

# 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 couple of weeks (until the next Messenger)</u></p> <p><b>22/10: David Hale and Dennis Wicklander</b> <b>23/10: Al Phemister</b> <b>24/10: Wayne Stuart</b> <b>29/10: Warren Dickson</b></p>
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### Headline News

- Council's offer of the old BP Roadhouse for the Shed's use.** The Council considered our submission at its September meeting. The Shed's proposal was put to Council with strong support from David Rowe the General Manager. A reading of the deliberations of Council from the draft Minutes (see page 38 of this document: <http://www.yass.nsw.gov.au/files/13884/File/22.09.10OrdinaryMinutes.pdf>) contains this text:

**RESOLVED that –**

- (a) *The old BP premises be upgraded for community usage in consultation with the 'Men's Shed';*
- (b) *Expressions of interest be called from community groups that may wish to utilise facility on a regular basis;*

*(c) A Section 355 Committee be established by Council for the management of the facility;  
and*

*(d) An initial funding of \$10,000 be provided from the 2010/11 budget to allow repair  
activities to commence.*

The Men's Shed Committee will advise the Men's Shed Membership as and when further information and contact is made by the Council on this matter.

In this context, we have already been approached by a community group in Yass who are keen to help us set up the BP premises for use as a photography studio. Interest in the facility and its potential is building!

If any Shed member is interested in serving on the Committee that Council is proposing to set up for this purpose, please contact Wayne Stuart.

- ☑ The **Yass Friendship Group's next visit to the Shed** will occur at 10am this coming Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of October. Make this a firm commitment in your diaries – you will not believe how good this day is! Come along and enjoy watching the Friendship Group have fun – you will find you are having fun too! Also read the next item!
- ☑ **NB**, Paul Haslam will be conducting a new and exciting series of demonstrations and lessons on the new wood turning lathe. He has dubbed the program **“Turning and Learning”** and the sessions will be held on Wednesdays (starting this coming week) @ midday till whenever. If you are interested show up at around noon on Wednesdays and Paul will give you the low down on all manner of tricks and techniques on the lathe.
- ☑ The Yass Valley Council held a meeting on Thursday 23 September to discuss **setting up a Community Garden in Yass**. While current information is sketchy, it seems that there might currently be 4 sites under consideration (one of which is at the Men's Shed). Get on to your local Councillor and lobby hard if you think the best place for a community asset such as this is at the Shed. Who knows, there might be some useful funding to help us enhance the good start we have already made.

## Other News

- ☑ 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. **HOWEVER**, the date has **changed** to 9.30am on Wednesday 3 November 2010.

Can those members who have already booked for the trip, please confirm that this new date still suits them please. If any other members would like to add their names call (6226 4485) or email John Woodin ([jwoo3@bigpond.com](mailto:jwoo3@bigpond.com)) and get your name on his list – he needs to finalise arrangements soon.

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).

## 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). You might have noticed a recent article in the Yass Trib, that the Lions Club is also seeking volunteers for garden refurbishment work. It is a great asset in our town and deserves support.
- ☑ Initial planning for the **next Men's Health night** continues. The subject will be "Depression" and we hope that this next event might be even more successful than the first one (Prostate) at which some 35 people attended. The current state of play is that Beyond Blue has now advised that they can send a speaker to address the meeting on **Thursday 10 February 2011**. Peter Hurley will now make efforts to get a local medico and coordinate any other interested people who might wish to contribute for that night. This could be very good timing if we can have access to the BP building by then, it will make for a far more capacious and pleasant meeting room for such events.
- ☑ The Garden is showing signs of life and activity again, now that the worst of the cold weather seems to be behind us. I have contacted Warren Hall who has offered to 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 flowers/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 table near the bookcase in the meeting room) so we know where everything is at all times.
- ☑ A working TV (about 23 inch) has been delivered to the Shed – free to a good home if anyone is interested.
- ☑ Anyone who wants the Shed to be 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. Alternatively, if it is a "one off" visit, borrow the key from Allan McGrath at Kidz Blitz (be sure you buy something while you are there!)
- ☑ John McClung has mentioned to me that having a copy of the latest Men's Shed Messenger by Friday nights would assist YassFM greatly in organising and broadcasting news about the Shed for the Saturday morning program. I think this is a great idea, So starting this week, I will try to get the Messenger out on Friday afternoons or nights.
- ☑ Speaking of YassFM, our President, John Woodin, is about to launch his new career as a public radio broadcaster. It is rumoured that he might be about to take over the 6-9pm slot on Wednesdays. We are running a competition to see how many times in a shift he can get in a mention of the Men's Shed. The lucky winner gets to take home a free computer desk – second prize is two free computer desks.
- ☑ I will be away overseas (a mix of work and play) from Thursday 14 October to Saturday 6 November inclusive. Consequently, there will be no more Messengers until after I return and catch up with the news. You will all, no doubt, be amazed and distraught to hear that no one has stepped into the breach and offered to do this little task while I am away. You'll all just have to suffer!

### **Project Corner – Provided by Roger Holgate, Workshop Manager**

There are a couple of things that we need & a few jobs which could be done at The Shed ([updates since last week in blue](#)).

#### Things we need

We need a piece of flat mild steel plate - say 150mm x 150mm x10mm so that I can endeavour to make a face plate for the small wood lathe. – Update: [Update: A piece of steel has been donated by a keen member & a face plate now made up to suit the Ryobi lathe. There were at least 2 members asking if we would be able to get a face plate, so now we have one.](#)

- We need a flat mild steel plate - say 900mm x 900mm x 6mm to make up a small welding bench.
- A small mower would be handy as long as it is a good one.

#### Jobs on the list

Small child's rocking horse refurbishment. [This one now under control.](#)

- Make up 3 brackets to hold wood turning chisels. (3 brackets to hold 10 chisels each )
- Make up doors for tool cupboards. (we have a plan in mind )
- Make up stay bracket for the door between the 2 shed rooms as it not is lockable.
- Remove & clean out strainer in water tank & possibly clean out gutters. (The latter a young mans job )
- Mow the grass outside the fence beyond the picnic table.
- Internal division walls can be finished off & painted.
- Make up a small welding bench & fit small vice.

**It is our Shed (all 70+ of us) so get involved and lets be proud of it.**

Are there any members who would like to make any of these tasks their projects? Talk to Roger.

Cheers

Roger

**And now – the Joke(s) of the week. Not so much jokes this week – more canine philosophy.**

#### **DOGS**

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue. -Anonymous

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful. -Ann Landers

If there are no dogs in Heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went. -Will Rogers

There is no psychiatrist in the world like a puppy licking your face. -Ben Williams

A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself. -Josh Billings

The average dog is a nicer person than the average person. -Andy Rooney

We give dogs time we can spare, space we can spare and love we can spare. And in return, dogs give us their all. It's the best deal man has ever made. -M. Acklam

Dogs love their friends and bite their enemies, quite unlike people, who are incapable of pure love and always have to mix love and hate. -Sigmund Freud

I wonder if other dogs think poodles are members of a weird religious cult. -Rita Rudner

A dog teaches a boy fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down. -Robert Benchley

Anybody who doesn't know what soap tastes like never washed a dog. -Franklin P. Jones

If I have any beliefs about immortality, it is that certain dogs I have known will go to heaven, and very, very few persons. -James Thurber

If your dog is fat, you aren't getting enough exercise -Unknown

My dog is worried about the economy because Chum is up to \$3.00 a can. That's almost \$21.00 in dog money. -Joe Weinstein

Ever consider what our dogs must think of us? I mean, here we come from the supermarket with the most amazing haul, chicken, pork, half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters on earth! -Anne Tyler

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea. -Robert A. Heinlein

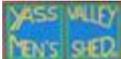
If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you; that is the principal difference between a dog and a man. -Mark Twain

You can say any foolish thing to a dog, and the dog will give you a look that says, 'Wow, you're right! I never would've thought of that!' - Dave Barry

Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole. -Roger Caras

If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them. -Phil Pastoret

My goal in life is to be as good a person as my dog thinks I am.

**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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