



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

Welcome to new Members

No new members this week.

Current membership stands at 78

Headlines for this Week (see stories below)

- **Shed opening and closing duties – update – volunteers still needed**
- **Other Shed News for this Week**
- **Heroes of the Week**
- **YVMS Bargain Basement (stuff for sale)**

Shed opening and closing duties update – volunteers still needed!

We have had a good but mixed response to the request for members to get involved and take responsibility for opening the Shed.

Here is the current outcome of that little campaign:

Roster of Volunteers

Tuesdays – 9am to noon	Tuesdays 2-3pm (Exercise Classes)	1st Wednesday (Coffee & Conversation) 10 – 11.30am	Thursdays 2 – 5pm	Saturdays noon to 4pm
Richard Rowan 6226 6839	Wayne Stuart 0419 292 022	Len McGuigan 6226 1549	Joe Morrissey 0412 258 300	-
John Daley 0427 264 967		Phil O’Brien 6226 2168	Richard Saxby 0408 802 411	-

Firstly, many thanks to those who have put up their hand to be there on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

I had hoped for a few more volunteers for each day so that no one person is committed to being there every single week. So if anyone would like to add their name to the list for any day (including for those days that already have volunteers) please let me know.

The response in respect of Saturdays is most disappointing. Saturday is, perhaps, our most important and popular opening day as it caters to members who work during the week and also is the day that we seem to get most “drop-ins” from passing traffic.

Does this mean that the membership is not interested in the Shed opening on Saturdays? – should we take Saturdays off the list? Is this the message we should take from this apparent lack of interest and commitment?

At the risk of sounding a bit precious and preachy, there is a quite small group of members who are currently shouldering most of the load at the Shed and it would be good (both for the Shed and those members) if that load could be shared a little more equitably.

What happens if those people get ill, leave town, take a long holiday or burn out and decide not to bother anymore? Does the Shed then have to close?

The greatest concern I have is that some members who really need the Shed and who turn up expecting it to be open, could be disappointed and left out in the cold if no-one is prepared to take on this not very great responsibility.

Get together with a couple of mates and put your names down for Saturdays so members like [Graham McLeod](#) will be certain that when he comes the Shed will be open for him.

Other Shed News for this Week

Thursday 23 August – Noon – BBQ lunch at the Shed

This turned out to be a bit of a fizzer in that we received a call on Thursday morning from the Cootamundra Secretary advising that no members had turned up to drive to Yass for the BBQ and get together. The Coota Secretary was most embarrassed and has since sent an email of apology to us:

From: Eric Hodgson [<mailto:cootaflash2000@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, 24 August 2012 12:57 PM
To: secretary@yassmensshed.org.au
Subject: Aborted Visit

Wayne,

I wish to extend my apologies to you and your members, for the non appearance of our members last Thursday.

This is my first experience of this type and, quite frankly, I was astonished when attending Shed late on Wednesday to find that no one was going to Yass.

If this is the attitude when outings are organised, then I can see myself **not** being involved in future visits.

Regards,

Eric Hodgson,
embarrassed Secretary,
Cootamundra Men's Shed.

Nevertheless, we had 5 of our own members show up for the day and they enjoyed the BBQ . Ron Barton did a sterling job with the cooking which was appreciated by the gourmets who attended.

I will respond to the Coota boys and extend the invitation again – it is always good to see blokes from other Sheds – we both learn lots and can, at first hand, see And talk about other ways of doing things.

Thursday 30 August – Noon – BBQ lunch at the Shed

Chris Evans and Anne O'Leary (who represented Bendigo Bank at our recent Seminar on Retirement Planning) 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.

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:

- Pick the brains of the Bendigo Bank people if you have any questions;
- 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 Heroes of the Week

The Heroes of this week are , and
who are going to volunteer to open the Shed on Saturdays! Thanks, guys.

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.



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).

A small stock of the CD can be seen on the "For Sale" shelves near the Shed kitchen entryway. Some have gone already, so if this appeals to you get in for your copy before they are all gone!

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.



YVMS Website

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

Other Stuff

Sheds in the region

Ron Doyle has had a great idea and suggested that we feature a Shed from somewhere nearby occasionally. This will provide some info on our neighbours and, perhaps, make this newsletter a bit more interesting than it was before Ron had the great idea. It might even provide the impetus for us to saddle up and invite ourselves for a visit to some of these Sheds over the next 6 months or so. Tell me what you think about this idea.



This week, have a look at the website for the Melba Shed. <http://melbashed.com/>

To my mind, the most interesting thing about the Melba Shed is that they are entirely social. They don't have a workshop, so all of their activity is to do with outings, interesting speakers, helping in the community and the provision of all kind of information for the use of members – have a trawl through their site, you might be amazed. One item that interested me is that the site has a comparison of current eReaders and tablets.

Clearly their web coordinator has a lot of time on his hands – you can take advantage by making this site a “favourite” and consulting it from time to time on all manner of health, technology, travel, cultural and other matters.

As I discover more websites for regional Sheds, I will add the links to the front page of our own website, so you can find the Shed of your choice when you want to.

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 DIY'er 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 already have 6 people interested in attending on Friday of this coming week (31/8) – **Roger Holgate, Len McGuigan, Al Phemister, Ron Doyle, John Woodin and Wayne Stuart**. The intention is to go early so we will probably depart Yass around 9.30-10 on the day.

If anyone else would like to come with us, please let me know and also if you wish to volunteer your car. At this stage we have only one car volunteered but for this number (and especially if there are more blokes interested), we will need at least one more car.

A major reason for this visit is to get some good deals on a couple of items that we need and will use the residue of the NSW Government \$10,000 Grant to purchase.

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

Full house again last Tuesday. Thanks very much to those who are making this a most successful activity for the Shed and the Community. We have had three women attend for the last two sessions. Don't be shy!

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.

How to protect the assets we have in the Shed?

Here is another suggestion for painting the roller door on the Shed.

This will, hopefully, dissuade any light fingered members of the public.



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!

Current YVMS contacts and “Code Holders” (should you wish to access the Shed out of normal hours):

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