



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

Thursday 23 August, Noon and
Thursday 30 August, Noon

BBQ lunch at the Shed (see more info in "Other Shed News" below).

Every Tuesday, 2 to 3pm

YVMS Exercise class – concentrating on flexibility, balance and feeling good.

Every First Wednesday of the
Month – next one is Wednesday 5th
September

Morning Tea at the Shed – No work or workshop noise to distract from good conversation, coffee, tea and cake.

Welcome to new Members

Welcome to **Harold O'Brien** and **David Todd** (Andrew's father).

Shed Membership currently stands at 78. I have followed up with those members who have not renewed following the end of last Financial year – so we might see the membership grow in the next couple of weeks as some of those members renew.

Headlines for this Week (see stories below)

- **Shed opening and closing duties – update – volunteers needed**
- **Dara gets us another Grant**
- **Other Shed News for this Week**
- **Hero of the Week**
- **YVMS Bargain Basement (stuff for sale)**

Shed opening and closing duties update – this is very important!

Thank you to those members who have volunteered to take on opening and closing the Shed on our normal operational days (ie Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday).

However, the response has been a tad disappointing – I was hoping for up to 3 or 4 members to volunteer for one of the three days. This has not happened yet.

More problematically, I have had NO volunteers at all for Saturdays. This is a most important day as it is the day when lots of people who work during the week like to call in. It is also the day that Graham McLeod comes to the Shed from Linton on his mobility scooter. If we don't have committed people to open the Shed – then there will be days when the Shed does not open. This would be a great pity, in my view.

The idea of seeking more than one volunteer for any one day is so that there is versatility in ensuring that the Shed will open – and just as importantly, it will allow the volunteers themselves not to be committed for that day every single week – thus giving them the opportunity not to be there if they are otherwise committed.

Please consider volunteering to open and close on one day in the week – and give special attention to Saturdays, if you can. If you think the Shed is important this is one way you can help it deliver the good things that it does for its members and the wider community.

I hope to publish in next week's Messenger, the names of those people who have volunteered to ensure that the Shed will open – I hope I can include your name in those lists.

Dara gets us another Grant



Dara Madden our esteemed and hard working Grants Coordinator has struck again.

We have been advised this week that the Yass Valley Council has granted us \$1,937.00 to help us pay Mark Ritchard for his services in providing high level skill and training capacity for our Tuesday Exercise/Fitness classes.

We had applied for \$2,000.

I have it from the Chairman of the Committee that examined all applications and made the decision on the grants, that the Men's Shed application was both very professional, to the point, addressed the criteria very clearly and made it easy for the Grant to be considered and approved. I understand that a number of applications were not considered because of the lack of proper attention given to their preparation. Competition is quite tough for grant monies.

In case no-one is keeping count, Dara has now been primarily responsible for bringing into the Shed some \$16,000 in grants funds since he took on the role of Grants Coordinator a couple of years ago.

Next time you are using a machine, getting fitter at the Exercise Classes, enjoying some of the facilities and tools in the garden or simply enjoying the Shed, remember that it is blokes like Dara (who don't just talk about what would be good, but who actually make things happen) who deserve our thanks and appreciation.

Other Shed News for this Week

Thursday 23 August – Noon – BBQ lunch at the Shed

Following a call I received yesterday while at the Shed, this coming Thursday, we will be hosting a number of members from the Cootamundra Men's Shed for a BBQ lunch starting at noon.

At this stage, there will be 4 men coming from Coota. Please clear your diaries and come along to welcome and show these guys how a real Men's Shed operates and make them jealous of what a great place we have.

Unfortunately, I will be in Sydney next Thursday so I cannot be there to help with the cooking. I hope someone can step up and do the honours – Please let me know before Wednesday so we can be sure that it will happen!!

Thursday 30 August – Noon – BBQ lunch at the Shed

Chris Evans and Anne O'Leary (Bendigo Bank) and some members of the Murrumbateman Shed are coming to meet any of our members who wish to attend with a view to learning a bit more about our Shed and, perhaps, to provide any follow up info after our Retirement planning Forum a couple of weeks ago.

Following a couple of hours at our Shed, they will then go back to the Murrumbateman Shed to have a similar catch up (but no BBQ!) with members who attended the seminar that they provided in Murrumbateman last year.

This will be a good opportunity to:

- Get any further info you may need or have missed at our recent event;
- Meet some members of the Murrumbateman Shed and show them our Shed is better; and
- Have a BBQ lunch (Chef Rowan and I are in the throes of planning something special – unless we are challenged by another pair of blokes who would like to show us how it is actually done!)

Write this appointment in your diaries – NOW!

YVMS Hero of the Week

Dara Madden – who else?

YVMS Bargain Basement (stuff for sale)

Cabots' stains

We have about \$1,000 worth of Cabots' stains just waiting for a good home.

If we wait until the jobs at the Shed use all of this stock, our grandkids will still be working at it in another 30 years or so.

If you (or a friend) needs some stain, come along and have a look at our holdings. We are offering the stain at very competitive prices.



Furniture for sale

A couple of members recently liberated some fine old furniture from a county house and it was for sale and on display in the long front corridor in the Annexe.

I am happy to tell you that it has all now gone to good homes and the Shed is richer by some \$750. We will advise next time we get a good opportunity such as this.

Projects on CD

Ray Hill has very kindly put together a CD containing:

- ❖ Over 350 projects for your workshop
- ❖ Jig making made easy
- ❖ Making storage units for your shed
- ❖ Making work benches
- ❖ Pen making

In addition the CD contains:

- ◆ A list of timbers available in the local area
- ◆ 60 timbers with pictures and their uses

All pages are viewable on a computer and each page can be printed.

If you want a copy of this CD, it is yours for the modest cost of \$5 (which is a donation to the Shed).

Stocks of the CD can be seen on the "For Sale" shelves near the Shed kitchen entryway.

Shed-made items for sale

We still have a number of items made by some of our members for sale. Come along and have a look – especially if you have a birthday or other celebration coming up that you would like something that little bit different to give.

We expect, soon, to start having some new metal work pieces on the shelves for sale too – if you would like to commission a piece we will certainly try to meet your need – but you will need to find the right bloke on the right day and be able to give clear instructions about what it is you want.



Other Stuff

Interesting events about to happen

Working with Wood Show – EPIC Friday 31/8 to Sunday 2 September

Don't forget this wonderful opportunity to see the latest gadgets and wood working technology in action at EPIC (in Canberra). See: <http://www.aroundyou.com.au/events/timber-working-with-wood-show--4>

“Description

Australia’s premier event for woodworking! From the weekend hobbyist and home DIYer through to the most passionate of enthusiasts, this is a show you cannot miss. See the best in the industry share their expertise, have fun trying new techniques and tools – and experience some of the world’s finest timbers...all at the one location!”

We will have a couple of people going (not sure of the day yet) – so if you would like to come along, let me know and your preferred day and we might fill up one car (or perhaps two?)

Turning Wave Festival – Friday 14 to Sunday 17 September

Have a look at this website www.turningwave.org.au/information and prepare yourself for a great weekend in Yass in September.

Also note that you can a free ticket for the weekend if you volunteer to do as little as 6 hours volunteering to help the weekend run smoothly – See the website for info and forms.

Don’t forget!

Exercise Classes at the Shed – Tuesdays 2-3pm

Exercise classes are going really well. Last week we had 12 people wanting to loosen up and get flexible. At \$5 per person this is a great deal!

Exercises are designed to be: low impact and to concentrate on flexibility, improving balance and core strength.

You too can look like this: ↓



Marje, Lyn and Pat doing their thing
(Yes we have girls in the class!!)
weeks!)



Mark Ritchard demonstrating how it is done
(and how good you, too, can look after just a couple of

And a small bit of scuttle butt: I have it on good authority that one of the participants finds this Class so relaxing that he dozed off for a while!

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.

YVMS Website

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

Ways of warming up 101

Have you noticed the recent cold snap that seems to have occurred since Julia's Carbon Tax has reversed global warming?

Are you aware that Roger Holgate and John D'Arx have been torturing their friends by swanning around in Queensland in their respective caravan and motor home?

May I suggest that we could paint the roller door at the Shed with a friendly and warm mural to try to get the feeling of Summer back?

Here is one suggestion:



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

10/8: Alex Tewes
11/8: John Wolstencroft
12/8: Warren Hall and Max Wykes
14/8: Garry Reynolds
18/8: Tim Holmes
20/8: Arnold Rigby
22/8: David Todd

Happy Birthdays Chaps!!!

(no further birthdays until mid September)

Shed Opening Times

Tuesday – 9am to Noon

Tuesday – 2-3pm - Exercise Classes

First Wednesday – 10-11.30am – Coffee, Cake and Conversation.

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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