



THE MEN'S SHED MINI MESSENGER

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Important dates for your Diary

26 April (Thursday)	YVMS Annual General Meeting (see item below)
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Headlines for this Week (see stories below)

- ****\$10,000 Grant for the Men's Shed by NSW Minister for Mental Health and Healthy Lifestyles, Kevin Humphreys****
- **YVMS AGM (Thursday 26 April)**
- **Men's Shed Hero of the Week**

****\$10,000 Grant for the Men's Shed by NSW Minister for Mental Health and Healthy Lifestyles, Kevin Humphreys****

As I reported last week, Minister Humphreys visited the Shed for an hour and a half on Thursday 12 April. At the end of that visit, he suggested to us that if we had some justifiable needs for more equipment at the Shed, then we should apply for a \$10,000 Grant from the NSW Government via his office.

Needless to say, Dara Madden and I (following feedback to a note I then sent to all members seeking ideas) lodged a formal proposal early this week and on Tuesday afternoon, we heard that our proposal had been successful and that the Grant has been approved.



We will be receiving some formal paperwork and, we are advised, that the funds should be paid to us sometime in the next 6 to 8 weeks.

For the information of members, we suggested to the Minister that we had a need for the following equipment – based on observed deficiencies in our current holdings and also having regard to feedback from the request for suggestions. We think these items will likely come close to using all of the \$10,000 grant funds (if not we have a list of other needed equipment to consult to make up any shortfall):

- For the Workshop, a thicknesser, a metal bending kit and a good quality scroll saw;
- For the garden, a heavy duty rotary tiller; and
- For the health side of things, an upgrading of our Swiss balls and exercise mats holdings so we can commence strengthening and balance classes soon.

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 this coming 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 two weeks ago (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)

I have circulated to members the Minutes of last year's AGM and the President's and Treasurer's Reports for this current year. The idea is that you will have time to look over these items and come prepared if you have questions to ask. At the same time, should everything be in order and there are no issues to raise, this approach will streamline the meeting and not require a formal presentation of these items.

We hope to see lots of members at the AGM!!

Some interesting statistics to round out this 4th completed year of the Shed's Life

- ❖ Our membership remains strong with 75 current paid up members gracing our books. We have had four new members join in the last couple of weeks. If you happen to meet them at the Shed, please welcome: Rob Barker, Peter Bernasconi, Norm Leaney and Joe Morrissey.
- ❖ A quick review of the Attendance book shows that since the last AGM we have had some 1,521 members and visitors sign the book (visitors include people dropping in for a look or hoping we can help with the occasional project or challenge. We have also had visits by the Goulburn and Ulladulla Men's Sheds, 4 visits during the year from the Yass Friendship Group and not to forget last week's visit by the NSW Minister for Mental Health and Minister for Healthy Lifestyles. In addition to this, we have regular visits from people passing by, locals wondering what we are doing and other interested visitors to our town, often from far away. The weekly number of people using and visiting the shed therefore averages some 30 people; and
- ❖ Speaking of projects and challenges, over the last 12 months we have been asked to help members of the community with projects including, fixing chairs, designing and building poddy lamb feeders, refurbishing a 7 sided card table (still in progress), a nest of tables for which Graham McLeod has become famous in the Yass Valley, solving the Gundalong Polo Club's trophy conundrum, constructing a number of hardwood pot plant holders, rebuilding a section of front veranda fencing and making a number of webbing stretchers for an upholstery class (these were among the more interesting ones!);
- ❖ Fundraising activities included: manning the gates at the Yass and Jerrawa Shows; our combined YVMS and Yass Scouts Car Boot Sale held in September, donations from people happy with the jobs they have asked us to do from time to time. We also from time to time receive donations from local members of the community or other groups – such as the one I mentioned last week from a special collection made at Easter time at Carey's Caves at Wee Jasper and which will add \$145 to our coffers.
- ❖ Since Dara Madden has come on board as the coordinator of our Grants activity at the last AGM, he has managed to secure the following funding for our Shed:

Accepted grants since June 2011

Yass Valley Council	\$850 for exercise equipment for the Yass Valley Community Centre.
<u>Commonwealth Department of Families, etc:</u>	\$3,850 for a dust extractor and electrical work in the workshop.
<u>Yass and District Garden Club:</u>	\$450 for the garden.
Sub total	\$5,150
<u>Lansdowne Foundation: (this one organised by our Treasurer, Reg Moebus)</u>	\$5,295 for machines and tools (NB: this grant has not yet been finalised as there is an issue about the tax deductibility status of the Men's Shed.)
Grand Total	\$10,445.00

Note: the Grant by the NSW Government reported above has not been included until we get definite documentation and the funds are received. In any case those funds will be received in the period before the 2013 AGM and be counted in that year.

- ❖ More than 200 manhours of members volunteer work in helping the Council get the YVCC into a condition where it can be used as an effective and valuable community centre for the Yass Valley. These hours include work both inside and outside the building and that work continues to the extent that we are maintaining the grounds as well as slowly improving the look and amenity of the YVCC.

YVMS Hero of the Week

Dara Madden has done it again and been a major contributor to the successful conclusion of the proposal that has convinced the NSW Government to grant us the very generous \$10,000!

General News

Possible visit to the National Museum of Australia's back rooms to look at old cars!!

I was talking with Terry Hunt from the Murrumbateman Shed this week and he tells me they are looking for a few volunteers interested in old cars to join them on a possible forth(up?)coming visit to the National Museum's annexe in which old cars and similar items are refurbished and made ready for exhibition. Much of the collection is necessarily (for space reasons) rarely displayed in the Museum, so this is a good opportunity for members interested in such things to get a behind the scenes look at the Museum and a most interesting part of its collection and activity.

If anyone is interested, please let me know and I'll pass on your names to Terry Hunt.

Once Terry has numbers and the group is viable, he will let the Museum know and timing of the visit will be planned at that stage.

Challenge for the artistically inclined

Judy Pinder (Blake Swadling's mother and a musician of renown internationally, nationally and locally) approached me at the Bowning event last Sunday with the news that a new musical event "The Turning Wave Festival" will be coming to Yass later in the Year (perhaps in September). The event will include a judging of the best overall performance at the gathering and two kinds of trophy are required:

1. A large one that will become a perpetual trophy and which will be inscribed on an annual basis with the name of the annual winner; and
2. A smaller trophy that will be awarded to the winner each year and which will be carried off by the winner to place in their personal trophy cabinet.

So, the challenge is for the design and production of both of these trophies (perhaps the annual one could change each year or the same trophy design could be made and presented on each occasion?)

If any members fancy their skills and inspiration as a trophy designer/maker, let me know so we can show Judy our ideas.

Request to build memorial park bench for the main street in Binalong

I have received a phone call from Brent Hall the great, great grandson of one of the policemen who captured and killed Johnny Gilbert (Bushranger) near Binalong. He has followed up with the following email and picture:

From: brent hall [<mailto:hallbw@bigpond.net.au>]
Sent: Friday, 20 April 2012 3:35 PM
To: secretary@yassmensshed.org.au
Subject: Park bench

Hello from Brent at Crookwell

Thank you for our talk re Park Bench in remembrance of the Police officer who caught Johnny Gilbert..
Mr Tony Steven of the Yass Council has agreed to having a Bench installed.
My 02 48320015 ...0412512486 Brent.
My great great grand father was Henry Hall police 301. He was one of the officers that placed their lives on the line..
The Yass Council has agreed to allow me to place a Bench in the main street...
I need The Yass Men's Shed to build a bench for me..
A plaque will be attached to the bench.
Thank you again Yass



The plaque for the bench has already been designed and will contain the following words:

“IN REMBRANCE OF BINALONG POLICE OFFICERS”

Snr Constable Charles Hales, Constable Michael King
Constable John Bright & Constable Henry Hall
For Bravery and Gallantry in the capture of
Bushranger Johnny Gilbert 13-5-1865
Donated by Brent Hall
G, G, Grandson of Henry Hall
In Memory of Beulah “ Bubbles” Garry
The G. Granddaughter of Henry Hall

I have explained to Brent that all I can do is ask if any members are interested in this project. We don't automatically accept commissions from all comers and being a group of retired blokes, there may be no one willing or able to take on a project like this.

I have also mentioned our rules about payment for materials used in such a project etc. Also our policy on payment for jobs/donations.

I have told him that I will circulate the project to the membership to see if anyone is willing to take on the project and will respond to him on the outcome of that inquiry.

If anyone would like this task, can you let me know and I'll so inform Brent.

Valmar Services providing volunteer assistance at the Shed

Llewyn Dowling and two of his offsidiers from Valmar Services (Hilton and Daniel) visited the Shed on Saturday and have offered to do occasional clean ups and tidying jobs if we have any.

Already they have collected all of the rubble that was lying on the ground next to the garden on the YVCC end of the patch and have removed it (to the tip, I presume). They will be back to collect and remove the builders' rubbish etc that was generated by the recent refurbishment of the YVCC. This is dangerous stuff as it has broken glass and sharp edged metal in the pile. The Council had intended to remove this material, but it is wise to remove it and the risk it poses as soon as possible.


The Shed is very grateful to Llewyn, Hilton and Daniel (and to Valmar Services) for their very kind offer and efforts.


YVMS Website

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


COSMIC LAWS OF NATURE.....


These are self evident facts of life – but it is good to see them gathered here in a cohesive almanac of Natural Laws of the Universe.


 **Law of Mechanical Repair** - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch and you'll have to pee.


 **Law of Gravity** - Any tool, nut, bolt or screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible place in the universe.

 **Law of Probability** - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.


 **Law of Random Numbers** - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal - and someone always answers.


 **Variation Law** - If you change lines at the bank or supermarket (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).


 **Law of the Bath** - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.


 **Law of Close Encounters** - The probability of meeting someone you know INCREASES dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.


 **Law of the Result** - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, IT WILL!!!


 **Law of Bio-Mechanics** - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to how difficult it is to reach.

 **Law of the Theatre & Sporting Arena** - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.


 **The Coffee Law** - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

 **Murphy's Law of Lockers** - If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

 **Law of Physical Surfaces** - The chances of an open-faced jam sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness and cost of the carpet or rug.


 **Law of Logical Argument** - Anything is possible IF you don't know what you are talking about.

 **Brown's Law of Physical Appearance** - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.

 **Oliver's Law of Public Speaking** -- A CLOSED MOUTH GATHERS NO FEET!!!

 **Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy** - As soon as you find a product that you really like,

they will stop making it.

 **Doctors' Law** - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you are actually booked in and get there you'll feel better.. If you don't make an appointment, you'll stay sick until you do.

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

Out of reach for a few days

I will be away from Sunday until Wednesday and most likely will have my mobile turned off for most if not all of that time. Also I won't have a computer close by.

If you need help with Shed things, may I suggest you try one of the other contact points in the listing at the end of this Messenger.

Birthdays around this time

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 Birthdays 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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