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PATRON: COUNCILLOR NIC CARMODY, MAYOR OF YASS VALLEY

Dear Men,

Firstly, my apology and my solution.

I very much regret the kerfuffle I caused last week by including a joke which offended at least one reader of the Messenger. I also think the responses (not just the first) all contributed to the issue getting way out of control.

So, this week you will see that I have hidden the address list. This will effectively make it impossible for anyone having an issue with anything in the Messenger broadcasting their reaction to all members. If I offend anyone then you can object directly to me and leave the rest of the membership out of it. If that response is sufficiently important, I will consider forwarding it to the membership so there is no hidden activity in the Shed.

Here is the news for this week:

Shed Opening Times	Members' Birthdays
Tuesday – 11am to 2pm Thursday – 2pm to when the last one leaves Saturday – 11am to 3pm And all other times when you see the door open! Please feel welcome and free to call!	<u>Last two weeks</u> Graham McLeod (20/7), Jack Phemister (25/7), Charlie Royall (27/7) and John Woodin (28/7) <u>Next two weeks</u> Reg Moebus (4/8), Col McMillan (9/8), John Wolstencroft (11/8) and Warren Hall (12/8)

Headline News

- The Yass Valley Council has offered the use of the old BP Roadhouse (the building closely adjoining the Men's Shed) for our use.** There is a deal of repair and maintenance needed on that building, but it is essentially sound and the possibilities are enormous.

- ☑ **There will be a meeting of the YVMS Committee at 5.30pm on Thursday 12 August to discuss the Council's offer** (do we accept or not?) and if so, what uses might we put the building to (eg, would the membership be interested in sharing with other community groups and under what conditions etc). This is a critical point in the Shed's history and the future and direction of the Shed will depend on the decisions made at this meeting. All members are urged to attend and to have your say! Clearly the Council (reflecting the views of the wider Yass Valley Community) is keen to see the ongoing development and success of the Shed – we should seriously look at the challenges in accepting this opportunity.
- ☑ John Woodin, David Hale and Wayne Stuart had a meeting with Katrina Hodgkinson on Thursday last and she advised that she had sent our request for assistance with funding to the Premier of NSW with Katrina's own representations praising the Shed and its activities and urging the granting of some funds for the Shed. Katrina's office is also looking at other opportunities for grants and funding.

Other News

- ☑ Thanks to Len and Pat McGuigan, Phil O'Brien, Ray Armour and Wayne Stuart who put in some hard hours at the Franklins' stocktake last Wednesday night. Hopefully, this event will swell the coffers by about \$300 (rough estimate). The Shed is grateful to the Lions Club of Yass for inviting us to assist and have the opportunity to add to our income streams and also to those volunteers who made their time available. A very special thank you to Pat McGuigan who could have been home and warm – but helped out the Men's Shed.
- ☑ Initial planning for the next Men's Health night has commenced. It has been decided that the subject will be "depression" and we have decided to approach providers (such as Beyond Blue and some local medicos) to see if we can agree a date sometime in November. We hope that this next event might be even more successful than the first one (Prostate) at which some 35 community members attended. Interestingly, if the Shed decides to accept the Council's offer to use the BP Roadhouse, we will have a much better venue with more space in which to conduct such events in future.
- ☑ The new wood turning lathe and the new wet and dry grinding machine are now both commissioned and operating. All members are urged and welcome to come and use these machines. For those who would like to learn wood turning, we have members (Paul Haslam and Ray Hill among them) who are proficient and are willing to give demonstrations and lessons.
- ☑ I hope you are planning the Car Boot/Trailer Sale by putting aside all of those things you don't need and planning to spend the money you'll make on the day. Write Saturday 11 September in your diaries..... NOW!! We will be running a membership drive at that event and will have a Father's Day membership offer on special again.
- ☑ Membership renewals have slowed and the current financial membership seems to have stabilised at 43. Non financial members are most welcome to continue to come to the Shed (and even more welcome to update their financial status!)

And now – the Joke of the week

Wayne Stuart!

Keep looking out for this little newsletter each week. It is a convenient device for keeping members up to date with the happenings at the Shed. I will try to get better at this Newsletter writing skill as time goes on. If anyone has items they would like to see included, or ideas to improve the newsletter please let me know.

Best regards to all

Wayne Stuart
Acting Secretary