

# YASS VALLEY MEN'S SHED

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## THE MEN'S SHED MESSENGER

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PATRON: COUNCILLOR NIC CARMODY, MAYOR OF YASS VALLEY

Dear Men,

 <p><b>Shed Opening Times</b></p> <p>Tuesday – 11am to 2pm Thursday – 2pm to when the last one leaves Saturday – 11am to 3pm</p> <p>And all other times when you see the door open!</p> <p>Please feel welcome and free to call in!</p>	 <p><b>Members' Birthdays</b></p> <p><u>Last two weeks</u></p> <p>Jack Phemister (25/7), Charlie Royall (27/7), John Woodin (28/7) and Reg Moebus (4/8)</p> <p><u>Next two weeks</u></p> <p>Col McMillan (9/8), John Wolstencroft (11/8), Warren Hall (12/8), Tim Holmes (18/8) and Arnold Rigby (20/8)</p>
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### Headline News

- ☑ **All Members are invited (and urged) to attend the Committee meeting on this coming Thursday 12 August at 5.30pm to discuss the Council's offer of the old BP Roadhouse (the building closely adjoining the Men's Shed) for the Shed's use.** There will be an opportunity to look through the building at 5pm on the day. There is a deal of repair and maintenance needed on that building, but it is essentially sound and the possibilities are enormous. 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. 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.
- ☑ Following the sterling efforts of Len and Pat McGuigan, Phil O'Brien, Ray Armour and Wayne Stuart who put in some hard hours at the Franklins' stocktake last Wednesday week, we have now been advised that the Shed is due to benefit to the tune of \$397.00 for the work on that night. Len, Pat, Phil and Ray – the SHED salutes you!

- ☑ Speaking of money, the Council has made a most welcome and generous donation of \$500 to the Shed in recognition of the 8 easels built by Shed members for the use of Council in its coming consultation with the Yass Valley Community. Make sure you go to those meetings to have your say about how you would like to see the Yass Valley develop over time (not to mention to admire the easels!) We have had very strong and complimentary feedback on the easels. It seems they really are ideal for purpose, are well made, very attractive and do the Shed proud – congratulations to the builders (Roger Holgate, Ray Armour, Paul Haslam – please forgive me if I have not recognised someone who was also involved, I was making a cup of coffee at the time).

## Other News

- ☑ John Woodin has done a clean-up and paint job on a rather fancy timber pot plant stand for the Yass Music Club and it has been delivered back to the Music Club by the deadline (not a mean feat given that it has not been exactly “paint drying weather” lately. Well done John – a very fine job, too.
- ☑ Initial planning for the next Men’s Health night has commenced. 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 fully operating and busy. 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. There will be more news on times etc soon – in the meantime, if you are really keen to get started, feel free to contact Paul or Ray direct. There is now also, a mini exhibition of some of the work that has been done using the lathe (and the previous one) on the shelves behind the new lathe – well worth a visit and look.
- ☑ Don’t forget the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Open Day and Car Boot/Trailer Sale to be held on Saturday 11 September. The formal Application and fee of \$115 has been lodged with the Council to approve the holding of the events. Get organised and book a site if you want to sell stuff so you don’t miss out on a place (reply to me by email) **now!** – pay on the Day (only \$10). 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 picked up and with paid up members and promised renewals, the current active membership has jumped to 61 again. Thanks to everyone for your support and I hope you will bring lots of your friends or at least tell them what a good thing we have here in Yass.
- ☑ The Ray White Newsletter that appears magically in the letterbox each week will very soon have Men’s Shed items of interest reported there. Watch out for it. Many thanks to Daniel Gilbert and his team for this greatly appreciated assistance.

**And now – the Joke of the week** (another oldie, I’m afraid – but still worth reminding you of).

On the first day, God created the dog and said:

"Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said: "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

So God agreed.

On the second day, God created the monkey and said:

"Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said: "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God agreed.

On the third day, God created the cow and said:

"You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family For this, I will give you a life span of sixty Years."

The cow said: "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed again.

On the fourth day, God created man and said:

"Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But man said: "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you.

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. If anyone has items they would like to see included, or ideas to improve the newsletter please let me know.

Best regards to all

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