

# 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 – sometimes includes a BBQ at dinner time. <u>Saturday</u> – Noon to when the last one leaves (usually between 3 and 4pm)</p> <p>At all other times, if you are passing and see the doors open, please feel welcome and free to call in!</p>	 <p><b>Members' Birthdays</b></p> <p><u>Last two weeks</u> 5/7 Richard Saxby, David Villanti and Richard Rowan 7/7 Charlie Linabury and Colin Statham</p> <p><u>Next two weeks</u> 18/7 Stan Walsh; 20/7 Graham McLeod; 25/7 Jack Phemister; 27/7 Charlie Royall; 28/7 John Woodin</p>
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### Headline News

## YVMS Membership Renewal time!

It is that time of year again, folks and the response to our calls for renewals is going very well so far. We have some 40 members (of the current 79) who have renewed their memberships and several have taken the opportunity to take multiple year memberships with the accompanying saving!

We need each one of you current members (otherwise the great Yass Valley Men's Shed will falter) and we need your membership fees (to pay electricity, Insurance etc).

The good news is, Membership fees have been reduced for multiple year buyers:

- One year - \$20 (concessions available)
- Three Years - \$50
- Five Years - \$80

Membership fees became due and payable on 1 July 2011 (for those who have not already paid).

I have contacted each member individually to advise these options (and to tell those already paid up in advance, what their precise situation is).

## **YVMS Website and email addresses**

The Shed's resident IT guru and great supporter (Blake Swaddling of Longpaddock IT fame) has set up a new website for the Shed. At this stage, it is still being "built" and lots more information, photos etc are to be loaded onto the site. You can find us online, now, at [www.yassmensshed.org.au](http://www.yassmensshed.org.au) and we also now have two official email addresses: [president@yassmensshed.org.au](mailto:president@yassmensshed.org.au) and [secretary@yassmensshed.org.au](mailto:secretary@yassmensshed.org.au). Go online and have a look and give us some feedback on what you would like to see there. Also, tell your friends – who knows, they might all want to join the Shed too!

Blake provides a great service – so if you need IT help, support Blake in the way that he supports us! His office is next to the bootmaker and opposite Milwalky's Cafe in Comur Street.

In addition, we have finally managed to get correct and up to date info concerning the Yass Valley Men's Shed onto the Yass Valley Council website. You can find that info by looking under the link "Community Directory" at the top left hand side of the Council's page and we are listed under three headings: "Community", "Health and Family" and "Society and Culture". You have to find the page with the organisations starting with "Y" (Yass Valley Men's Shed) as only 10 entries fit on each listing page.

## **Yass Valley Community Centre (YVCC) - (formerly the old BP Roadhouse)**

The Council is working towards achieving all the necessary steps (mostly health and safety related) to getting the YVCC building ready for opening to the community. In this process, the Men's Shed has undertaken to help with much of the work that we have the capability and skills to undertake. The quid pro quo for this involvement is that we will have access to the Centre for our own purposes (Health Seminars, large meetings and other general use of the facilities) at no charge (other users will be charged for using the facility).

At its last meeting, The Council's s.355 YVCC Committee decided to concentrate on getting two rooms in the centre ready for occupation in the first instance (it is expected that once the health and safety issues are resolved (illuminated exit signs, protection in front of the lower windows in the "restaurant", connection of the air conditioning and wheelchair access). These two rooms are the large open meeting area (formerly the restaurant area) and the kitchen area.

Among the users who will need as early access to the YVCC as possible is the Yass Friendship Group, whose current accommodation in the Goodradigbee Centre is not really suitable and access and space for them is difficult. The sooner we can get our bit done, the sooner the YVCC can open and the Friendship Group will have a suitable "Home".

## **YOUR SHED**



You will see below, a listing of the projects that the Men's Shed has agreed to undertake in those two rooms (and also some agreed activity outside the Centre, as well, that will ensure we have kept our side of the bargain. The jobs in **red ink** are the ones needed to be completed as priority items before the YVCC can open to the public. The list of other work is more extensive – but for the moment we are concentrating on what comes first.

**YVMS Members needed to help with the YVCC** This plea is to ask members to look through the list of works with a view to putting up your hand to help in one or more of those tasks. It would be good if a large number of members who can afford the time could help us out – the benefits will be very good for all members and the more help we get the sooner the work will be done and the easier it will be.

You will note that some of the work has already been done and I will leave **these items in the list** to show progress.

The list of projects to get us to this point is:

Number	Description	Who	Date Completed
<b>1</b>	<b>Outside - General</b>		
a	Mowing to be arranged behind the BP asap	YVC	11/1/11
b	Clean out sump near walkway between BP & Shed	YVMS	15/1/11
c	Regular mowing (Council to provide ride-on mower)	YVC/YVMS	27/1/11
d	Remove stirrups near clothes line	YVMS	27/1/11
e	Paint steps - with nosing added	YVMS	25/1/01
f	Access ramp (1:14) with handrail	YVMS	To be done this week or next
<b>2</b>	<b>Inside - General</b>		
a	Clear cobwebs (will need doing regularly)	YVMS	11/1/11
b	Clean windows (will need doing regularly)	YVMS	11/1/11
c	Clean floor (will need doing regularly), (shampoo carpet)	YVC / YVMS	3/2/11
d	Exit lighting and Signs	YVC	
e	First Aid Kit	YVC	
f	Temporary tape over cracks/holes in floor tiles, tape down carpet edging pending decision on longer term repair	YVMS	
<b>3</b>	<b>Main/Meeting Room (Restaurant)</b>		
a	Refix skirting	YVMS	22/1/11
b	Paint projector screen on North wall	YVMS	8/2/11
c	Add chair rail to lower windows	YVMS	
d	Check / Replace light fittings	YVMS	
e	Clean, prepare and paint walls	YVMS	
f	Clean, prepare and paint window frames	YVMS	
g	Paint ceiling ?	?	
h	Folding door between Main Room & Kitchen	?	
i	Folding door between Main Room & Take Away	?	
<b>4</b>	<b>Kitchen</b>		
a	Clear cobwebs (will need doing regularly)	YVMS	11/1/11
b	Clean floor (will need doing regularly)	YVMS	11/1/11
c	Relocate timber to storage area - stair well	YVMS	22/1/11
d	Clean windows / screens	YVMS	
e	Paint ceiling ?	?	
f	Fix windows	?	
g	Clean, prepare and paint window frames	YVMS	
h	Check / clean / replace lights	YVMS	
i	Tile above sink	YVMS	
<b>5</b>	<b>Front Toilets (Male and Female)</b>		
a	Gain access - fit temporary lock	YVMS	18/1/11
b	Fix tiles in entry	YVMS	5/2/11

c	Clean floor & walls & fittings (will need doing regularly)	YVMS	22/1/11
d	Toilet paper / paper towels / soap	YVMS	22/1/11
e	Rubbish bin / toilet brush	?	
<b>6</b>	<b>(Gallery and office)</b>		
a	Clear cobwebs (will need doing regularly)	YVMS	11/1/11
b	Clean windows (will need doing regularly)	YVMS	11/1/11
c	Clean floor (will need doing regularly)	YVMS	22/1/11

Any offers of help – or if you prefer to put your name down for a job that is recurrent, but that you might like to take on as your ongoing project – eg mowing, cleaning, painting etc) will be gratefully received.

## Other News

- The next visit of the Yass Friendship Group is planned for 9.30am am Wednesday 7 September. Pencil this date in your diaries and try to come along and see how much fun can be fitted in to an otherwise normal Wednesday morning.
- Ron Doyle, Clarrie Schlunke and Wayne Stuart managed to cull our holdings of paint etc on Saturday last (much excitement and fun was had opening and deciding on the viability of various paint containers with pink hues and mysterious contents etc on the way to making life changing decisions about “to dump or not to dump”). The results of this clean out were transported to the tip on Sunday morning and now the Shed is a little lighter in its holdings of paint etc (although not obviously so – we did leave what looked to us like it might be of some use – and you all know how hard it is to throw away perfectly good stuff that “might come in handy one day”. Special thanks to Clarrie and Ron for their help.

## Workshop Warrior – Roger Holgate

- Roger is away at present dragging his caravan all over NSW, QLD, NT, SA and back again – so no news from him in this edition. However there are a number of projects currently on the books if anyone is interested:
- the repair of our pool table cues.
- We have a lapidary table in need of repair and rejuvenation. If anyone is interested in bringing that device back into operation, come along and roll up your sleeves (otherwise we will move it on to a new home – is anyone interested?).
- And don't forget that there is a garden area available for winter plantings or preparation for next season, There must be some of you who would like a little extra area for your vegetables, flowers etc.
- Where are the leather workers? We have steel filing cabinet of leather and tools which has been donated and is just waiting for someone to use and create.

## Wrong end of the stick Lesson for this week

*A Scottish couple decided to go to Spain to thaw out during a particularly icy winter.*

*They planned to stay at the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years earlier.*

*Because of hectic schedules, it was difficult to coordinate their travel schedules.*

*So, the husband left Glasgow and flew to Barcelona on Thursday,*

*with his wife planning to fly down the following day. The husband checked into the hotel.*

*There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an email to his wife. However,*

*he accidentally left out one letter in her email address, and without realizing his error, sent the email.*

*Meanwhile...*

*Somewhere in Blackpool, a widow had just returned home from her husband's funeral.*

*He was a Minister of Religion who died following a heart attack.*

*The widow decided to check her email expecting messages from relatives and friends.*

*After reading the first message, she screamed and fainted.*

*The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor,*

*and saw the computer screen which read:*

*To: My Loving Wife*

*Subject: I've Arrived*

*Date: August 16, 2010*

*I know you're surprised to hear from me.*

*They have computers here now and you're allowed to send emails to your loved ones.*

*I've just arrived and have been checked in.*

*I see that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow.*

*Looking forward to seeing you then!*

*Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.*

*P.S. It's Bloody hot down here!!!*

**Current**  **keyholders are:**

<b>John Woodin (President)</b>	<b>6226 4485</b>
<b>Ray Hill (Vice President)</b>	<b>6226 3344</b>
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<b>Reg Moebus (Treasurer)</b>	<b>6227 3238</b>
<b>Roger Holgate (Workshop)</b>	<b>6226 1664</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.

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