



THE MEN'S SHED MINI MESSENGER

PATRON: COUNCILLOR NIC CARMODY, MAYOR OF YASS VALLEY

MESSENGER NO 11 FOR 2012

THURSDAY 5 APRIL 2012

NOTICE: The Shed will NOT be open this Saturday (Easter Saturday) as it is a holiday and most members are likely to be otherwise occupied. See you again next Tuesday!

Important dates for your Diary

12 April (Thursday)	Visit by NSW Minister Humphries
15 April (Sunday)	Bowling Community Garage/Craft Sale (see item below)
26 April (Thursday)	YVMS Annual General Meeting (see item below)

Headlines for this Week (see stories below)

- ****Visit by NSW Minister for Mental Health and Healthy Lifestyles, Kevin Humphries****
- YVCC News
- YVMS AGM (Thursday 26 April)
- Men's Shed Heroes of the Week

****Visit by NSW Minister for Mental Health and Healthy Lifestyles, Kevin Humphries****

Minister Katrina Hodgkinson's Burrinjuck Office contacted us on Wednesday to see if Minister Humphries might be able to visit the YVMS next Thursday (12 April). The Minister will be visiting Queanbeyan, Yass and Goulburn on the day and is keen to fit in a visit to a Men's Shed as this sits nicely with his portfolio responsibilities.

We have responded that we would be very pleased to host the Minister for a visit on that day. The Minister's Office has since confirmed his visit and he will be at the Shed at 1.30pm.

We will, clearly, need to have a number of members present to show that we are a vibrant and active Shed, so if you can come to boost our usual Thursday numbers, please do!

It is likely that we will also have some media interest and I will endeavour to have the Yass Trib publish an announcement (if time permits) in Wednesday's paper. I will also provide some information to YassFM for them to promote the visit if possible. Similarly, I will advise the Council and the Mayor and extend an invitation to them to attend if they wish.

It seems that Tuesday of next week (9am to noon) will now be a clean up and get-ready day at the Shed. Helpers will make the job a little easier – please come and lend a hand.

And please come on Thursday to welcome and impress the Minister.

YVCC News

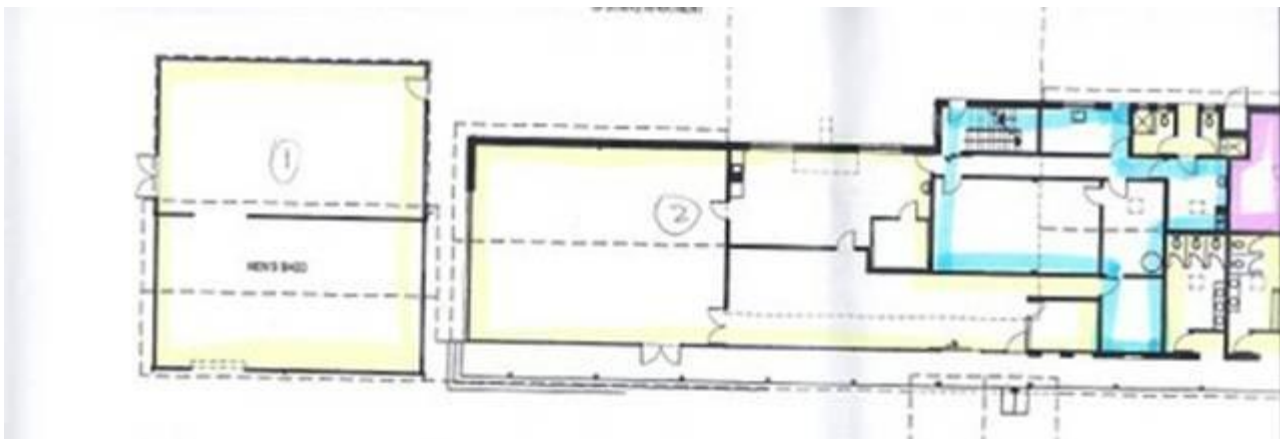
As I reported last time, the Council has given us approval to use the YVCC as an extension to Shed premises (but not as a community centre) with immediate effect until the ultimate fate and use of the Centre is resolved.

For the time-being, we are authorised to use the old restaurant room, the kitchen and the front long hallway. The other rooms, at this stage, have only been offered to us to use for storage purposes.

This means that we can now consider appropriate ways of maximising the use of the current Shed and to determine what we might do in the YVCC building. Certainly we can now, without any further approvals from the Council, conduct activities such as the proposed exercise classes in the YVCC (stand by for info and dates/times etc) and additional activities that members may wish to carry out in the YVCC.

If any members wish to make suggestions for activities that we can now add to our list and focussing on the authorised YVCC rooms, please let me know.

For the benefit of members, here is a plan of the buildings at 1428 Yass Valley Way with the current authorised uses for each:



- the yellow blocked in sections are : 1 the current Men's Shed and: 2 the rooms at the YVCC that we intend to use under the interim approval;
- the blue blocked in rooms are the rooms we propose to use for storage only pending DA approval for the centre to operate as a community Centre; and
- the pink blocked in room is the currently approved (and occupied) Salvation Army Store.

We will spend the time between now and the AGM thinking about the implications of this from the point of view of management issues and responsibilities for the Shed (eg do we need to let our insurers know that our buildings have been extended, etc). We will also consider if it is necessary to have a formal discussion and decision taken by the Shed Members (not just the Committee) on what we are prepared to do and what is outside the current Shed mandate and expectation of members. At this point, I think this might need to be an issue for the Agenda at the AGM on 29 April.

Watch this space for emerging news and activity in the Shed proper and the Shed Annexe (YVCC) as it is developed and commenced.

YVMS AGM (Thursday 26 April)

The Annual General Meeting of the Men's Shed will be held on Thursday 26 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.

The meeting will be followed by a BBQ to which all members are invited.

The most important item on the Agenda will be the endorsement of the election of a new Committee (which will occur in a very brief meeting of the full membership present immediately prior to the commencement of the AGM and expected to take no more than 5 or 10 minutes) and the four executive members (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary).

Currently we have nominations from John Woodin, Len McGuigan (nominated for President), Roger Holgate (Workshop Manager), Reg Moebus (Treasurer), Dara Madden (Grants Coordinator), Ron Doyle and Wayne Stuart (Secretary). Our Constitution states that the Committee will comprise seven members – we now have seven nominations – but if you wish to nominate, please do (forms are available next to the sign-in book at the Shed).

A notice was sent to all members this week announcing the AGM and it is repeated below, for information of those who may have missed it:



YASS VALLEY MEN'S SHED INC **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: THURSDAY 26th April 2012**

Notice is hereby given of the intention to hold the **Annual General Meeting of the Yass Valley Men's Shed at 1428 Yass Valley Way, Yass NSW on 26/04/12 at 5.30pm**

The following motions will be presented for consideration at the meeting;

1. To confirm the Minutes of the previous annual General Meeting;
2. To receive the report of the activities of the YVMS from **1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012;**
3. To confirm the election of the following members of the Board:
 - a) President;
 - b) Vice President;
 - c) Secretary;
 - d) Treasurer.
 - e) To receive and consider the audited accounts for the year ended **31st March 2012;**
4. To approve the signatories for all YVMS bank accounts (President, Secretary, Treasurer and Public Officer) and endorse that two (2) signatories are required for all payments;
5. To approve the payment of any accounts relating to this AGM;
6. To re-appoint Raymond Hill to be the Public Officer or to appoint a new Public Officer;
7. To appoint the Auditor for **2012-2013;**

And such other matters of general business as shall be received by the Public Officer on or before **Thursday 12 April 2012**

Signed
Raymond A Hill
Public Officer (Dated 1st April 2012)

YVMS Heroes of the Week

[John Woodin and Wayne Stuart](#) (yes, I am not too proud or humble to mention myself from time to time).

John and I are giving up our Easter Monday to sit on the gates of the Jerrawa Show Ground while the Jerrawa Show is in full swing. (Hopefully, this will bring in a modest payment for the Shed's coffers).

If you are at a loose end on Monday, come along and boost the gate takings, thereby improving the possibilities of a good reimbursement to the Shed (not only that, but you might have a good time as well!)

General News

YVMS Website

Have a surf – enjoy yourselves! www.yassmensshed.org.au

Community Garage/Craft Day Sale – Bowning

I have been asked to invite any members and their families and friends who might be interested in having a site at the upcoming event in Bowning to [contact Cecile Felderhoff of Bowning Lions Club on 6227 6456](#) to book a site/table.

The arrangements are:

- The event will take place from 10am until 2pm on Sunday 15 April, 2012 (ie the Sunday after Easter);
- All sites are free (it would be good if you could make a small donation to Bowning Lions Club if you have a successful day);
- The event will take place on the verandahs of the Bowning Pub (close to refreshments?);
- Bring your own tables, chairs (and stuff to sell) etc

We have booked a table/place for the Men's Shed so we can display and sell some of our woodwork output of recent times. It might also give us an opportunity to sign up a few new members. We have a couple of volunteers to help with this effort for the Shed.

Come to Bowning and buy some of the Shed's production pieces!

Shed Member strikes it rich

My very poor attempt at an April Fool joke last week failed miserably.

At least two members (Brian Millett and Ron Coleman) saw through it immediately and told me so. The rest of the membership was smart enough to either ignore the item or to let it pass unremarked. I would like to think that I fooled someone (if only briefly). Let me know if you were excited by the story and couldn't wait to go on a treasure hunt of your own – I promise I will keep it to myself (fingers crossed!)

Well done – I will clearly have to try harder.

An Easter Pome

'Twas the night before Easter. All was calm and laid back.
Fred, the mouse in the kitchen, snarfed down a late snack.
The eggs were all dyed but still drippy and sticky...
To be honest, they looked just a little bit icky.

There were big jelly beans, chocolate bunnies and such,
And as Fred stuffed his face, he sighed, "This is too much!"
Phil and Rose were in bed watching late night TV,
While munching saltines with low-sodium Brie.

Then a sudden commotion rang out in the night.
It shook Phil and Rose, really gave them a fright.
Phil's hair stood on end, and his eyes bugged out big...
Rose whipped off the covers and knocked off her wig.

They lunged to the window, yanked open the blinds...
What they saw was amazing; it boggled their minds:

Across the night sky, with a noise like the dickens,
Soared a minivan drawn by eight overgrown chickens!

At the wheel sat a bunny -- cute, fuzzy and fat --
In designer blue jeans and a Panama hat.
Like a speeding space shuttle, those chickens they flew,
As the van driver called to each hen in his crew:

"Now, Ashley! Now, Sheila! Now, Kelsey and Bo!
On Bethany, Liza! On Daphne, on Flo!"
The van made its landing lickety-split ...
Nearly wiped out the shrubs and the barbecue pit!

Then up on the roof, much to Phil's consternation,
They squawked of egg prices and space navigation.
They made so much noise that Phil started to stammer,
"If you guys don't shut up, we'll get thrown in the slammer!"

Fuzzy hopped down the chimney, amidst all this racket,
And emerged from the fireplace, adjusting his jacket.
This bunny was chic, he had class, he had flair ..
Not your average bozo, not your typical hare.

His ears were enormous; his huge overbite
Was right under a nose like a pink neon light.
His manner was smooth, he was hip, he was cool;
This floppy-eared bunny was no fuzzy fool.

"While I'm here," he smiled, "Everybody relaxes ...
I'm not selling storm windows, won't audit your taxes.
I'm just here to bring you some fun and delight.
Eat, drink, and be merry! Let's party tonight!"

So they sipped diet soda and swapped silly jokes,
Those birds and their bunny just being plain folks.
Then flop-ears said, "Hey, friends, we've had quite a ball,
But my chickens and I are now due in St. Paul!"

He crossed both his eyes. Then he wiggled one ear,
And he yelled to his chicken team, "We're outta here!"
As the minivan rose in the 3 a.m. sky,
He called out, "Later, Phil! And to you, Rose, good-bye!"

As he sped out of sight, his two friends heard him say,
"Happy Easter to all! Have a beautiful day!"

Author Unknown

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

Other funds earners

- Roger Holgate completed the repair of two dining chairs recently. The owners are very pleased with the outcome and made a donation of \$30 to the Shed.
- Brendan Abbey recently brought in a verandah fence from his mother's house which is seriously in need of repair. Any volunteers? Roger is away for a couple of weeks and if there is a competent person to do the work, that will be very good;

- Dara Madden (our hairy-chested, shiny-bum Grants Coordinator) has lodged an application with the NRMA Community Grants offer. As usual Dara has done a sterling and very creditable job in fitting our needs into the narrow constraints of the Grants parameters, so we have high hopes of more success in Dara's efforts on our behalf. Our proposal is for a large rain water tank and reticulation equipment to make the Shed and garden self supporting water-wise.
- Richard Rowan is in the throes of refurbishing a 7 sided card table which we think could be a valuable piece of furniture. When it is done we will make a decision about its future which might, if we are correct, bring a good price if sold. On the other hand, we may keep it and play cards in the lap of luxury.

Call for Assistance

A lady called by the Shed last Tuesday with a request to source some timber.

She is trying to find a block of She Oak timber large enough to have a single Bullock/Oxen yoke shaped from it (she has a person to do the shaping).

If you can help could you ring Sandra Johnston on 0420 600 174. She is prepared to pay for the timber.

Birthdays around this time

26/3: Rick Williams

27/3: Allan McGrath

1/4: Bill Dowling

9/4: Alistair McGregor

10/4: Ken Reidy

11/4: Roger Holgate

13/4: Brian Millett

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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