

YASS VALLEY MEN'S SHED

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Dear Men,

There is some good news to impart to you all, and being the bloke who only likes to tell you stuff you want to hear, here I am!!

Membership renewals are going well. We now have more than 40 of our 71 members signed up for the 09/10 year. If anyone wants to join/renew please contact one of the members on the list below and they will be most willing to relieve you of your money (nominally \$20) and welcome you to the Shed. Remember, we are much more interested in you than in your money – so if you are feeling the pinch a bit in these difficult times, we can accommodate you with a reduced membership fee!! (privacy assured).

Billiards/snooker will be feature of the Shed's many attractions soon as we took delivery today of a half size billiards table (kind donation of Phil Wales). He also donated some new felt for recovering the table and also 5 or six cues + a scoring device. We need balls and a racking triangle (apparently half size tables come with their own special size balls) – so if any of you out there have such balls spare (for billiards and/or snooker) and rack taking up space and you can bear to let them go to a good home, please let us know. Paul Haslam is in the throes of planning the repairs and makeover of the table as we speak.

Review of opening times and activity. As always occurs after a period of operation, it is time to review how well the Shed is meeting the expectations and desires of the membership and prospective members. Some members who have been taking responsibility for opening the shed have had changes occur in their capacity to fulfil these obligations and we need to find new members to take their places. If anyone is willing to be a keyholder and put their hand up to open and close the Shed on a day and times that suit **you**, we would love to hear from you. Also, feel free to tell us how we can make the Shed experience better for you (and, how you can make it better for us!)

Projects. We have a number of interesting projects waiting for an interested member(s) to take them on. These include:

- Making signs for the Murrumbateman Field Days committee for the upcoming field days in October. If anyone has any old fridge doors, we need them – let Paul Haslam know and we'll take it from there.
- Making of some 20 Bridge bid card holders (12 for Canberra and at least 5 for Murrumbateman). We have template and they look a snip to make.
- The Murrumbateman Scouts want us to make a holder to accommodate their flags (plan is available)

There are one or two other projects but they escape me right now. In all cases, the people asking will make a modest donation to the Shed once the projects are delivered. Most materials will be already in our holdings. Please let us know if there is a project you would like to undertake of for us to help you with.

For the moment, the shed will continue to open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the usual times. This may change depending on any feedback we get from the survey mentioned above.

Contacts who are willing to engage by email or on the phone on any of the above matters are:

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We hope to see lots of you much more often at the Shed in the coming months (we have a heater so it is not as cold as you might think)

Best wishes

Wayne Stuart