

November 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 November is Scroll Saw. January's competition 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 and welcome to the last report for this year, my how the year has flown.

Once again it has been busy around the club, so firstly I would like to thank all of those people who help out around the club from the maintenance group, all of the instructors who help our new members, Dawn and Cheryl in the kitchen organising morning tea (also a big thanks to Jodie for her contributions to morning teas) to the toy group and the members who brave the cold up the back with work that often goes unnoticed, thank you your work is greatly appreciated.

I also hear that David Alexander is becoming more mobile at home and is even contemplating a visit to the club with Dave Carbery, great news and we hope to see you soon David.

Also on the mend is Ian Buntin following his knee replacement, great to hear you are up and about Ian. It's amazing the damage you can do to your joints falling off the couch after all of Geelong's preliminary final losses, no doubt they will have you lining up on the forward flank soon Ian.

Set up for Christmas sales will be on the Tuesday following the general meeting with the sales to be Wednesday, Thursday, Friday the first week and Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the second week. If you can help on the sales table, please put your name on the roster which is on the blackboard. The sales will be from 9.00 to 4.00 and the workshop will be open during these times but it will be cramped so be patient. I won't be there for the setup so regarding the disagreements about the decorations, see Arthur.

The Christmas lunch is on Sunday December 7th at Chasers bistro at Lords Park Raceway (Trotting track), cost is \$30 per head for the normal 2 course meal, drinks at bar prices, please let Mal know with payment.

There will be a trivia night at the clubrooms on Wednesday 10th December, 7 tables of six, organise your own tables and bring your own nibbles and drinks. Cost is \$5 per head; time is from 6pm for a 6.30 start.

Thank you all for a great year, keep on turning.

Cheers,
Steve Brereton, President



Secretary's Report

Please join me in welcoming a couple of new members:

- Imogen (Immy) McLarty and
- Adrian Smith

Not sure if this is the last newsletter of the year but I will try and cover everything coming up for the next couple of months.

- Bunnings - a few events coming up:
 - Sausage Sizzle Friday 21st Nov
 - Sausage Sizzle Saturday 29th Nov
 - Sausage Sizzle Friday 19th Dec
 - Christmas Activity Evening Thursday 4th December
- Annual Club Christmas Lunch – Sunday 7th December at Chaser's, Lords Raceway, Junortoun from noon. Cost \$30.00 per head for 2 course meal and drinks available from bar. Please get your name down as soon as possible.
- Annual Christmas Sales start next week:
 - Wednesday 26th Nov to Friday 28th November; and
 - Wednesday 3rd December to Saturday 6th December
 - Trading on all days from 9am to 4pm
 - If you can help at the sales desk, please see roster on blackboard
- Final Club day for 2025 will be Thursday 11th December and we will re-open on Tuesday 6th January 2026
- Club Quiz Night, Wednesday 10th December, friends welcome. Cost \$5.00 per head with half the proceeds going towards Cancer Australia. Teams of 6. Please bring a plate to share. See Harald Mai for more details.
- The January General Meeting will be on the 3rd Monday of the month, 19th January, so we get the meeting in before Australia Day.
- Final General Meeting for 2025 is next Monday 24th November. Please bring a plate to share

That's about it for this month, stay safe, and Merry Christmas if you don't see or hear from me before then.

**John Phillips,
Secretary**



Monthly Competition



Figure 1 Alan Edwards with his pyro piece



Figure 2 Dawn Eason with the scroll saw of a tulip in the Open Competition

Show & Tell



Figure 3 Bruce Guilmartin brought in a couple of items. The first was a gauge he made to assist his woodturning instead of using multiple callipers and a rebate plane he purchased.

For Sale



\$2,000 negotiable

Phone Harrison on 0413 886 597

Formerly owned by Danny Whitford a Life Member



Trivia Night

Wednesday 10th December, friends welcome. Cost \$5.00 per head with half the proceeds going towards Cancer Australia. Teams of 6. Please bring a plate to share. See Harald Mai for more details

Lost Trades Fair – 28-29 March at Hanging Rock

<https://losttradesfair.com.au/> tickets are online only

Save the Date!

1st - 3rd May 2026 U-turn Ararat

We need you! A great weekend of wood turning, scroll sawing, raffles and laughter.

Partners welcome; there's also craft in the main hall if you're not a Turner also good fun. Unfortunately, if we don't get the numbers, it will be most likely cancelled – see Jeff Willey for all details

Something for the Girls!



Events Calendar

November 2025

- 3rd Executive Meeting
21st Bunnings BBQ
24th General Meeting – last for the year
26-28th Christmas Sales
29th Bunnings BBQ

This month's competition is Scroll Saw

December 2025

- 3-6th Christmas Sales
4th Bunnings Christmas Activity – Activity Table & Cook BBQ
7th Christmas Party
8th Executive Meeting
10th Trivia Night
11th **Final Day for 2025**
19th Bunnings BBQ

No general meeting in December – no newsletter

January 2026

No Executive meeting

- 13th Club re-opens
19th General Meeting
26th Australia Day

This month's competition is Pyrography

February 2026

- 2nd Executive meeting
23rd General Meeting

This month's competition is Scroll Saw

March 2026

- 2nd Executive Meeting
23rd General Meeting
28th – 29th Lost Trades Fair – Hanging rock

This month's competition is Carving

April 2026

- 3rd – 5th Easter Fair
6th Executive Meeting
26th General Meeting

This month's competition is Wood Turning

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