May 2025 NEWSLETTER



BENDIGO WOODTURNERS INC.
BOX 1259 BENDIGO CENTRAL VICTORIA 3552

Volume 39: Number 05





Bendigo Woodturners Activities Program

General Meeting:4th Monday Monthly7.00pmExecutive Meeting:1st Monday Monthly6.30pmTuesday Group:Every Tuesday9.00am to 12.00pmGeneral Woodworking:Every Thursday9.00am to 12.00pmToy Group:1st & 3rd Saturday Monthly9.00am 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

Bendigo Woodturners Directory

President:	Steve Brereton	Ph: 0419 389 259
Vice President:	Arthur Curnick	Ph: 0459 422 273
Past President: & Welfare Officer	Harald Mai	Ph: 0437 178 552
Secretary:	John Phillips	Ph: 0488 666 006
Treasurer:	Tammy Miatke	Ph: 0408 000 629
Assistant Treasurer:	Malcolm Hill	Ph: 0427 496 477
Editor:	Heather Pascoe	Ph: 0409 663 835
Committee:	Malcolm Hill, Andrea Tozer, Helen Franklin	
	Chris Pascoe, David Alexander, Heather Pascoe	
Librarian:	Dawn Eason	Ph: 5446 3200
Assistant Librarian:	Cheryl Curnick	
Grounds Committee:	Jeff Willey	Ph: 0407 683 585
Public Officer:	John Phillips	Ph: 0488 666 006
Auditor:	Rod Lester	
Safety Officer:	Jeff Willey	Ph: 0407 683 585
Shop Operator:	Arthur Curnick	Ph: 0459 422 273
Assistant:	Norm Eason	
Equipment Officer:	Malcolm Hill	Ph: 0427 496 477
Assistants:	David Alexander, John Phillips, John McDonald	
Woodturning:	Arthur Curnick	Ph: 0459 422 273
Triton Group:	John Phillips	Ph: 0488 666 006
Pyrography Group:	Allan Edwards	Ph: 5432 6659
Scroll Saw Group:	Heather Pascoe	Ph: 0409 663 835
	Helen Craig	Ph: 0423 069 514
	Harald Mai	Ph: 0437 178 552
Carvers Group:	Bruce Guilmartin	Ph: 0428 387 550
Toy Group:	Kevin Trevan	Ph: 0487 851 878

Postal Address: Box 1259 Bendigo Central Vic. 3552 Editor: Heather Pascoe – heathertpascoe@gmail.com Web site: www.bendigowoodturners.com

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 May is Pyrography and the competition for June is Scroll Saw.

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

I am writing this report a couple of days prior to our Biggest Morning Tea but I have no doubt it will be a great morning and I am sure we will surpass our donation record. It is a great cause as I am sure we have all been touched by cancer in some way and I want to say a great big thank you to Jeff and Lynne Willey for running the event.

As May draws to a close; we are midway through our busy part of the year with Craft Alive is only 3 weeks away followed closely by Sheep and Wool show, I know I don't have enough things made so I am sure we will all be busy over the next few weeks.

Easter and Mother's Day had us out at Bunnings for their event nights with us running their BBQ and also handing out the scroll saw animals, a big thank you to those involved with both of those nights, especially to Gary King who has been very busy on the scroll saw drawing up and cutting out the shapes.

We have a number of projects coming up with a couple of significant workers away on holidays so I would like to see a big club effort with extra hands helping out, most of these projects are for the midyear raffle so will no doubt benefit us all.

I know I am stating the obvious, but winter is just around the corner and there have been a number of nasty viruses going around, let alone Covid and the flu, if you are unwell with symptoms, please stay away until you are better.

Since my last report we have attended U-turn over at Ararat, it was a great 4 days, the weather was kind to us and all of those who attended had a wonderful time, however, the numbers were unfortunately down from previous years and it was run at a loss so we need to get an increase in numbers for next year; so if you have been before or have not been please give it some thought, talk to myself or Jeff Willey if you're interested but unsure of the logistics.

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

Steve Brereton

President

Secretary's Report

John is AWOL this month in Queensland, so as he says, "Cheers and stay safe."

John Phillips, Secretary

Biggest Morning Tea - Tuesday 20th May!



What a result!

A total of \$1,400.00 was raised at the BMT on Tuesday. A big thank you to all assisted in the days' activities. Special mention to David Barber as \$427.00 from the sale of his donated items and the family of John Langley who donated his items which raised \$109.

In total \$689 had been raised prior to the day and a further \$711 on the day.

Thank you to everyone who contributed Jeff Willey

Monthly Meeting



Figure 1 Open Competition - turned bowl in Silky Oak by Jeff Juffs



Figure 2 Bird House by Helen Franklin; made from all recycled materials

Out & About

Bunning's Mother's Day



Figure 3 The cook - Malcolm Hill, ably assisted by Arthur Curnick, John Phillips and David Alexander



Figure 1 Decorated by a delightful young lad



Figure 2 Ready! Jeanette Shelton, Cheryl Curnick, Helen Franklin & Gary King. A huge thank you to Gary for all his "critters" they're immensely popular

U-turn Ararat

Figure 3 Malcolm Hill & Norm Eason

The first weekend in May saw many club members travel to Ararat for a wonderful weekend of wood turning and even a scroll sawer was there. A fabulous opportunity to create and learn new tricks and meet new people. Next one is the first weekend in May 2026.



Events Calendar

May 2025

2-4th U-turn at Ararat 7th Executive Meeting

20th Biggest Morning Tea

26th General Meeting

This month's competition is Pyrography

June 2025

2nd Executive Meeting 23rd General Meeting

This month's competition is Scroll Saw

July 2025

7th Executive Meeting 18-20th Sheep & Wool Show 28th General Meeting

This month's competition is Carving

August 2025

4th Executive Meeting

26th Annual General Meeting – no competition

September 2025

1st Executive Meeting
 22nd General Meeting

This month's competition is Wood Turning.

October 2025

6th Executive Meeting 27th General Meeting

This month's competition is Pyrography

Our Sponsors



