

# 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><u>Tuesday</u> – 11am to 2pm <u>Thursday</u> – 2pm to when the last one leaves <u>Saturday</u> – <b>**Noon**</b> 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><b>Members' Birthdays</b></p> <p><u>Last two weeks</u></p> <p>None</p> <p><u>Next two weeks – no birthdays!</u></p> <p><b>Challenge</b> – 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

- The **2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Open Day and Car Boot/Trailer Sale** went off very well yesterday. Thanks to all members who worked very hard to assist both before and during the day. John Woodin has been very busy and effective in all of that activity (including the street signs that contributed to a very good incidental roll up and the donor of the first prize in the raffle). He also made an advert for the Open Day what was broadcast on YassFM. Speaking of roll up, I have it on the very best authority (of a couple of blokes who can accurately guess the size of the crowd at noon on day one of the Boxing Day Test and the dimensions of the spectators around the harbour at the starting gun of the Sydney Hobart Yacht Race) that we had more than 200 and perhaps as many as 300 visitors to the site during the day yesterday. Thank you to all members who supported that great outcome.

Financially, the early news is that we very easily covered our costs and the coffers are much improved by the event. I also spoke with a number of the 14 stall holders, all of whom said that they had had a good experience and also easily covered their costs – many would like to come back regularly if the Shed is interested in running an event such as this a couple of times each year (we might need your own feedback on the idea of holding a Spring and Autumn Car Boot/Trailer Sale).

Members who helped above and beyond the call of duty yesterday – and who seriously deserve thanks include (and forgive me if I have missed you in this list – it is not intentional, merely failing memory and the morning after the night before kicking in here):

- Bill Findley who not only organised the cones and safety tapes which made management of the safety on site a relative breeze – but then proceeded to sell raffle tickets for most of the morning – directly increasing the income from that initiative.
- Ray Hill who organised the Lions Club BBQ for us and who also was by far the most prolific seller of raffle tickets (not to mention the donor of two of the prizes).
- Reg Moebus who spent most of the day managing the money and making sure that we can enjoy the financial rewards and success of the day.
- Many other members including Richard Saxby, David Hale, Geoff Frost, Paul Haslam, Ray Armour, Brian Millett and all of those ticket sellers/buyers etc all contributed in many and hidden ways. Thanks to all those mentioned and those unnoticed by me for your help.

**AND** to top it all off, we signed up 5 new members and took renewal payments from another couple as well.

- ☑ The lucky winners of the **Men's Shed Raffle** drawn at noon on the Open Day.
  - 1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE Winner - : [Harry Hayes](#) GLASS TOP BATHROOM SCALES – donated by John Woodin.
  - 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE Winner - : [Brendan Abbey](#) 12v CORDLESS DRILL – donated by Ray Hill
  - 3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE Winner - : [M McGuigan](#) 141 PIECE TOOL SET – donated by Ray Hill

Early and unofficial estimates are that we might have sold some 250+ tickets in this raffle!

- ☑ The Yass Valley Council is holding a meeting on Thursday 23 September to discuss **setting up a Community Garden in Yass** (please see attached flyer). This might dovetail nicely with our own efforts at the Shed.

If you are interested in a community garden, then please go along to the meeting, to show to the Council that there is a real interest in establishing a community garden for Yass. They will be using this meeting to gauge how much interest is out there in the community for the idea, before they decide to progress it to the next stage.

The details are:

Public Meeting  
Thursday 23 September  
6.00pm  
Yass Valley Council Chambers  
Refreshments provided  
RSVP to [Noreen.vu@yass.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Noreen.vu@yass.nsw.gov.au) or 6226 1477

If you can't make it to the meeting, you can still register your interest and provide any suggestions, by contacting Noreen Vu at the Yass Valley Council (contact details above).

- ☑ **Council's offer of the old BP Roadhouse for the Shed's use.** The Council is likely to consider our submission later in September. We will let you know when we know something that we can let you know.
- ☑ We have received enough interest from members to be able to mount an excursion to Harden in October to **the Men's Shed Gathering Day!!** You will recall that 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). If any other members would like to add their names to the current list, let me know and we'll see if we can sneak you in.
- ☑ The **Yass Friendship Group's next visit to the Shed** has been confirmed and will occur on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of October. Make this a firm commitment in your diaries – you will not believe how good this day is!
- ☑ **Iron on Men's Shed Badge personalised with your own name.** We have had an offer for preparing these little beauties – if you saw Ray Hill on duty yesterday you will know what they look like. You will never lose your name badge again (just try not to lose your T shirt). If anyone is interested, let me know and I'll make further inquiries. Price will obviously depend on take up numbers of interested members. It's starting to get warm – go and find a favourite summer shirt, imagine how fetching you'll look in it with a Men's Shed personalised name badge permanently affixed and get in touch with me!

### Standing items and reminders

- ☑ 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, women and supervised kids are all most welcome.
- ☑ 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.
- ☑ The new **change in opening times on Saturdays** seems to be working well. 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.

**And now – the Joke(s) of the week** (for those who need that instant response while playing golf)

## Best Golf Caddy Replies

# 10 -- Golfer: "Think I'm going to drown myself in the lake."

Caddy: "Think you can keep your head down that long?"

# 9 -- Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course."

Caddy: "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth."

# 8 -- Golfer: "Do you think my game is improving?"

Caddy: "Yes sir, you miss the ball much closer now."

# 7 -- Golfer: "Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?"

Caddy: "Eventually."

# 6 -- Golfer: "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world."

Caddy: "I don't think so sir. That would be too much of a coincidence."

# 5 -- Golfer: "Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's too much of A distraction."

Caddy: "It's not a watch - it's a compass."

# 4 -- Golfer: "How do you like my game?"

Caddy: "Very good sir, but personally, I prefer golf."

# 3 -- Golfer: "Do you think it's a sin to play on Sunday?"

Caddy: "The way you play, sir, it's a sin on any day."

# 2 -- Golfer: "This is the worst course I've ever played on."

Caddy: "This isn't the golf course. We left that an hour ago."

# 1 -- Best Caddy Comment Golfer: "That can't be my ball, it's too old."

Caddy: "It's been a long time since we teed off, sir."

## Current keyholders are:

<b>John Woodin (President)</b>	<b>6226 4485</b>
<b>Ray Hill (Vice President)</b>	<b>6226 3344</b>
<b>Wayne Stuart (Secretary)</b>	<b>0419 292 022</b>
<b>Reg Moebus (Treasurer)</b>	<b>6227 3247</b>
<b>Roger Holgate (Workshop)</b>	<b>6226 1664</b>
<b>Paul Haslam</b>	<b>6227 4211</b>
<b>David Hale</b>	<b>6226 4227</b>

**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

Wayne Stuart  
Secretary  
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