



THE MEN'S SHED MINI MESSENGER

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(just click on it): <http://yassmensshed.org.au/newsletter-archive>

Important dates for your Diary

26 July (Thursday) 7pm

Next YVMS Seminar – on **Pensions, Planning and Community Banking** – will be preceded by a BBQ kicking off at about 5.30pm. See item below

Headlines for this Week (see stories below)

- **Update on NSW \$10,000 Grant**
- **Outcomes of Committee Meeting**
- **Men's Shed Hero of the Week**

Update on NSW \$10,000 Grant work by the YVMS Committee

All the work is now done and the final signed submission was lodged with the NSW Department of Health on Wednesday of last week (23/5).

The \$10,000 will arrive in our bank account early this week – great news.

Roger Holgate (Workshop Manager) is searching out the best deals on optimal equipment for which we asked for funding so that we can best use the funds for the purposes it has been provided.

Updates will also be provided in the Messenger when as we spend it on the approved items.

Outcomes of Committee Meeting

The Committee Meeting went very well last Thursday evening. It was very cold but we used our gas heater and that made the room quite comfortable.

The meeting was held using the new meeting format which also seemed to be successful – the meeting addressed all of the issues on the Agenda, there was more than enough time to discuss all items that were of interest to members of the Shed who attended and the meeting was over in about 45 minutes. We will improve on that next time!

The most important decisions taken at the meeting were:

1. To commence moving Shed operations into the old BP Roadhouse – “the Shed Annexe” – (we will call it this until it is actually opened by the Council as a Community Centre). We will maintain a small sitting area in front of the kitchen area in the current front room and clear 2/3 of the front room for a “clean” workshop (ie for finishing/painting etc and also for the installation of a large indoor materials storage rack.

This will, in turn, allow a reorganisation of the back room to accommodate the new machines and activity that will follow the purchases we will make in the near future due to the NSW Government Grant and some other grants we are also expecting to come through.

2. As a consequence of these changes, the second major decision made was that we need to revisit our insurance arrangements to make sure our coverage is sufficient to cover the assets we will now have and also to cover all of our activity about to commence in the Annexe.

Then afterwards, we had some very enjoyable food in the first of, hopefully, many Gourmet BBQs – greatly assisted by Rick Williams having generously donated a BBQ plate so we had space and capacity to do the cooking.

The meal consisted of barbecued seafood marinara with pasta, a hot chilli sauce and grated parmesan cheese. If you don't get this kind of food at home, it is time you came along to the Shed to see how it is done!

One of the decisions made at the meeting is to have improved social opportunities (a day when no work takes place – just meeting for a chat and, perhaps a BBQ?). Another idea is for any members who are interested to meet at a pre-arranged restaurant or cafe for lunch on a particular day – and if it works, to do this on a regular basis – perhaps once every month? Stand by for more info as we get these things organised – but for them to be successful we need YOU to get interested and to attend.

There was lots more of interest discussed and decided and you can find all of this out for yourselves when the Minutes of the meeting are circulated to all members by Wednesday of this coming week.

YVMS Hero of the Week

This week's HERO is Richard Saxby.

Richard has made some wonderful and significant donations to the Shed in recent weeks.

First a Makita belt sander and in the last few days an almost brand new Makita Biscuit Jointer. In the shops, these machines would cost over \$300 each.

Accordingly, to purchase these items would be at considerable cost to the Shed.

Next time you see Richard – give him a pat on the back!

PS – the runner up in the Hero competition this week is Richard Rowan:

Richard prepared and provided a wonderful chilli sauce that was added to the Gourmet BBQ last Thursday and which managed to stop Len (but only briefly – this is not an easy thing to do, I assure you!) and gave Reg cause to remember the experience once or twice during the night! The rest of us were a little more circumspect in the portions we selected and enjoyed Richard's delicious food with no memories other than fond ones afterwards.

General News

Quick check of recent funding successes and cash donations

NSW Government Grant approved - \$10,000

Lansdowne Foundation (Murdoch Family) grant approved - \$5,295

Cash donation from Southern Cable Services, Yass (Kay and Terry Lemon) - \$600

Cash donation from Anna Shannon (honorary auditor) - \$100

Cash Donation from Gundalong Polo Club (Meghan Philip) - \$150

Cash donation from Brendan Abbey (paid \$100 for repairs to a veranda fence section which cost \$27 approx in materials) - \$73

Allan Carey Strikes again!



Allan has made more cutting boards in a number of sizes and with very interesting grains and designs in the wood. They are all very competitively priced from \$5 to \$50 – but you might need to be quick – some walked away as he was placing them on the table in the meeting room!



He has started to build a second 3 bay compost bin at the western side of the garden to take the current oversupply of leaves and grass cuttings that have been stockpiled during the summer; and



Allan has also left some potted parsley plants if you need to replenish this handy herb in your garden.

Ways you can help the Shed!

Things we need that you may no longer want

- A Triton table stand (with safety shut off switch) to which we could attach our Triton router table top and router.
- a set of good quality wood chisels (doesn't matter how old as long as they are in good condition);
- a set of heavy duty (good quality) wood turning chisels (doesn't matter how old as long as they are in good condition);
- a trolley (or two) for moving heavy things around (a three wheel step version would be ideal),
- another wheelbarrow or a garden 4 wheel cart would also be most useful
- a drill set (1/16 to 1/2 in 1/64th increments);
- a dowelling jig;
- 5/8" pedestal drill;
- 10" table saw;
- Sliding compound mitre saw;
- 355mm metal cut off saw.

This is not an exclusive list, but the list contains those things that are still obvious gaps in our holdings of effective equipment. If you can provide any of these items, not only will the membership be most grateful to you, but you can be assured that anything we accept will go to a very good home and be lovingly looked after.

Reward Points at Home Hardware

Don't forget that you can help us a lot by giving the Shed your points when you make a purchase at Home Hardware. Just ask the cashier to allocate the loyalty points to the Yass Valley Men's Shed.

Think about it and help us out – please.

Visit to the National Museum of Australia's back rooms to look at old cars, etc!!

We are still waiting for news on this adventure.

YVMS Seminar Program - 2012

We now have some details to tell you.

The First Seminar for 2012 is on "Pensions, Planning & Community Banking" with the following components:-

- 💰 Real Community Banking – Chris Evans, Branch Manager, Bendigo Bank Jamison, ACT (about 15 minutes on Planning and Pensions)
- 💰 Financial Planning for the Future – Deborah Waddell, Financial Planner Bendigo Bank, ACT/NSW (about 30mins)
- 💰 Pensions & Entitlements – Glenn Klein, Financial information Services, Centrelink, ACT (about 30mins)

The Seminar will be held in the Men's Shed Annexe (the old BP Roadhouse) starting at 7pm on Thursday 26 July and will be preceded by a BBQ starting at 5.30pm.

As usual, this Seminar is for all members of the Yass Valley Community and we will be publicising widely in the next several weeks.

We expect that the talking part of the Seminar will last about 1 hour and 15 minutes and there will be time for questions and discussions.

This is an important part of everyone's planning – so it should be most interesting and very worthwhile (tell your friends).

This Seminar was given at the Murrumbateman Men's Shed last year and it was, from all accounts, a very good one to attend.

We will need to do planning for this Seminar, so, if you intend to come, could you let me know by return email please and we will make sure that you're accommodated on the night.

Upcoming Community Events in Yass in which you might be interested



A Sustainable Transport Master Plan
Community Workshop
Have Your Say

2:00PM – 4:00PM, Sunday 3 June

**Yass Soldiers Club
86 Meehan Street, Yass**

The NSW government will be releasing a draft Transport Master Plan in June this year with its vision for transport for NSW for the next 20 years.

As the Greens transport spokeswoman I am undertaking consultation with the community in an effort to ensure as many voices and views are heard as possible throughout this process. I aim to collate ideas from these workshops and feed them into the government's draft plan.

Cate Faehrmann MLC

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You are invited to attend the
YASS
MENTAL HEALTH RECOVERY FORUM

AT: Yass District Hospital Conference Room

TIME: 10am – 12pm

DATE: Wednesday 27th June 2012

RSVP: by Monday 25th June 2012

Alison Bradley – Mental Health Rehabilitation Clinical Leader

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This forum is designed for people and services working with and supporting people with a mental illness.

The forum will incorporate mental health recovery education and provide opportunities for networking and information sharing between services

YVMS Website

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

Important information about Seniors and alcohol



When you drink vodka over ice, it can give you kidney failure.

When you drink rum over ice, it can give you liver failure.

When you drink whiskey over ice, it can give you heart problems.

When you drink gin over ice, it can give you brain problems.

Apparently, ice is really bad for you.

Warn all your friends!!

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 around this time

13/5: Philip O'Brien and Philip Walsh

16/5: Nate Harvey-Cox

17/5: Sandy Butt

22/5: Llewyn Dowling

23/5: Allan Carey

29/5: Clarrie Schlunke

30/5: Joe Morrissey

5/6: Richard Rowan

6/6: Charles Turner

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!

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