



THE MEN'S SHED MINI MESSENGER

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Important dates for your Diary

Wednesday – **THIS WEEK**

First Morning Tea at the Shed event – no workshop! Just conversation and camaraderie!

Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday of **THIS WEEK**

Compulsory training if you want to use our new machines

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)

- **New Machines have arrived – compulsory training**
- **Morning Tea at the Shed**
- **Heroes of the Week**

Birthdays around this time

1/6: David Staines

6/6: Charles Turner

15/6: Doug Holston

16/6: Ron McMullen

22/6: Wayne Mann

1/7: Jason Söderblom

5/7: Richard Saxby, David Villanti, Richard Rowan

Happy Birthdays Chaps!!!

New Machines have arrived – now for the compulsory training!!



Len and Roger conducting the first training session on the planer/thicknesser

Much of our \$10,000 Grant from the NSW government has now been spent on acquiring the items for which we sought that funding. We now have a new Planer/Thicknesser, a new Scroll Saw and a Husqvarna Rotary Hoe. (We have also paid for and expect the Metal Bending equipment from MetalCraft in this coming week).

These new items of equipment are quite advanced and require a considerable level of understanding and skill for them to be used effectively and safely.

Accordingly these new machines will only be able to be used by members who have been shown in detail how to use them effectively. Until that time, the machines will be locked. A list of “accredited” users will be held at the Shed.

The first of 4 proposed familiarisation and training events was held on Saturday with a number of members shown their secrets.

We have also taken delivery of a much needed sliding compound mitre saw purchased with the proceeds of a donation from Yass Cable Services (Kay and Terry Lemon) – see photo at right.

This item is also quite a complex and specialised machine and also needs to be fully demonstrated and explained in order for it to be used safely and effectively. It, too, is included in the lock up until accredited procedure.

Len and Roger will be holding more training sessions on Tuesday Thursday and Saturday of this week – so if you want to be able to use these machines come along on one of those days.

Roger will be leaving for a number of weeks after that and you will need to await his return for further training and accreditation opportunities.

If you consider the “accreditation” approach is a bit tough consider this:

- ✓ The Shed has a duty of care to its members (both those who want to use our equipment and others who do not). While we have insurance, it would not likely be operable if we were shown to not have exercised vigilance and diligence in ensuring that our members who are authorised to use the equipment have no actual familiarity with or basic skill on those machines. Even if you think/know you are fully proficient, we need to have you accredited, so you will need to do the familiarisation if you want access to the machines; and
- ✓ These machines are not only challenging, they are expensive! We also have a duty to all members and to those who have supplied Grant monies to ensure that all members who use the machines know how to do so effectively and in a way that does not expose the machines to inappropriate use and potential damage.

We hope you understand and agree with this approach.



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

Still no news, I’m afraid – but we are on the job.

It may not happen overnight, but it will happen!

Morning Tea at the Shed



Len McGuigan and Phil O'Brien will be hosting the first of our, hopefully, regular (perhaps weekly?) Morning Tea at the Shed outings starting this coming Wednesday:

- ☑ Time: 10 – 11.30am
- ☑ What to bring: just yourselves (there will be a gold coin donation to help pay for some cake/biscuits – but we won't be religious about that!)
- ☑ What will be happening: coffee/tea and chat. The workshop will be quiet (no activity) so no jobs to do!
- ☑ Comfort: we have a good heater in case you are worried about the cold.

Come along and try out (and support!) this new initiative (don't let Phil and Len eat all that cake!).

Feedback and suggestions also most welcome.

YVMS Heroes of the Week

This week's heroes are all 36 current members (43% of our total membership) who have already paid their dues for the next year.

Twelve members have taken the opportunity to pay for multiple years in advance (saves you money and also gets me off your back for a while!).

This is a great vote of confidence in and support for the Shed!

Thanks to all who have already assured us of a healthy start to the next year of membership and in doing so, have helped to ensure that we remain a viable Shed and can continue to provide this great advantage to the Men of the Yass Valley!

General News

Don't forget!

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.

A BIG thank you to members who have been giving the Shed your points. Roger and I went to Home Hardware recently to collect some much needed minor hardware (screws, thinners etc) and found we had \$36 in the kitty – well done and many thanks!

Think about it and help us out – please.

YVMS Seminar Program – 2012 – item for your diary!!

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.

YVMS Website

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

Online offers, good news, sharing of good things etc

To all my friends and relatives who have sent me 'best wishes', 'chain letters', 'angel letters' or other promises of good luck, great fortune and money in large amounts if I just pass on the letter to 5 of my friends in five minutes etc

NONE OF THAT WORKED (if your name is Ron, please note!)

Could you please just send cash, vodka, chocolate, Italian food, wine or airline tickets instead?

Thank you

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

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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