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It has been a bit of a slow-news week this week at the Shed – perhaps everyone is tired out after all the effort and excitement of the Car Boot/Trailer Sale and Open Day held last week.

However there are a couple of messages that are important enough to justify this rather shorter Messenger.

General News

Working Bees at the Shed and the Yass Valley Community Centre

As I mentioned last week, we will not be having formal working bees for a while to allow members to draw breath and perhaps do some things at the Shed that actually are for their own benefit or recreation – or even (my own preference!) the opportunity for a coffee and a chat with really interesting and entertaining colleagues.

However, there are still a number of painting tasks required to be completed in the next month or so in order that the Community Centre can be really categorised as “finished” as far as the Men’s Shed is concerned in its undertakings to Council, so if anyone is keen to help with those remaining jobs, then you will not be sent away, I assure you. The up side is that we don’t tend to spend all of our time on these things, just pick a job that will take a short time to complete and get it done. It is amazing how quickly these jobs can be completed – especially if you are there with a couple of like minded blokes who are also doing their own little tasks.

If you want to help with these jobs, we can get you sorted and helping on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during normal Shed opening times.

Jobs still needing to be completed include: painting of the new doors and door jambs, finishing painting in the “gallery”, touch up painting on the “canopy” in the kitchen etc. Freshening up the outside of the front of the YVCC is also a task we will take on in due course, but there will be some cost in acquiring paint etc for that job, so we might need to consult with the YVMS Management Committee before we start that project. We are getting some feedback that some decisions taken by the YVMS in an attempt to help have not always been well received. So we need to tread a bit cautiously, perhaps. Improved communications in both directions will be pursued to alleviate any problems in this regard.

Workshop News

We will be running YVMS workshop orientation days on [Saturday 15th October](#) and again on [Thursday 20th October](#) for those unable to make it on the Saturday.

The purpose of these days will be to show members just what tools and equipment we have managed to acquire at this stage, where the tools are stored and to familiarise members with their correct usage, designed to prevent personal accidents, health risks, and damage to tools and machinery.

While we are still very much in the process of setting up the workshop, there are some dangerous procedures coming to notice and a lot of incorrect usage of tools.

We also intend to organise demonstrations by people who are experts in their field in the future.

Please put these two times in your diary:-

- Saturday 15th October at 2pm.
- Thursday 20th October at 3pm.

Roger Holgate (Workshop Manager)

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. I hope to get a detailed information brochure (email) out to all members early in this coming week.

Mini Messenger one-liner

Far too many people spend their lives reading the menu instead of enjoying the banquet.

Birthdays this week

None

Shed Opening Times

Tuesday – 11am to 2pm

Thursday – 2pm to when the last one leaves – sometimes (especially now that the weather is improving) includes a BBQ at dinner time.

Saturday – Noon to when the last one leaves (usually between 3 and 4pm)

At all other times, if you are passing and see the doors open, please feel welcome and free to call in!

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