



# THE MEN'S SHED MINI MESSENGER

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## Headline News for this Week

### Break-in at the YVCC

The Yass Valley Community Centre (the building beside the Men's Shed) was burgled over the Christmas break and 6 brand new (still in their boxes) Swiss Gym Balls stored there, the property of the Men's Shed and earmarked for use in Community Exercise Classes to be held in the new Community Centre starting in the New Year, were stolen. Each ball is valued at \$40.15 giving a total loss value of \$240.90.

The 6 stolen gym balls, which were purchased with funds granted by Yass Valley Council late in 2011, were in their boxes each of which look like this:



If anyone knows anything of these balls (you might be aware of someone who received a Christmas present which looked like this), may I request that you contact the Yass Police and mention the following Incident Reference Number: E 46626456.

At this stage we don't know how we might replace the stolen items (our insurance has a deductible amount that is larger than the claim amount would be).

## General News

### Improving security at the Shed

Following the break-in at the YVCC next door, the Committee has decided to improve security at the Shed to deter and perhaps prevent a similar problem (which could be far more devastating at the Shed as we now own and store quite a lot of desirable and worthwhile things).

The Committee has decided (after consultation with members who attend regularly), that the roller door at the front of the Shed will, as soon as possible, no longer be used as the initial entry point. Additional security will be added to that door rendering it only able to be opened from the inside.

Similarly the double doors that open to the garden area will also have additional security fitted so that it, too will be more of a challenge.

Accordingly the main initial access point will be the “person” door at the back of the Workshop, reached by walking down the passageway between the Shed and the YVCC. We have purchased a heavy duty padlock which operates on a four digit code and Roger Holgate is in the throes of changing the arrangements on that door so that this new lock and an appropriate pad bolt can be fitted and used. Once this is completed, we will do the enhancements on upgrading the security on the other doors.

Keyholders who currently hold keys will find they are not much good after these changes and will need to see me or John Woodin to be advised of the new digital code which will allow access via the new initial access door. Persons to whom that code is entrusted (now called Code Holders) will still need to sign the “Key/Code Register” book so we can keep track of who has Shed Opening access rights.

Of course, once the “Code Holder” opens up, the roller door will be opened and will be the main access point for all comers during opening hours.

And finally, cost has not been a big issue for this change, we have most of the necessary hardware already in our stores and the padlock was less than \$50. At \$5 for each key we have cut (and some 15 current keyholders), we have already saved money by going to this new solution – especially as we can now change the access code any time we are concerned that it might have been compromised, without the need to change locks and to have new keys for all cut.

I’ll let you know when the new arrangements take effect – could be as early as this weekend or during next week.

## Garden News

If you are finding your veggie garden at home is struggling with the weird wether we’re having, may I suggest you come and grab a plot at the Shed and while you are at it – have a look at how productive and amazing the Shed gardens are this year!!

## Mini Messenger – The lighter side?



## Birthdays for the next 4 weeks

6/1 Robert McGregor; 7/1 Graham McIntosh; 11/1 John Backhouse; 12/1 Geoff Frost; 18/1 Bradley Foxlewin; 20/1 Rod Therkelsen; 24/1 Bob Small. Happy Birthday Chaps!!!

## Shed Opening Times

Tuesday – 9am to Noon (\* note new time!)

Thursday – 2pm to when the last one leaves – sometimes (if there is interest) includes a BBQ at dinner time.

Saturday – Noon to when the last one leaves (usually between 3 and 4pm)

At all other times, if you are passing and see the doors open, please feel welcome and free to call in!

## General Invitation

If you would like to see any additional information in the Messenger or have any suggestions or contributions to make, please feel free to contact me

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