations Ian, looking forward to announcing your 100th.

Finally, a reminder that membership fees are now due, please see either me, Malcolm Hill or Tammy Miatke if you are unsure of what is owed or your status.

A few photos attached:



Tammy Miatke receiving her Life Membership from President Steve



Ian Buntin at his 90th birthday lunch



The pyro group is growing. Well done

Stay safe

**John Phillips,
Secretary**

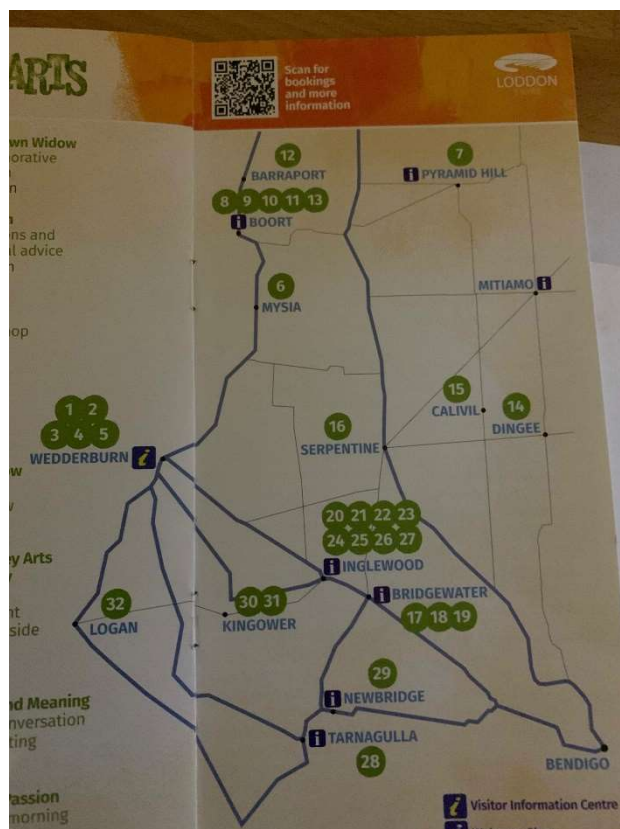
Loddon Valley Arts Trail – 3-5 October 2025

On Wednesday evening, 10th September, Patrick Curtis and I attended a presentation regarding the upcoming Art Trail which is a community initiative supported by Loddon Shire Council through visit Loddon Valley.

It has grown from small beginnings to a truly amazing event; 32 locations all over the Loddon Valley. Bendigo Woodturners received three very worthy mentions. We will be in the Dingee Memorial Hall. I have included the front and back cover of their brochure along with the map and their QR code for further information. Hope to see you on the trail! There will also be sausage sizzles and afternoon teas in the various locations!



Thank you to Ian Buntin for this article on Dingee and our participation!





Tin hall works way to wood

DINGEE is pulling out all stops to make the woodwork exhibition in its memorial hall for Loddon Valley Arts Trail a roaring success.

"We're looking forward to welcoming Bendigo Woodturners and all the artists who are coming to show their work in Dingee," Hall committee secretary Sandy Lister says.

"We want to make this a good three days for visitors and for our locals to enjoy, so we've been organising ways to welcome everyone.

"The Dazzlin Coffee van will be there each day from Friday to Sunday, and we're also doing a barbeque from 11am to 1pm.

"On Saturday we'll prepare sandwiches and cakes for afternoon tea, while Sunday's af-

ternoon tea will be Devonshire scones and cream."

The exhibition will have demonstrations as well as displays of furniture, sculptures and even a carving tool display.

The hall committee has also organised a vintage tractor and car display to complement the exhibition. This is the first time the historic tin hall has been included in the Loddon Valley Arts program.

"I couldn't believe this wonderful hall is in Dingee, when one of the locals told me we ought to take a look and see if they'd be interested in taking part," organiser Rosemary Sorensen says.

"Hall president Terry Kavanagh was very welcoming and as we stood on the front porch,

with the train from Bendigo pulling out of the station on its way to Swan Hill, I remember feeling elated that this could be part of our big shire-wide program.

"I'm only disappointed that time and resources meant we didn't get out to Mitiamo to talk about including them too, but, if this one goes well, who knows what's possible!"

Ms Sorensen said that the Dingee show is easily accessible to both Calivil, where there's an exhibition "Beasts Birds Beyond" and the East Loddon Woolshed at Serpentine. "We're calling this the Big Skies tour, because this is a part of Loddon shire that really lifts your eyes to the skies and that feeling of space and light can really lift your spirits too."

Events Calendar

September 2025

- 1st Executive Meeting
- 4th Bunnings Father's Day – Activity Table & Cook BBQ
- 6th Bunnings – Spring Launch
- 22nd General Meeting
- 28th Bunnings BBQ

This month's competition is Wood Turning.

October 2025

- 3rd -5th Dingee Art Trail
- 6th Executive Meeting
- 17th Bunnings BBQ
- 27th General Meeting
- 28th Bunnings BBQ

This month's competition is Pyrography

November 2025

- 3rd Executive Meeting
- 21st Bunnings BBQ
- 24th General Meeting
- 26-29th Christmas Sales
- 29th Bunnings BBQ

This month's competition is Scroll Saw

December 2025

- 1st Executive Meeting
- 3-6th Christmas Sales
- 4th Bunnings Christmas Activity – Activity Table & Cook BBQ
- 7th Christmas Party
- 19th Bunnings BBQ

No general meeting in December

January 2026

- No Executive Meeting
 - 26th Australia Day
 - 26th General Meeting
- This month's competition is Pyrography**

February 2026

- 2nd Executive meeting
 - 23rd General Meeting
- This month's competition is Scroll Saw**

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