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PATRON: COUNCILLOR NIC CARMODY, MAYOR OF YASS VALLEY

Car Boot Sale and Open Day – Saturday 17 September.

This was a most successful day for the Shed and for the 1st Yass Scouts Group.



Some statistics for you:

- ✓ 22 selling sites were taken up and a great variety of goods and interesting things (including rabbits and chickens!) were available;
- ✓ the Lions Club Sausage sizzle included steaks, bacon, eggs (and the odd sausage);
- ✓ the Scouts Coffee and Cake Shop (complete with lounges upon which to rest while enjoying these refreshments in between shopping sprees) was a great success;
- ✓ face painting and other good stuff for the kids worked really well;
- ✓ quite a number of buskers entertained the crowds and sellers; and
- ✓ the weather was perfect and a very good day was had by all!
- ✓ The outcome of the raffle was:
 - ❖ 1st Prize (\$100 worth of Fuel) – J Phillips
 - ❖ 2nd Prize (12 volt battery drill) Dunley
 - ❖ 3rd Prize (Kitchen knife set) Marie Firth

Early indications are that with all expenses paid, the Shed looks likely to have made a net \$425 with the possibility of some more donations to come.

In addition, the Open Day was also a success resulting in a number of new applications for membership being received and some payments of membership renewals.

Quite a number of the visitors to the site were very interested to look over the new Yass Valley Community Centre and the Shed was given some considerable praise for the contributions that it has made in the improvements in getting the Centre ready for opening to the Community.

Many thanks to the Shed Committee, the other members of the Shed and to the Yass Scouts who worked tirelessly in the lead up to and on the day to make this a great success!

Other news

Working Bees at the Shed and the Yass Valley Community Centre

I suspect that those who usually turn out for working bees might be suffering a bit of “overuse syndrome” as recently promoted working bees have not been very well attended (both for the YVCC and for the Car Boot Sale site preparations - although we had a fine gaggle of men doing all manner of things to help on the day!). This is a bit of a shame as there are still a number of tasks needing doing to finalise the YVCC for its opening (hopefully in November).

We are very grateful to the regulars who always engage and help us out and want you to know that you are truly appreciated and valued. In particular, for the sterling efforts in the YVCC in recent weeks – the place is transformed!

However, we are not keen to give our regular and most generous supporters burn out – so I am not going to call for volunteers for any further working bees for a while. Rather, I would like to see blokes who turn up, occasionally, perhaps, grab a paint brush and do what they can/are willing to do on an occasional basis.

I would also (at the risk of offending) like to invite those who don't often volunteer to give it a try – you might find you have some fun and get more from your efforts than you actually put in!

Garden News

Not a lot to report – other than that, with the mild weather upon us, NOW is the time for you to rush down to the Shed and claim a plot! There are already signs of activity and now is the time to get those early plantings started.

Watch this space for info on:

- Organising a car or cars to go to the upcoming Bowls Day organised by the Boorowa Men's Shed – date to be notified later.
- The next Men's Health extravaganza which will be held in the new YVCC (first two Thursdays in December) promises to be bigger and better than ever. Watch this space for more details in the coming weeks.

Mini Messenger one-liner

Always remember you're unique - just like everyone else.

Birthdays this week

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