

June 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 June competition is Scroll Saw. Competition for July is Carving.

President's Report

Hello again woodies,

Here we are at the halfway point, your accountants favourite time of year, it has been a busy start to the year and we continue to roll along and it feels like we are getting busier and busier.

I have just been away on a well-earned break to Darwin on a fishing charter and I must say it is great fun to be fishing in an area where everything wants to eat you. The crocodiles look at you with very interested eyes and the sharks are the size of SL Commodore wagons.

I got back just in time to hear all the good stories from Craft Alive which from all reports was a great 3 days and was almost our best yet with members sales, raffles and toy sales reaching high expectations, no doubt John will give a full update in his report. Thank you to all those members who helped set up and also attended the 3 days, many hands make light work.

The club has for sale 4 x 220 litre wine barrels which are situated up the back, their price is \$60 each, see Harald or John for information and payment, first in best dressed.

We are now only 4 weeks away from Sheep and Wool show, for the moment fuel has come down, Trump is apologising profusely to Iran and Geelong has finally run out of paper bags to pay their overpaid players, so all is looking good for a bumper few days at the Sheep and Wool show, so if you are like me and need to build up your stocks, get to it and produce more of your quality items. We will probably run a roster for the show, so if you have a preference for a particular day or 2 make sure you give it some thought and put your request in for those days.

The lads have been busy up the back slabbing and cutting up timber, sealing it, then stacking it so that we can in the future have some quality timber, they do get quite busy at times, so if you are asked to help out please make sure you do as it benefits all of us.

That's all for now so talk soon and keep on turning.

Steve Brereton
President

Secretary's Report

Greetings to everyone,

No new members to welcome this month.

We have just finished another successful CraftAlive exhibition and thank you to everyone who helped. Main points from the 3-day event:

The location we had in the big shed was excellent and allowed us to spread out a bit

We have spoken with Brett from CraftAlive and next year we should have the same spot again

- ✚ Our sales/earnings from the event:
- ✚ Member Sales a bit over \$5,000.00
- ✚ Toys \$280.00
- ✚ Raffle \$857.00

Overall profit to Club approximately \$1,700.00 (commissions, raffle & toys)
Thanks again especially to our Raffle Ticket Sellers and Toy Makers.

Harald Mai has organised a very good deal for some of us with wine barrels from a place in Heathcote. There are about 5 barrels remaining that are available for \$60.00 each. This is excellent value for an item that could cost around \$150.00 from other suppliers around Bendigo. Can be used for many things including garden planter pots, BBQ/Pergola decorations or stands. See Harald if interested.

We have secured another Bunnings Sausage Sizzle on Sunday 16th August.

The annual Australian Sheep & Wool Show is not far away now, about a month, so get busy.

I know I mentioned this at a General Meeting but possibly not in any of my reports but we are planning a dinner night at the Malayan Orchid on Wednesday 22nd July from 6.30pm. Members to pay for their own food and drinks but a good night out with friends. Keep an eye on the board for more details.

I have added a few photos from CraftAlive:

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

Stay safe.

John Phillips

Secretary



Figure 1 Started very quietly



Figure 2 Gives a good idea of our space



Figure 3 Our mighty raffle sellers



Figure 4 Helen and Kevin demonstrating their skills



Figure 5 The A team flat out directing traffic or counting sheep

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John Phillips
Secretary

Monthly Competition – Pyrography



Figure 6 Allan Edwards & Kevin Trevan



Figure 7 Kevin 1st place



Figure 8 Allan 2nd place

Monthly Talk from Sharon Bonazza

Sharon gave a very interesting talk from her early childhood, banking career and now conveyancing – highly entertaining! She has obviously inherited her love of timber and what you can do with it from her father who was a builder.



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Events Calendar

June 2026	
1 st	Executive Meeting
11-13 th	Craft Alive
22 nd	General Meeting
This month's competition is Scroll Saw	
July 2026	
6 th	Executive Meeting
17-19 th	Australasian Sheep & Wool Show
22 nd	Malayan Orchid Winter Get Together 6.30pm
27 th	General Meeting
This month's competition is Carving	
August 2026	
3 rd	Executive Meeting
16 th	Bunnings BBQ
24 th	Annual General Meeting
No competition this month	
September 2026	
7 th	Executive Meeting
28 th	General Meeting
This month's competition is Wood Turning	
October 2026	
2-4 th	Dingee – Loddon Valley Arts Trail
5 th	Executive Meeting
26 th	General Meeting
This month's competition is Pyrography	
November 2026	
2 nd	Executive Meeting
23 rd	General Meeting
This month's competition is Scroll Saw	

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