



THE MEN'S SHED MINI MESSENGER

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Headline News for this Week

Increase in Shed Security following the Break-in at the YVCC

Security at the Shed has been reviewed by the Committee and a new level of lock security has been installed. The Roller door was always the "weak point" in our defences, so we have decided to increase its security by securing it from inside (in addition to the existing locking mechanism already on the door). Consequently, it can no longer be used as the main entry point to the Shed.

During the last week, Roger Holgate has reinforced the lock points on the various doors and installed new locks on both the double doors to the garden (to prevent anyone who gets in being able to open those doors from inside to assist in any major removal of items to a truck etc at that point) and on the "person door" at the back right hand side of the Shed building (granting access to the Workshop).

This person door will now be the primary access point and updated arrangements have been put in place for people authorised to open the Shed for any purpose. This door is now locked (and unlocked) using a 4 digit code operated padlock and former "keyholders" will now be given the code that operates that lock and instructions on how to use it effectively. The official "procedures/policy and register" that records those members who have been given the code have also been updated to reflect the new arrangements and the Committee has signed off on those changes.

Members coming to the Shed during normal opening hours will see no actual difference as the Roller Door will still be the main point of entry during those times.

The only significant change for members who are not "Code Holders" will be that you will no longer be able to obtain a loan key from Allan McGrath at Kidz Blitz. I have spoken with Allan who tells me that this option was very rarely used anyway and it should not impact on access. If you need to access the Shed outside of normal hours, just ring one of the "Code Holders" whose names appear in the Opening Times section below and also on the notice board next to the Roller Door at the Shed and they will do their best to attend and give you access.

Alternatively, you may wish to be given the codes and take the necessary responsibility that goes with that privilege. If so, contact me and I will organise that for you.

Follow up on the Theft of Shed property from the YVCC

As I reported last issue, 6 brand new (still in their boxes) Swiss Gym Balls stored at the YVCC, being the property of the Men's Shed were stolen sometime over the holiday break. Each ball is valued at \$40.15 giving a total loss value of \$240.90.

The 6 stolen gym balls were in their boxes each of which look like this:



Shed members would be most grateful, if anyone who knows anything of these balls (you might be aware of someone who received a Christmas present which looked like this), would contact the Yass Police and mention the following Incident Reference Number: E 46626456.

General News

Visit by Members of the Goulburn Men's Shed

I contacted all members during the past week with news that a number of members of the Goulburn Men's Shed will be visiting us during the morning on Friday 20 January (ie Friday of next week) and inviting members to let me know if they are interested to come along and welcome our fellow Hume Highwaymen.

The response so far has been most encouraging and the list of our own members who have indicated that they will attend is:

John Woodin, Ray Hill (hopeful), Wayne Stuart, Richard Rowan, Roger Holgate, Peter Hurley, Reg Moebus, John Wolstencroft (hopeful), Richard Saxby

We will be having a BBQ lunch to show these Goulburn blokes that we really know how to live, so if you are at a loose end, why not come as well. An indication of your intention to attend will help us to cater effectively – please let me know if you do intend to come.

We have a plan to undertake a number of day trips to visit some of the Sheds in our own region during the coming year and will let you know when those plans firm up, in case you would like to come along. If you are interested in such outings, register your interest with me.

You may have other ideas for ways to pass idle and lethargic days – send in your ideas and we'll see if there is interest enough for us to organise some of them.

Garden News

Last week, I made the following comment about the garden at the Shed:

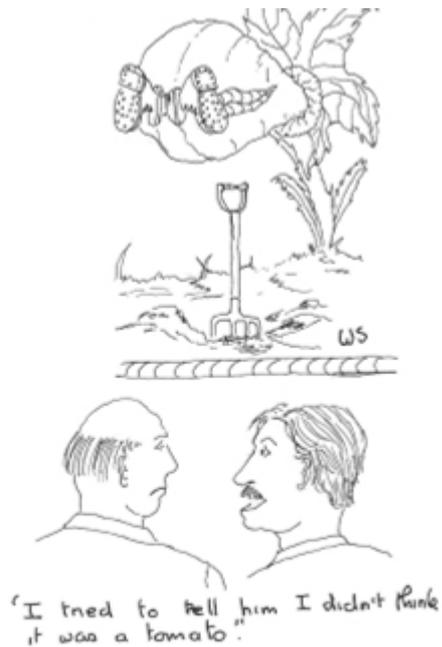
“If you are finding your veggie garden at home is struggling with the weird weather we're having, may I suggest you come and grab a plot at the Shed and while you are at it – have a look at how productive and amazing the Shed gardens are this year!!”

Here is proof of that statement!



[Photo: courtesy Marj Holgate]

Roger and Howard wondering what has happened to Len McGuigan....



Birthdays for the next 4 weeks

18/1 Bradley Foxlewin; 20/1 Rod Therkelsen; 24/1 Bob Small. Happy Birthday Chaps!!!

Shed Opening Times

Tuesday – 9am to Noon

Thursday – 2pm to when the last one leaves – sometimes (if there is interest) 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!

Current YVMS contacts and “Code Holders” (should you wish to access the Shed out of normal hours):

John Woodin (President)	6226 4485	– jwoo3@bigpond.com
Ray Hill (Vice President)	6226 3344	- rayhill01@dodo.com.au
Wayne Stuart (Secretary)	0419 292 022	– wayne@stuartoz.com
Reg Moebus (Treasurer)	6227 3238	– wargeila@ozemail.com.au
Roger Holgate	6226 1664	– roger42@dodo.com.au
David Hale	6226 4227	– haled3@optunsn.net.com.au

Members' requests

This is a new idea prompted by a note I received earlier this week. The idea is that if you have a request that you think other members might be able to help with, we can advertise it for you here. Give it a go – it's cheaper than advertising in the Trib and we have lots of blokes with interesting skills out there. This is NOT, however, an opportunity for you to get your car serviced, roof replaced, a personality transplant or hip replacement on the cheap!

- No. 1 of 2012: Peter Hurley has a Sansui R7 amplifier (made in about 1986) that suddenly does not work. He would like to have it repaired but does not know any repairers locally. It has been a great machine. So, if anyone knows a repairer, he would be glad to hear. A free Shadows CD to the one who knows. Contact Peter on peter.hurley@velocitynet.com.au or let me know and I will pass on the info to Peter – perhaps you can do it for him?

General Invitation

If you would like to see any additional information in the Messenger or have any suggestions or contributions to make, please feel free to contact me

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