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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>None</p> <p><u>Next two weeks</u> – no birthdays!</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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	<p><i>All of those men who have the privilege and joy of being a Father (and those who are fathers in spirit or deed by the way in which they nurture and give of themselves to others) are wished a most happy Father's Day!</i></p>
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Headline News

☑ **Council's offer of the old BP Roadhouse for the Shed's use.** John Woodin, David Hale, Len McGuigan and Wayne Stuart met with the General Manager of the Yass Valley Council, David Rowe, on Friday to discuss the Men's Shed's proposal to Council for the use of the BP Roadhouse building as a Community Centre. It seems that the proposal we have made might be in line with the thinking that is happening at the Council. Of course, the General Manager will need to make a submission to Council, which in turn will need to be considered and approved. However, at this point, things look positive. (Lobby a Councillor!!)

☑ Don't forget the **2nd Anniversary Open Day and Car Boot/Trailer Sale** is on next Saturday (11 September) starting at 9am. We currently have about nine bookings for Car Boot/Trailer spaces – surely we can do better than that!!

- It would be really good if we can get a lot of enthusiastic support on the Open Day. Call by if you can – even if only briefly and lend your support.
- Bring the kids – have a sausage sandwich from the Lions Club BBQ
- Buy a raffle ticket – pick up a bargain – already there is a good response to the booking of sites for trailers/boots.
- Enrol your Dad as a member in the Shed and get a good deal (late father's Day gift).
- 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).
- Volunteers would be most welcome to help with some of the traffic management, selling spaces/tickets and generally helping on the day.

The only condition (which will be monitored and enforced by Council) on the day is that no tents or shade structures can be erected (safety concern about tethering/securing them on the car park surface) – so bring hats!!

☑ We are having a **Men's Shed Raffle** to coincide with the Open Day.

1ST PRIZE: GLASS TOP BATHROOM SCALES

2ND PRIZE: 12v CORDLESS DRILL

3RD PRIZE: 141 PIECE TOOL SET

Rush to the Shed to buy your tickets (only \$1 each) – we have books of ten tickets we hope members will take home and sell to family and friends.

☑ **Men's Shed Gathering Day!!** We have received an invitation from the Harden Murrumburrah Men's Shed to attend/send interested members and/or a team to the Men's Shed Gathering Day at Harden Bowling Club starting at 9.30am on Wednesday 27 October 2010. Morning tea/lunch will be provided as well as tea and coffee throughout the day. There will also be a competitions bowls option as well as socialising with other Men's Shed members from the region (invitations have been sent to Cootamundra, Junee, Temora, Grenfell, Canowindra, Cowra, Young, Boorowa, Yass and Harden). In addition, medical staff will be on hand to carry out basic health checks such as blood pressure and BSLs (Blood Sugar Levels) etc). Numbers need to be reported to Harden Murrumburrah (for planning and catering purposes by 5 September – though we might try for an extension if it looks like there is interest from our Shed). The official invitation will be on the notice board at the Shed.

We have a couple of early bookings/interest, why not come along and see how other Sheds do it and meet some blokes from other towns in the process? Contact John Woodin (see his details at the end of this Newsletter).

Other News

- ☑ **Richard Saxby and Paul Haslam** made a metal stand that will accept a wool sack for the new Milwalky's Cafe in town. They wanted it to give them capacity to store recyclable rubbish. They were very happy and made a donation of \$50 to the Shed. Thanks very much to Richard and Paul and also to Milwalky's for the donation. I think you should all go there for a coffee to show them our gratitude. If you do, tell them!
- ☑ **Paul Haslam** organised and delivered a donation of \$50 from the Binalong Fire Brigade during the week. Paul continues to bring home the bacon for the Shed and continues in his former role as a very valuable member in many dimensions of the Shed's activities.
- ☑ The **upcoming visit of the Yass Friendship Group** has had to be changed due to a conflict of dates for them. The Friendship Group will now be visiting (hopefully) us at the Shed on Wednesday 13th of October. I will confirm this date when we receive firm advice from Yass Home Living Support.
- ☑ 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.
- ☑ We are still waiting for the ground to dry out enough so that Warren Hall can rotary hoe a **new large garden plot** (about the same size (11m x 11m) as the existing series of plots. 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 (men, women and supervised kids) are all most welcome.
- ☑ **Paul McLucas** (a new member) has offered to bring a **leather press (donation)** to the Shed. Forgive my total lack of understanding of such a device, but it (apparently) is large and requires some organising and muscle. Paul will make arrangements for the delivery and let us know. Many thanks to Paul for this generous donation. Anyone out there who knows about leather work, or wants to try his hand – it looks like your days of waiting are fast expiring.
- ☑ 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

Fathers then & now

Today is one of the tenth Father's Days of our new millennium. Fathers of 1900 didn't have it nearly as good as fathers of today; but they did have a few advantages:

In 1900, fathers prayed their children would learn English.

Today, fathers pray their children will speak English.

In 1900, if a father put a roof over his family's head, he was a success.

Today, it takes a roof, deck, pool, and 4-car garage. And that's just the house down the coast.

In 1900, a father waited for the doctor to tell him when the baby arrived.

Today, a father must wear a smock, know how to breathe, and make sure film is in the video camera.

In 1900, fathers could count on children to join the family business.

Today, fathers pray their kids will soon come home long enough to teach them how to work the computer and set the VCR.

In 1900, fathers pined for old country England, Ireland, Italy, or Russia.

Today, fathers pine for old country Slim Dusty.

In 1900, a father smoked a pipe.

If he tries that today, he gets sent outside after a lecture on lip cancer.

In 1900, a father came home from work to find his wife and children at the supper table.

Today, a father comes home to a note: "Jimmy's at cricket, Mary's at gymnastics, I'm at TAFE, Pizza in fridge."

In 1900, fathers and sons would have heart-to-heart conversations while fishing in a stream.

Today, fathers pluck the headphones off their sons' ears and shout, "WHEN YOU HAVE A MINUTE.."

In 1900, a father gave a pencil box for Christmas, and the kid was all smiles.

Today, a father spends \$800 at Toys 'R' Us, and the kid screams: "I wanted an iPad!"

In 1900, if a father had breakfast in bed, it was eggs and bacon and ham and potatoes.

Today, it's Special K, soy milk, dry toast and a lecture on cholesterol (none of it in bed!).

In 1900, a Father's Day gift would be a hand tool.

Today, he'll get an electronic item he has no chance of understanding or using effectively (and not enough time left in his life to learn how to use it).

In 1900, fathers said, "A man's home is his castle."

Today, they say, "Welcome to the money pit."

In 1900, "a good day at the market" meant Father brought home feed for the horses.

Today, "a good day at the market" means Dad got in early before BHP Shares dropped again.

In 1900, a happy meal was when Father shared funny stories around the table.

Today, a happy meal is what Dad buys at McDonald's.

In 1900, a father was involved if he spanked the kid now and then.

Today, a father's involved only if he coaches cricket or rugby, does half the cooking, and has his wallet open and ready.

In 1900, when fathers entered the room, children often rose to attention.

Today, kids glance up and grunt, "Dad, you're invading my space."

In 1900, fathers threatened their daughter's boyfriends with shotguns if the girl came home late.

Today, fathers break the ice by saying, "So...how long have you had that earring?"

In 1900, fathers pined for the old school, which meant a one-room, red-brick building.

Today, fathers pine for the old school, which means Dennis Lillee and Jeff Thompson.

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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