



THE MEN'S SHED MINI MESSENGER

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Headline News for this Week

Visit by Members of the Goulburn Men's Shed – Friday 20 January

About 14 members of the Goulburn Men's Shed visited our Shed last Friday for a chat, an opportunity to see how we do it and to enjoy a BBQ (Sausages, bacon, eggs, onions, cake, soft drinks, tea, coffee etc). We also had a good roll out of our members to greet and entertain our visitors and the whole event went very well. We have been invited to visit the Goulburn Shed so they can return the hospitality (more on this when we get something organised).

Particular thanks to Ray Armour who seemed to do most of the cooking.



Photo: John Woodin

Upcoming Meeting of the YVMS Committee – Thursday 2 February

We will be holding a meeting of the Shed Committee at 5.30pm on Thursday 2 February to be followed by another BBQ (we're getting quite good at BBQs!!).

All members are most welcome to attend – both the Committee meeting to see what goes on and the BBQ to enjoy a meal with the blokes afterwards.

The agenda for the Meeting is as follows:

Yass Valley Men's Shed Inc.

Agenda for Committee Meeting to be held at 5.30pm on
Thursday 2 February 2012

Opening/welcome

Present

Acceptance of the Agenda

Apologies

Previous Minutes - including a consolidated Report on "Virtual Committee Meeting" decisions (Secretary)

Membership Status and Correspondence (Secretary)

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Reports by YVMS Groups (if any)

General Business:-

Update on the YVCC building and project (Member of the S355 Committee)

- Planning of YVMS projects for improving the YVCC (John Woodin)
- Review of security at the Shed and any related issues (Roger Holgate)
- Status of Grants applications for the Shed
 - Current Grants in process and status of grant from the Yass Garden Group (Dara Madden)
 - Status of Grant from the Lansdowne Foundation (Reg Moebus)
 - General discussion on planning and prioritising work and acquisitions with proceeds of grants
 - consideration of a Draft Policy and Procedure on Grants (Dara Madden).
- General Discussion on possible YVMS Seminars for 2012 (Wayne Stuart)

Any Other Business

Next Meeting – Likely to be a combined Committee and AGM night in April.

General News

Possible trips to regional Men's Sheds

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.

We have had a new member nominated (Ron Barton) who tells us he is a fully licensed bus driver – so all we need now is a bus!

If you would like to register an interest in such excursions (and haven't already done so), let me know.

You may have other ideas for ways to pass idle and lethargic days - I am sure we will get some good ideas when we visit other Sheds to see how they do it. Send in your ideas and we'll see if there is interest enough for us to organise some of them.

ONE DAY EXPO 2012 - -MEN'S SHEDS IN THE WEST

VENUE

WOOLPACK CONVENTION CENTRE DUBBO SHOWGROUNDS

Wednesday 8th February 2012

9.00 - 4.30

Organised by Dubbo, Wellington and Gulgong Sheds
Frank Doolan, Ross Toole, Bert Berwick, Bill Clifford and Garry Hayes

WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2012

REGISTRATION from 8.30 am

Tea & Coffee will be available on arrival

We are looking forward to welcoming a lot more of our friends, old and new, to visit this Expo. Last year over 250 men came and all had a great time, we hope this year they can expect to go away with a lot more than they came with, if not in goodies but valuable information and friendships.

We listened to what members wanted and the 2012 Expo should meet all requests and more, in relation to what you need to grow and enjoy your shed. Please contact us with ideas if you want to hear a specific subject or workshop.

There will be interactive and informative workshops on subjects such as: Gardening, Funding/Finance, OH&S, Medical, Mentoring, Handyman, Shed Experiences and Starting and Growing a Shed. There will also be demonstrations on: Lapidary, Metalworking, Wood Turning, First Aid and Displays by Sheds.

The approximate cost to attend is \$20.00 per head, this will cover all administrative costs, insurances, venue, and Lunch, this will be finalised closer to the day. Please supply list of all members attending along with monies as soon as possible due to holiday time prior.

What to do:

- Make sure your members attending wear their Name Tags, Shirts & Jackets
- Please bring something to eat for morning/afternoon tea
- Send photos of your shed (with details) to be added to a Promotional PowerPoint
- If there are any special dietary requirements, please enter on form below
- A Swap Meet/Auction will also be held for any surplus equipment, if it's too big to bring on the day, bring a photo
- Please bring a display of what you are doing/making in your area – Active or Inactive?
- Ensure payment is sent for all member attendees along with the attached form



Please fill out all information, cut off & send along with cheque using the addressed envelope:

Name of Shed: **Contact:**.....

Address:..... **Phone:**

Email:.....

Special Dietary needs:.....

Number Attending: x \$20.00 Please make cheques to Dubbo Men's Shed

Display from your Shed: Is power needed: Yes No

If anyone is interested in this outing, let me know and if others are planning to go, we may be able to organise car sharing etc. We also will need to register any members who wish to attend and organise payment of the entry fee.

Meeting of the South West Slopes NSAA – Yass Services Club – 1030am Sunday 18 March

All former National Servicemen and all Ex Service personnel are invited to this special meeting to further develop the interest and activities of this organisation which aims to provide more support and involvement for former National Servicemen – but also involving other RSL members as well in 2012. The South West Slopes NSAA takes in Cowra, Young, Boorowa, Grenfell, Harden Murrumburrah and now, hopefully, Yass.

If you need more info on the NSAA Organisation or the meeting, please contact the South West Slopes sub-Branch of the NSAA – PO Box 145 Cowra, NSW 2794 or call the following numbers: 6342 2266, 6342 8419 or 6382 3386.

I have also found a Website for the NSAA - <http://www.nashoaustralia.org.au/>

Garden produce

The garden at the Shed is now producing and being harvested. We have installed a display and collection point just near the door that leads into the Workshop so you can see if there is any produce that you would like to take away with you when you visit.



The Notice says:

YVMS Garden Produce

Produce on this table is for the benefit of Members. Please do not harvest directly from the garden unless invited to do so.

Feel free to take what you would like (within reason - remember there are other members who might also like a share).

Please leave a gold coin in the box to assist with the expenses involved in getting this produce to you. Thank you.

Yours compostfully

The YVMS Gardeners

Playing with words

The Washington Post's Mensa Invitational invited readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition.

Here are the winners:

1. **Cashtration** (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.
2. **Ignoranus**: A person who's both stupid and an asshole.
3. **Intoxicaton**: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
4. **Reintarnation**: Coming back to life as a hillbilly.
5. **Bozone** (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
6. **Foreploy**: Any misrepresentation about yourself for the purpose of getting laid.
7. **Giraffiti**: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high
8. **Sarchasm**: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
9. **Inoculatte**: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
10. **Osteopornosis**: A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)
11. **Karmageddon**: It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
12. **Decafalon** (n.): The gruelling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
13. **Glibido**: All talk and no action.
14. **Dopeler Effect**: The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
15. **Arachnoleptic Fit** (n.): The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
16. **Beelzebug** (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
17. **Caterpallor** (n.): The colour you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.

Challenge: – send me your reworked words along the lines of the above efforts and I'll run them in a future Messenger. Here's one to get you going:

- **MinsShid: the reason why we don't have any (former) Noo Zooland Mimbers (they can't find the Shed because no one understands what they are asking directions for).**

Birthdays for the next 4 weeks

9/2: Ron McGrath and Ron Barton; 22/2 Jim Wickham and Des Hore. 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):

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Members' requests

This is a new idea prompted by a note I received a few weeks ago. 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?

Any other requests to insert in this space???

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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