

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>Shed Opening Times</p> <p><u>Tuesday</u> – 11am to 2pm <u>Thursday</u> – 2pm to when the last one leaves <u>Saturday</u> – **Noon** to when the last one leaves (usually between 3 and 4pm)</p> <p>And all other times when you see the door open!</p> <p>Please feel welcome and free to call in!</p>	 <p>Members' Birthdays</p> <p><u>Last 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> <p><u>Next two weeks – no birthdays!</u></p> <p>Challenge – find some mates who have birthdays in the next two months and sign them up!! Otherwise this section of the Newsletter is going to be very boring until October.</p>
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Headline News

- ☑ **Council's offer of the old BP Roadhouse (adjoining the Men's Shed) for the Shed's use.** A first draft submission to Council is circulating with the Committee. We expect resolve all issues and hopefully will have a final version of the submission to submit to Council in the next week. The proposal is looking good – but, it will need to satisfy Council's needs as well as our own.
- ☑ Don't forget the **2nd Anniversary Open Day and Car Boot/Trailer Sale** to be held on Saturday 11 September. 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.
- ☑ We are having a **Men's Shed Raffle** to coincide with the Open Day. Watch this space for the list of prizes and then rush to get your tickets (we have books of ten tickets we hope members will take home and sell to family and friends).

- ☑ There will be an article on the Shed in the Trib this week (well, we have lodged a request to publish an article). Watch out for it and show your friends.

Other News

- ☑ The new **change in opening times on Saturdays**. Seems to be working well (I know I got to the Farmer's Market and it was good to have the flexibility. Some members still show up early, it is only the "official" opening time that has changed – anyone who wants to open at a time that suits them is more than welcome, to have a key and go to the Shed when they wish – talk to Wayne Stuart if this is an attractive option for you.
- ☑ The **ABC 666** interview on the Yass Valley Men's Shed seemed to go very well. There has been a lot of very positive feedback – not the least being from listeners in Canberra who have sent commentary and supportive good wishes. The prize for the person who identified most inaccuracies, lies, invented history and sheer instances of effrontery perpetrated by the interviewee has not been presented as all listeners were obviously in "charitable" mode and forgave all.
- ☑ John Woodin has invited any members who are interested to assist with the ongoing **maintenance and rehabilitation at Cooma Cottage** to join him and Rick Williams in that worthy activity (contact John on 6226 4485).
- ☑ Initial planning for the **next Men's Health night** continues. The subject will be "Depression" and contacts with potential presenters (such as Beyond Blue, other national experts and some local medicos and other experts and sufferers) to see if we can agree a date sometime in November is underway. We hope that this next event might be even more successful than the first one (Prostate) at which some 35 community members attended.
- ☑ Warren Hall called by the Shed recently and has offered to rotary hoe a **new large garden plot** (about the same size (11m x 11m) as the existing series of plots. Of course, the work can only happen when the ground dries out enough for the work to be done. After last season's most successful start and production in the garden, if you need a good open and sunny space to grow your veg, come along and reserve yourself a plot (we are even allocating spaces with name tags to identify the gardener(s)). It is a Community Garden, so non-members, women and supervised kids are all most welcome.
- ☑ The **new wood turning lathe** and the new wet and dry grinding machine are fully operating and busy. Watch this space if you would like to learn how to use the wood turning lathe – we will soon be announcing some opportunities to take part in demonstrations and lessons. 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. This week some effort will be undertaken to replenish the depleted levels of Workshop consumables.
- ☑ Thank you to all members who have paid membership renewals – we are happily very healthy again (currently some 63 paid up members).
- ☑ Anyone borrowing any tools or other items from the Shed is urged to sign the "Loans Register" (on the desk near the attendance register) so we know where everything is at all times.

And now – the Joke of the week (thanks to an unnamed member for this one)

The pastor asked if anyone in the congregation would like to express praise for answered prayers.

Suzie Smith stood and walked to the podium. She said, "I have a praise. Two months ago, my husband, Tom, had a terrible bicycle wreck and his scrotum was completely crushed. The pain was excruciating and the doctors didn't know if they could help him."

You could hear a muffled gasp from the men in the congregation as they imagine the pain that poor Tom must have experienced.

"Tom was unable to hold me or the children," she went on, "and every move caused him terrible pain. We prayed as the doctors performed a delicate operation, and it turned out they were able to piece together the crushed remnants of Tom's scrotum, and wrap wire around it to hold it in place."

Again, the men in the congregation cringed and squirmed uncomfortably as they imagined the horrible surgery performed on Tom.

"Now," she announced in a quivering voice, thank the Lord, Tom is out of the hospital and the doctors say that with time, his scrotum should recover completely."

All the men sighed with unified relief. The pastor rose and tentatively asked if anyone else had something to say. A man stood up and walked slowly to the podium.

He said, "I'm Tom Smith." The entire congregation held its breath.

"I just want to tell my wife the word is sternum."

Current  **keyholders are:**

John Woodin (President)	6226 4485
Ray Hill (Vice President)	6226 3344
Wayne Stuart (Secretary)	0419 292 022
Reg Moebus (Treasurer)	6227 3247
Roger Holgate (Workshop)	6226 1664
Paul Haslam	6227 4211
David Hale	6226 4227
Allan McGrath	Collect a key from Allan (and sign the Register) at Kidz Blitz in Comur Street (return it afterwards)

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

Best regards to all

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