



THE MEN'S SHED MINI MESSENGER

PATRON: COUNCILLOR NIC CARMODY, MAYOR OF YASS VALLEY

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Important dates for your Diary

26 April (Thursday) next week

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****
- **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 Humphries, Jennifer Nobbs (Senior Policy Adviser) and Jeremy Scott (Media Adviser) arrived pretty much right on time at 1.30 on Thursday last.

We had around 12 members of the Shed on hand (including Councillor (Mayor) Nic Carmody who is a member as well as Patron of the Shed) to greet and chat – some were busy in the workshop, but all engaged with the visitors.

During the general welcome phase, the Minister mentioned that he has visited many

Sheds and is a great fan and supporter having seen much of the good things they do and contribute to their various communities. One point I picked up on was (my understanding) of his opinion that Sheds are not cut from the same cloth but respond to the communities in which they are established and he thinks this is very good.

We showed the Minister and team over the three aspects of the Shed premises – meeting/relaxing/coffee room, workshop and garden areas. They appeared to be quite impressed with the facility and the developments we have managed to make to render it an effective and useful place for men to be. They all thought the garden area is a great asset to have and we emphasised that it is a community garden (notwithstanding that it has been developed and is largely maintained by Shed members) – not just for the use of members of the Shed.



We discussed and explained our various health seminars and related programs (so far) and also discussed the visits that the Yass Friendship Group makes to the Shed on a regular basis.

We told the Minister and his team that we are most grateful to the Yass Valley Council for the help they have provided in allowing us to use the Shed rent free and other support they have provided over the last 4 years. We mentioned the old BP Roadhouse (next door) and how it will be good when Development Application issues are resolved so it can be opened as a Community Centre (hoping the Minister might nudge his colleague the Minister for Local Government to see what might be done about fast tracking the issue).

Quite late in the visit, the Minister promised us a \$10,000 grant for which we only need to submit a brief proposal outlining the areas of application and use of the funds. The Minister also mentioned that while we should make the submission directly to his office (ie to him) the actual grant will come to the Shed via Minister Katrina Hodgkinson, the Member for Burrinjuck.

The Yass Tribune had a photo journalist attend also, and she interviewed the Minister at some length and took some photos of the group – watch the Trib for that report.

The Minister and his team left a couple of minutes after 2pm en route to his next appointment in Bowral.

Following my quick note to all members reporting the visit and the \$10,000 offer and asking for suggestions, several items (that were discussed in response to that email and also in discussions at the Shed both on Thursday after the visit and then again on Saturday), have now been included in a proposal which has been sent to the Minister this morning by Dara Madden (Grants Coordinator) and me with a copy to Katrina Hodgkinson's office. We are asking specifically for a thicknesser, metal bending equipment, a good quality scroll saw, a heavy duty rotary tiller (for the garden) and more Swiss exercise balls for our proposed exercise classes.

We will keep you informed of progress on this exciting offer and its outcomes.

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 will be elected from within that group).

Currently we have nominations from John Woodin, Len McGuigan (nominated for President), Roger Holgate, 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 last week (including by post to those who do not have email) 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

The Members who attended the Minister's visit and clearly impressed him enough for him to offer us a \$10,000 Grant from the NSW Government. Well done Chaps!

General News

Community Garage/Craft Day Sale – Bowning

We took all of the items made by members of the Shed in the workshop that are for sale and managed to come home with an extra \$119 in the kitty (this, after paying \$10 for the site we occupied).

It was a good day and we saw a number of Shed members there.

We were also approached by people running another community event:

- Next week the Bookham Sheep Show and Country Fair is on. We have been asked to come with our table of items again (we may need to feverishly manufacture some more items, though as a large hole has been made in our collection due to the sale of a large (\$50) and small (\$25) cutting board, A set of coasters (\$18), the serviette holder (\$14) and tow turned bowls (\$12 and \$10). Any takers for producing more items for sale and also for manning the table at Bookham?

- If anyone is interested (in taking and manning the stall), can you contact the organiser direct please? Noeleen Hazell 6227 7202 or bnhazell@activ8.net.au

Other assured and possible income coming in

- Donation of \$145 from visitors to the Easter festivities at Carey's Caves, Wee Jasper – information provided by Geoff Kell
- Gate manning at Yass Show – amount to be advised by Yass Lions Club
- Gate manning at Jerrawa Show (over \$2,000 collected by Men's Shed members on the gate) – amount to be advised
- Donation from the Gundalong Polo Club for Roger Holgate's amazing repair and enhancement of their trophy – amount to be advised.
- Application in with NRMA for garden grant for tank and reticulation equipment – outcome of NRMA consideration of our proposal will be announced on or before 31 May.

YVMS Website

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

CHURCH LADIES WITH TYPEWRITERS

They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for Church ladies with typewriters.

These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in Church Bulletins or were announced in Church services:

- † The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes all meals.
- † The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water'. The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus'.
- † Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- † Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- † Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- † Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- † For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- † Next Thursday there will tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- † Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the Church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- † A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the Church hall. Music will follow.
- † At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be: 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- † Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- † Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- † Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- † The Church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- † Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

- † The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- † This evening at 7:00 PM there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and prepare to sin.
- † The pastor would appreciate it, if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- † Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7:00 PM. Please use the back door.
- † The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's 'Hamlet' in the Church basement on Friday at 7:00 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- † Weight Watchers will meet at 7:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double door at the side entrance.
- † The Associate Minister unveiled the Church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

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

Call for Assistance - outcome

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).

Geoff Kell, Mountain Man and Cave Dweller (our Shed-man in Wee Jasper) called with news of quite a bit of She-Oak that had been felled by the recent rains and floods. Lady needing timber has been put in touch with relevant Ranger.

Thanks Geoff!

Birthdays around this time

1/4: Bill Dowling
 9/4: Alistair McGregor
 10/4: Ken Reidy
 11/4: Roger Holgate
 13/4: Brian Millett
 26/4: Blake Swadling
 29/4: Graham Davis
 1/5: Dr Raja Ahluwalia
 2/5: Ron Coleman

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!

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