

# YASS VALLEY MEN'S SHED

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Dear Men,

I have a number of news items to impart this time – my apologies if this note gets a bit long and tedious – but I think most of it will be welcome and of interest to you all.

The BIG news is that Paul Haslam has finished the **refurbishment of the Billiards/snooker table** (he has recovered the surface and all cushions with new coverings) and it was christened last night where Paul, Roger Holgate and I spent what seemed to me to be an inordinately loooooong time playing billiards (the time thing probably reflects my skill level and lack of any winning experience on my part). Let me warn all members that Hustler Haslam is circling like a shark awaiting your challenge! We don't have any snooker balls at this stage so billiards has to be the game – if you have a set of snooker balls in your garage taking up space where the Harley will go, we can look after them for you.

Mark Ritchard the proprietor of Yass Valley Physiotherapy (opposite Woolies) has donated \$800 for the **purchase of 100 YVMS caps** which will have the Men's shed logo on the front. All members will be provided with a cap when they arrive in about a week to 10 days. Given his very generous support for the Shed, I hope anyone needing his type of help will repay the courtesy and try out his professional expertise. I go to an early morning exercise class at his place of business and it has been of great benefit to me. If any members are interested in a low impact, stretching and movement class, let me know and I will see if he will run one for the Men's Shed. He charges \$10 for an hour's exercise closely focussed on the ability and needs of the group.

The **garden shed** is now operational and we will be moving all garden tools and machinery into the Shed this coming Saturday. This will free up the workshop area for building a proper welding and metal turning bay. We are still making slow but steady progress – ain't life great?

We have had a couple of changes forced upon us by events beyond our control.

We no longer have a member able to take responsibility for **opening the Shed on Tuesdays** – so we will change the announced formal opening times to take account of that change (if anyone would like to accept this small task, it would be much appreciated – let me know). However, a number of members actually have keys (and you too can have one, all you need to do is ask and sign the register) or you can borrow the key from Allan McGrath at Kidz Blitz in Comur St if you want to access the Shed from time to time. So the Shed will be open from time to time and you are most welcome to call in at any time when you see the door open. As it happens, Tuesdays are becoming a somewhat regular day for wood turning and other incidental activity – so there is a presence there quite often – but we can't guarantee it without having a key holder who is prepared to attend to open and close the Shed each Tuesday.

**Friday night Card Evenings**, have also not been operating for some time due in most part to the untimely death of Viv Grey and also (I suspect) to the long and cold winter we are now starting to emerge from. Llewyn Dowling (6226 1446) is happy to coordinate any card evening members may want to take part in. We have bridge players in our midst as well as the euchre, 500 and other games players. I also know that John Wolstencroft is keen to have a game of Chess and we also now have the Billiards table – so there is no reason why Friday nights cannot become Games night at the Shed. Tell your family to watch Friday Night Crime on the ABC and you'll be back later! We also have heating in the Shed so it is not as bad as you might think!

Don't forget the Shed is open on Saturdays from about 11am until 3pm and on Thursdays from just after lunch (but no later than 2pm) until 9pm and informally at lots of other times too – don't pass us by without calling in if you see the door open.

Hope to see you there soon

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