



# THE MEN'S SHED MINI MESSENGER

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## Headline News for this Week

### YVMS Committee Meeting – Outcomes and decisions

We had a very good meeting on last Thursday night (followed by an even better BBQ!).

Main issues discussed and decided were:

- A plan and agreement to purchase some serious equipment and garden gear following some generous donations received from the Yass Garden Club and the Federal Government;
- The Committee adopted a new policy on accessing and using grants with a special emphasis on ethical approaches and procedures;
- Discussion of the Seminar program for 2012 (more on this in later editions);
- The Shed's 2012 AGM to be held on Thursday 26 April (see Item on this below); and
- An update on the disappointingly slow progress with the Yass Valley Community Centre (next door to the Shed) and plans to push on with the Shed's efforts to further enhance and freshen up that building.

As soon as the Minutes are finalised, I will circulate them to all members for information.

### Graham McLeod – fine furniture maker

Graham who is one of our most senior members, has been beavering away on a project to build a nest of tables for some months. He turned all the legs on one of our wood lathes and the table tops have been made from recycled timber.

He has now reached the final stage of the project, and last Saturday saw him apply the first of several coats of stain finish.



Attention to detail



The smile of achievement



How good is this?

You too can learn new skills and do something worthwhile at the Shed (however, it doesn't have to be woodworking – we have a metal working shop, a great garden, a meeting and reading room, coffee/tea/biscuits and Conversation, a great selection of videos and DVDs you can watch at the Shed and a number of members who have expressed an interest in playing cards, Billiards/Snooker or board games (but need partners and competition) – all you have to do is come along, get involved and enjoy yourself!

## 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.

## 2012 YVMS AGM – Thursday 26 April

The Annual General Meeting of the Men's Shed will be held on Thursday 29 April at 5.30. The meeting should be quite short as we will not be having a Committee meeting on this occasion and the AGM process is pretty brief these days.

It is an important meeting though, and as many members who can attend should try to be there to help us steer the Shed into and through the next year.

The most important item on the Agenda will be the election of a new Committee (if you have been unhappy with the current Committee, now is your chance to make some changes!)

The Current Committee is:

❖ John Woodin – President

- ❖ Ray Hill – Vice President
- ❖ Reg Moebus – Treasurer
- ❖ Wayne Stuart – Secretary
- ❖ Roger Holgate – Member and Workshop Manager
- ❖ Dara Madden – Member and Grants Coordinator
- ❖ Ron Doyle – Member
- ❖ Duncan McGregor – Member

All Committee places will be vacated and a new Committee needs to be elected. Under our rules, any member who has held an executive position on the Committee for two years cannot be re-elected to that position. This is to ensure we get new blood and new ideas happening to keep the Shed a vibrant and developing entity. Of course, if there are no new nominations and if outgoing members are willing to renominate, then they may be re-elected.

You will find a form for nominating Committee members and also a Proxy Form to sign and submit if you cannot attend the meeting, but have a particular issue on which you wish to have your voice heard.

Please take these issues seriously – the future of the Shed depends on your continued support and that is very important at AGM time.

A draft Agenda for the AGM will be developed and published in the Messenger in the near future.

## **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**

Remember: 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 (2) .....

The Washington Post has also published the winning submissions to its yearly contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for common words.

And the winners are:

1. **Coffee**, n. The person upon whom one coughs.
2. **Flabbergasted**, adj. Appalled by discovering how much weight one has gained.
3. **Abdicate**, v. To give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. **Esplanade**, v. To attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. **Willy-nilly**, adj. Impotent.
6. **Negligent**, adj. Absentmindedly answering the door when wearing only a nightgown.
7. **Lymph**, v. To walk with a lisp.
8. **Gargoyle**, n. Olive-flavoured mouthwash.
9. **Flatulence**, n. Emergency vehicle that picks up someone who has been run over by a steamroller.
10. **Balderdash**, n. A rapidly receding hairline.
11. **Testicle**, n. A humorous question on an exam.
12. **Rectitude**, n. The formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
13. **Pokemon**, n. A Rastafarian proctologist.

14. **Oyster**, n. A person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.

15. **Frisbeetarianism**, n. The belief that, after death, the soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.

16. **Circumvent**, n. An opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men

I was very disappointed, last week, not to get any responses to my challenge to send me your reworked words and their meanings. But I am seldom daunted – so:

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

- **Holgate: the opposite of half a gate**

## Members' requests for help

This is a new idea prompted by a cry for help I received a few weeks ago from one of our members. 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!

### Challenge No. 2 of 2012:

Alex Tewes has posed a challenge for members. He would like us to help him build an "Argentine Grill" – see photo.

The dimensions of the grill itself are 1500mm x 900mm and the grill has a device which allows it to be raised and lowered above the fire box.

If anyone who has metal working skills (principally welding, I suspect) can help Alex with this project, he has promised a generous donation to the Shed (he will also purchase and provide all necessary materials).

Let me know if you wish to accept this challenge and we will get it going.



Any other requests to insert in this space??? Let me know.

## 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

## Birthdays for the next 4 weeks

9/2: Ron McGrath and Ron Barton; 22/2 Jim Wickham and Des Hore; 28/2 Geoffrey Atkinson. 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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