

YASS VALLEY MEN'S SHED INC.

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Administrative matters

Please note that your Shed is open from 11am until 3pm every Saturday for projects, socialising and a BBQ. Come along and enjoy the Shed!

Paul Haslam has taken on the office of Public Officer and David Hale has volunteered to be a signatory to operate the Men's Shed Bank Account held at WESTPAC. Paul Haslam and David Grant are the other signatories.

Nominations or volunteers for the vacant positions of Secretary and Treasurer are urgently needed. If we don't get people willing to perform these tasks it could seriously affect our ability to operate for the benefit of the Shed. Perhaps a couple of friends would be prepared to share the load and we could have joint office holders in both of these positions. Neither positions involve onerous duties, so sharing could be an attractive way of helping for some of our members. It would also be useful to have a number of non-executive Committee members (ie one's not having a formally identified role). This would greatly assist in ensuring there are a few more hands to help with the administrative issues (which still need to be done) and to fill in if specific office holders are unavailable. Nominations will be gratefully received.

The Yass Valley Men's Shed Membership drive is now on. You will find a membership form at the end of this Newsletter. Please complete it and return it to Paul Haslam, 2 Stephens Street, Binalong, NSW 2584 with your \$20 membership fee. A concessional membership fee may apply in certain circumstances – we are not a money making organization. Memberships will run for 12 months from 1 July to 30 June each year. Membership fees will be applied to running costs of the Shed (postage, consumables, insurance etc). Membership forms will be available at the Shed and memberships can be signed up there every Saturday between 11am and 3pm.

Coordinators of the various project areas of activity are now being sought. There is a growing list of projects on the Notice Board at the Shed showing suggested areas of activity and the names of the people who have made the suggestions. We need more of these ideas. Members who would like to coordinate and be the contact points for specific project areas of interest – for example, gardening, wood-work, music, fishing, men's health etc. should contact Paul Haslam (6227 4211 email: ozspike56@hotmail.com) or Wayne Stuart (0419 292 022 email: waynestuart@aapt.net.au). It would be by far preferable for anyone wanting to be involved or to make inquiries to have a specific person to contact. These contact persons will be communicated in the next Newsletter and by a notice to be displayed prominently in the Shed.

Report on progress at the Shed

Shed security is now completed. Steel mesh and framing steel has been purchased (paid for by the Yass Valley Council) and the mesh and frames have been welded and installed by Paul Haslam. This means that more valuable items that have been donated but have been held off site (such as tools etc) are now being collected and installed in the Shed. Our thanks go to the Yass Valley Council for its generous payment of the security materials.

Shed signage is being completed by Paul Haslam.

A BBQ has been donated for use at the Shed. It requires a hose and regulator. A gas bottle is also needed to complete this asset. If anyone can help, it would be much appreciated.

The Yass Valley Men's Forum meet every alternate Thursday, 5:30 pm till 7:30pm providing an open forum for men to sit around and talk or just be where other men talk. If you would like more information or would like to come, please contact Paul Haslam. You will be warmly welcomed.

Possible project

The Rose Bank Folk Art Studio (the Studio) has invited the Yass Valley Men’s Shed to assist the Studio’s Christmas program by cutting out and constructing a range of folk art items for return to the Rose Bank Folk Art Studio for painting and distribution. The Studio has offered to supply the materials and may even pay for each completed item delivered. This could be a good opportunity for anyone who wants to become involved in relatively simple woodworking projects. If anyone is interested in participating in such a project please contact Paul Haslam or Wayne Stuart.

Contact details

One of the most difficult aspects of running an association such as ours is keeping in touch with our members. We try to have a notice printed in the Yass Tribune every Wednesday advising what is happening at the Shed on the coming Saturday. Please keep us up to date with your contact details (especially email details if you have them, as this will keep the cost of stationery, printing and postage under control) so we can contact you when we need to.

Paul Haslam
Chairman

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Yass Valley Men’s Shed Inc.

Membership Form

Name:.....
(First Name) (Surname)

Date of Birth:...../...../.....

Address.....

.....Postcode

Email Address: @

Home Ph:..... Mobile

Emergency Contact..... Contact details.....

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Any medical condition we should know about.....

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I agree to abide by the Rules of the Yass Valley Men’s Shed.

Signature: Date:...../...../.....

(Memberships run from 1 July to 30 June. Membership fee is \$20 p.a. A concessional membership fee may apply.)

Post (with your payment) to Paul Haslam, Chairman, 2 Stephens Street, Binalong NSW 2584