



THE MEN'S SHED MESSENGER

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Happy Father's Day to all Fathers – if you still have one, make sure you enjoy him and give him the opportunity to enjoy you – all too soon it will be over!

AND

Welcome to Spring, everyone! Frantic activity in the Shed Garden should now become a new excitement at the YVMS!

Apology to all Shed Members

It has been made clear to me this week, that I, on occasions, am less than careful in my email messages and can offend members' sensibilities. I hereby unreservedly apologise for all such offences caused to any of you in the past and should I fail again in the future. I try hard to do the best I can as Secretary in keeping you all informed, but I, too, am human and sometimes my efforts to be light hearted and make my messages attractive enough to entice you to read them, seem from time to time to cause offence. I know what I have done wrong on this occasion and you can be sure that particular offence will not occur again.

Important regular events @ the Shed

Every Monday – 6-7pm

Shed Show on Yass FM (100.3) This coming Monday it is Cmdr Richard Rowan RAN telling all about his adventures at sea (both in uniform and in ocean racing)

Every Tuesday, 9-10am

S&M – not telling you what this is – you will just have to come along!

Every Tuesday, 2 to 3pm

YVMS Exercise class – concentrating on flexibility, balance and feeling good.

Every First Wednesday of the Month, 10 to 11.30am

Morning Tea at the Shed – No work or workshop noise to distract from good conversation, coffee, tea and cake. Next one is Wednesday 4 September ie, this coming one!

Calendar of upcoming events at the Shed (or elsewhere)

Put these dates in your diary –you will NOT want to miss these!

Monday 2 September – Working Bee at David Hale’s place to spread mulch

43 Orion Street, North Yass – 10am. Bring wheelbarrow, shovel/rake/fork. You’ll feel good, Mate, if you help a good mate!

Wednesday 4 September – First Wednesday Morning Tea at the Shed – 10 to 11.30am

Len McGuigan will be away, so it is all down to the single host this time, Phil O’Brien – can’t wait to see what he will have been up all night cooking!

Monday 9 September – Full Irish Breakfast with the Gunning Guys (in Gunning)

See item below

Tuesday 24 September – 9.30am to 12.30pm - Don’t forget the Regional Men’s Sheds Bowls Day – Yass Bowling Club.

There will be around 30 blokes from Sheds all around southern NSW attending this one (being organised by the Murrumbateman Shed) We will be hosting all of these blokes afterwards to lunch at the Shed and our in-house Chefs are currently working on plans to feed those masses.

If you would like to form a team to play bowls (we must have more talented members than any other Shed, surely!), help with the food or just come along to have a feed on the day (\$5 per head) let me know by return email.

Haven’t had much interest so far!! We have faint murmurings about fielding one or possibly two teams of 4 and only one or two offers of help with the catering. I am hoping for a bit more interest in the next couple of weeks.

Let me know if you want to organise an event – or if you want me advertise an event, and IT WILL BE DONE!

News Review

Briefly.....

Cooma Cottage fence restoration project. Rick Williams has advised that funding for this project has now come through and that the materials for the fence will be purchased and delivered in the next month or two. The Shed has been invited to do much of the fence building work – primarily the painting and fixing of the pickets (some 500 of them) to the fence railings. All of this work will be done on site at Cooma Cottage. The benefit for the Shed is that we will be paid \$2,500 if we do that job and do it well.

Any volunteers – we won't get the job done, or get the funds unless some of you (many of you, hopefully!) put your hands up and help. I look forward to fielding lots of emails from you volunteering your services.

I will let you know when the project is likely to start.

Yass Valley Community Centre (YVCC) The first meeting of the Council's S.355 Committee meeting was held last week. Apparently the designated Councillor did not attend and from reports I have received, little progress was reported by Council representatives in progressing any activity towards moving the centre towards a condition that will allow it to be opened for general Community access. This is concerning, not the least because it has been almost 12 months since this Council was elected and this is the first S.355 Committee meeting and it has been almost 18 months since the previous meeting was held by the previous council administration. It seems that progress will continue to be very slow in this quite important project.

Containers for the Shed. As you know we have a grant application going to acquire 2 x 40 ft containers: one to be fitted out as a metal workshop and the second to be used as a secure store for timber etc (which we will need to move from the YVCC when it becomes a facility for the Yass Valley Community). We have found that MA Steel has one container and is expecting another in a couple of weeks that they are prepared to sell to us for a good price. If anyone knows of someone in Yass who has the capability to transport 40 foot containers from MA Steel to the Shed, then unload them and place them on site for us, can you let us know please. We think an empty 40 foot container weighs about 4 tonnes. It would also be good if you could use your influence to get us a good price on that service.

Workshop Tool Care update. We have had a couple of episodes recently of damage to Shed tools. Please ask for assistance if you are not sure how to use any particular piece of equipment – it can get pricey for us to be fixing tools – possibly preventing us updating and acquiring more. It can also render tools unusable until they are fixed, thus limiting (for other members) the use and convenience of the Shed facilities.

If you happen to damage a tool, please feel free to report the damage so we can fix it – you will NOT be harassed. It is annoying, though, when a tool is needed and it is broken – consider your fellow members, please.

Return Visit to meet the Guys from Gunning on their own ground



Part of the crowd when the Gunning Guys visited our Shed – could not fit all of them in the room (or the photo!)

Please let me know if you wish to go to Gunning on Monday morning 9th September.

The “Full Irish Breakfast” will kick off at 10.30am and we are assured it will be very special.

We will leave the carpark at the YVMS at 10am for the short drive to the Anglican Hall in Biala St.

So far we have 5 takers (one car).

Let me know if you are interested and we will organise a second car if necessary. It is important that we know who wants to go so we can alert the caterers.

Tuesday afternoon Exercise Classes

As you know, Exercise Classes are held from 2-3pm on Tuesdays.

A core group of some 8-10 hardy types have battled through the winter to keep supple and “fit”.

But **NOW** it is Spring and we hope to see more of you coming out of hibernation and getting into shape (Did you hear him say in the Coalition Launch last Sunday that when Tony Abbott comes to power, he has promised all people over 50 (like him) will need to go out in public in their red budgy smugglers at least once per month – penalties will apply for non-compliance!

To help you get in the mood for this, here is a small poster prepared by Marje Holgate one of our regular and religious participants (oh, yes: both women and men are welcome!)

Gentle exercise classes at the SHED (a few of the things we like to do)



The advantage of exercising everyday is that you die healthier...but what the heck...live dangerously!!

COME JOIN US!! We usually have about a 50/50 men and women contingent.

(Thanks to Marje Holgate for this poster and artwork)

Membership News

Membership Dues

This is the last reminder to unfinancial members for the 2013/14 year. Under our rules, those who remain unfinancial will be removed from the official Membership Register.

You can renew your membership for one year (\$20), 3 years (\$50 – a saving of \$10), or 5 years (\$80 – a saving of \$20 or 5 years for the price of 4).

You can renew your membership by one of two methods:

1. Cash/cheque given to one of the Committee members or by posting in our letterbox at the Shed; or
2. By Electronic Funds Transfer as follows:

- i. Log on to your bank account and select the “payments” or “transfers” option.
- ii. Decide the payment you wish to make (\$20 for 1 year 2013.14, \$50 for 3 years 2013.16, or \$80 for 5 years 2013.18).
- iii. Fill in the details of the account into which you wish to transfer these funds:

- a. **Name of Bank:** Westpac (Yass)
- b. **Name of account:** YVMS
- c. **BSB:** 032 771
- d. **A/c No.** 148894

- iv. Where you are requested to state the purpose of the payment (so we know what the payment is for and who it is from) can you provide information in the following format please: “B Bloggs Subs 2013.14” (or 2013.16 or 2013.18 if paying for longer periods). Substitute your name for “B Bloggs” (eg W Smith, B Jones etc – if you don’t do this we won’t know who you are and we will think you are still unfinancial). Please note that some banks won’t allow any characters other than alphanumeric in the transaction record – hence the suggested “2013.14” format.

Three works of art at the Shed

It is not often that we can point to a number of exciting and innovative things happening in our midst.

This occurred this week when the following photos were taken:

		
<p>A piece of timber selected and prepared by Allan Carey and then painted by a member of the Thursday afternoon U3A Art Group. Any ideas about what to do with it? One suggestion is to raffle it.</p>	<p>Sensitive New Age Shed Guy (SNASG) headwear at the Shed. I hope we soon get some sun to make the effort worthwhile.</p>	<p>Sculpture using old farm used bits, started by someone else and finished off By Roger Holgate (aka SNASG) Its owner collected it yesterday and is now planning the best option for planting it somewhere special in the landscape.</p>

GST (goods and services trading) OR *Lost and Found - [contact Richard Rowan](#)**

*(I was **LOST** in my mess but I **FOUND** a solution at the Shed)

This is a section of the newsletter where members can avail themselves of the great knowledge pool within the shed. Secondly it is also a place where members can get rid of stuff or seek stuff. New items added are in **red type**.

Help needed or available

David Staines has two walkie-talkies that are currently inoperable. These are his personal backup communication devices for landing aircraft on Australian ships as well as other usages. David seeks somebody with electronic knowledge to have a look at his walkie-talkies and give him an opinion as to their ability to be fixed.

This is a rare opportunity for a member of the Shed with skills in electronics to make a valuable contribution to the security of Australia. It is problematic but not realistic that David may be called at any time to assist in air-traffic control aboard an Australian Naval vessel. As they say in the classics "old sea dogs never die, they just sleep in the corner until kicked back into life".

Assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated by David. If you can help, please contact David as follows:
Email: yccc@dodo.com.au or Phone: 0408 340 040

Richard Maxwell is looking for volunteers to nominate to help people in the town who might want small jobs done at their homes. We are thinking along the lines of changing tap washers, fixing a broken step or railing etc. It is important to underline here, that we are not a job centre or a handyman operation. We also need to be very careful not to be taking work away from Yass small business people who are in the handyman game. If you are interested in this possibility, please contact Richard Maxwell cherex@bigpond.net.au, or 0416 022 416 and he will do any necessary organising of jobs etc.

Required

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Please come and collect

We have had quite an amount of timber of varying kinds and sizes donated in recent times. If you have that small job to do but haven't got the right materials, we may have them and at a very competitive price (a gold coin or two depending on how much you need/take).

Wanted

Al Phemister - 0419 439 710 is still looking for old tools for a sculpture he has been asked to make to help Canberra celebrate its Centenary. He needs old (weldable – ie iron or steel) tools such as garden tools (shovels, rakes, hoes, mattocks etc) as well as other tools (hammers, hand shears, large spanners and the like). To make it easy, we will have a box at the Shed into which you can drop your offerings. Alternatively, give Al a ring and he will take it from there. We already have a few items finding their way to the box – redouble your efforts and see what you can do to help Al and his project.

For Sale

Joe Morrissey has the following items FOR SALE

Homelite 14inch chainsaw. It has been used for less than 10 hours. Included is a chain sharpener and an almost full container of chain and bar oil. Retail price \$180 for the chainsaw alone. The lot for \$110.

Contact Joe on 0412 258 300

Ben Scanes will sell you all the sheep poo you can possibly need or want for a modest fee per bag (three bag sizes available). If you would like to take advantage of this offer, phone this number: **0409 819 324**, talk to Ben's mother (Veronica) and make the arrangements that suit you both (they deliver).

Howard the Horticulturist is Back in Business

At this stage we have seeds for sweet corn and golden pod snow peas. Howard tells me he will have a range of tomatoes in the very near future, so watch the garden produce bar in the main room at the Shed.

All proceeds are ploughed (boom boom!) back into Shed garden related projects, supplies etc.



YVMS Shedde Shoppe

We have a good selection of stuff for sale (things made by members and some other donated things like tables (both dining and computer), a bike, an “Abs Cruncher” exercise machine, and lots of other things – you never know, but we might just have what you want! Contact me if you want more info.

Even if you don’t need anything from the shop, come along and buy something – we need the funds (and we’d like to get rid of some stuff so we can replace it with other stuff)!

We still have lots of vinyl records too!

Other

If anyone is interested there are still a couple of small projects at the shed waiting for someone to take them on.

Here is the latest completed project (undertaken by Richard Rowan with valuable and valued assistance of David Staines, Allan Carey and Norm Leaney):



Before



After

Richard Rowan is managing this column on behalf of all Shed members. The way it works is that you give Richard the info – I will publish it here with your contact details, and hordes of Shed members will then contact you (and both of you will be happy).

Richard can be contacted on 6226 6839, 0429 980 337 or richard.rowan@ozemail.com.au.

YVMS Website

Have a surf – enjoy yourselves! www.yassmensshed.org.au

Know where you fit...

A retiring farmer in preparation for selling his land, needed to rid his farm of animals. So he went to every house in his town.

To the houses where the man is the boss, he gave a horse. To the houses where the woman is the boss, a chicken was given.

He got toward the end of the street and saw a couple outside gardening. "Who's the boss around here?" he asked.

"I am." said the man.

"I have a black horse and a brown horse," the farmer said, "which one would you like?"

The man thought for a minute and said, "The black one."

"No, no, no, get the brown one." the man's wife said.

"Here's your chicken." said the farmer.

Don't forget!

S&M at the Shed 9-10am on Tuesdays

– if you don't come, you will never know what your mates are up to..... And DON'T try to find out by asking a member who does attend on Tuesdays – they will not tell you , you will just have to come. Support your Shed, we are trying our best to make it interesting for you.

Exercise Classes at the Shed – Tuesdays 2-3pm

Classes will be held this coming Tuesday - \$5 per session. We are now saving the \$5 contributions and when we get enough in the kitty, the Exercise Class will be going to Thyme to Taste for a classy afternoon nosh-up following the Class. Join up now, you have only better health and better eating to look forward to!

Reward Points at Home Hardware

You can help us a lot by giving the Shed your points when you make a purchase at Home Hardware. Just ask the cashier to "allocate the loyalty points to the Yass Valley Men's Shed". A number of members have made this a regular practice and we have benefited to the extent that we can use the funds to replenish consumables (glues, screws, sand papers etc etc from time to time) – so it IS worth it.

Think about it and help us out – please.

Birthdays around this time

14/8: Gary Reynolds, Ruben Larzabal
20/8: Arnold Rigby
22/8: David Todd
29/8: Tom Kelly

14/9: Rob Barker
17/9: Duncan Waugh

Happy Birthdays Chaps!!!

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

Shed Opening Times and opening volunteers

Tuesdays – 9am to noon <u>Full Shed Activity</u> YVMS	Tuesdays 2 - 3pm <u>Exercise Classes</u> YVCC	1st Wednesday 10 – 11.30am <u>Coffee & Conversation</u> YVMS	Thursdays 2 – 5pm <u>Full Shed Activity</u> YVMS	Saturdays noon to 4pm <u>Full Shed Activity</u> YVMS
Richard Rowan 6226 6839	Wayne Stuart 0419 292 022	Len McGuigan 6226 1549 Phil O'Brien 6226 2168	Joe Morrissey 0412 258 300 Richard Saxby 0408 802 411	Joe Morrissey is currently doing this for us – but he cannot commit full time. Hopefully one of our regulars will manage to attend each Saturday so the Shed opens. No guarantees!

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

We like to have at least two volunteers for opening/closing duties to help share the load. If you can help by nominating to open/close the Shed (either on one of the regular days – or you would like the Shed to open at some other time and you are prepared to do the honours), please let me know and we'll make the arrangements.

Some of the current YVMS contacts and “Code Holders” (should you wish to access the Shed out of normal hours):

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