



# THE MEN'S SHED MESSENGER

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If you want to see previous editions of the Messenger, you can find them all on the YVMS Website at this address (just click on it): <http://yassmensshed.org.au/newsletter-archive>

It has been suggested to me that I could usefully reduce the frequency of Messengers this year. The comment has been made that issuing them weekly tends to provide a lot of repetition and this is not really necessary.

Accordingly, I will comply with that suggestion and issue Messengers when there is news of note to bring to members' attention.

I would expect that you will see a Messenger every 2-4 weeks under this new arrangement. Should any important issue emerge that needs to be communicated, I will revive the Mini Messenger approach.

I trust this will satisfy members and also overcome the propensity I have for dominating your in-boxes!

## Important regular events @ the Shed

Every Tuesday, 2 to 3pm

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

Every First Wednesday of the Month, 10 to 11.30am

**Morning Tea at the Shed** – No work or workshop noise to distract from good conversation, coffee, tea and cake.  
**Next one is Wednesday 6 February**

Every Thursday, 1.30 to 2.30pm

**YVMS Tai Chi Classes** – for greatly enhanced health and well being. **Classes restart in 2013 on Thursday 31 January!**

## Calendar of upcoming events at the Shed (or elsewhere)

### **February appointment for your diaries**

Info from Terry Hunt of the Murrumbateman Shed:

On the 14th of February, 2013, the ACT Public Trustee will be giving a presentation at the Murrumbateman Rec Grounds Hall from 10:30Am till 12:30 PM. Topics to be covered are:

- Wills
- Estate Planning
- Associated financial issues.

We are having the ACT Public Trustee speak, because the nearest NSW Public Trustee office is in Wollongong, and for some reason the south west are of NSW seems to be left off their map. Although the ACT laws are slightly different than NSW laws, it is unlikely that any of those issues will crop up.

This should be a very interesting and informative presentation, and should give us vital information about passing on our estate. I understand each attendee will be given an information pack as well.

At this moment, I am issuing the invitation to the local Mensheds, but if we have enough room, we can open it up to a greater audience. So I would appreciate it if at this stage, if you could give me an indication of your interest, I can arrange for seating, information packs, maybe a sausage sizzle, etc.

Thanks.  
More to follow.

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If you are interested, let me know and I'll keep a list of people for passing to Terry as the time approaches.

## **News Review**

### **Bushfires near Yass**

The YVMS Committee has decided to make a donation to the bushfire recovery effort and the Treasurer (Reg Moebus) is in the process of determining what the Shed has that we can donate to the rebuilding and recovery expenses that many landowners in our district will be facing.

**If you would like to make a donation (no amount is too small) members of the Committee will be pleased to accept your donation.**

It is very pleasing to note that the people who attended the Exercise Class last Tuesday have already made a donation of \$35 to that fund.

### **High School Fire – YVMS hoping to help**

There have been no further contacts from the High School over the holiday break. The Shed has offered to help and we have been collecting a number of items for donation to help them get started again.

We are not sure if or when we may see Yass High students at the Shed (we have invited the High School to use our workshop and garden areas if that will assist in delivering classes pending facilities being re-established at the High School).

We have made two things clear to the High School:

- We need a letter from the School assuring us that their students and teachers are covered by normal High School excursion insurance when they are on/in our grounds/workshop; and
- Students will be the responsibility of their teachers while they are at the Shed and those teachers will present the classes (not Shed members).

Until the YVCC upgrade work is complete, it cannot be offered to the High School – however, the S.355 Committee has been approved by Council and can start its work as soon as it is ready – so progress on the YVCC could start to be seen in the near future.

## Shed management info and updates

We are planning a **Committee meeting to be held at 5.30pm on Thursday 21 February** - to be followed by another of our Chef Rowan culinary extravaganza nosh-ups.

The meeting is being called specifically to get ideas from the membership about how we should be planning activities and other issues for the coming year and beyond. If you would like to see some changes, please let us know – for example:

- Shed opening times: are they OK or do you want to see changes – if so, are you prepared to open at other times to suit your own preferences and provide opportunities for other members?
- Activities: any suggestions (outings, movies, cards, carpet bowls, music (do it yourself or playing DVDs), book club – the sky is the limit, all you need to do is let us know and we will try to organise (we might ask you to lead, though, if you are keen for the activity to succeed);
- Social events: is there an interest in an occasional Shed lunch at a restaurant/cafe at various places within a short drive of Yass?
- Excursions to other Sheds in the region, outings to places of interest etc?
- Seminars: any suggestions for topics or speakers – doesn't have to be about health etc – we might be able to get some interesting speakers on a range of topics; and
- Do you have any issues you would like to place on the Agenda (which will be circulated very soon)

**[send me an email with your suggestions.](#)**

**Shed Security:** Those members who have access rights to the Shed, please be careful to lock up properly and make sure the light/power is off when you leave.

In an attempt to help us with Shed security and proper locking up, we have decided to leave the coloured lights over the roller-door turned on permanently (of course, once the power is turned off, these lights will then extinguish). If you are leaving the Shed and notice that those lights are lit, it will mean that the power has not been turned off in the Shed.

If you happen to be driving by at any time when the Shed is closed and notice that those lights are lit, can you go in and turn them off (if you have access rights) or contact one of the Committee members who will make necessary arrangements.

## Membership News

Membership stands at 81.

## Water tanks project – current status



This ↑ is how the installed tanks now look with all the earthworks essentially complete. You will note that all the rubble (shale and rocks) and clay has been tidied up and the area will now be easily mown once the grass comes back. The earth mound will deflect excess water in a downpour that has, up until now, run through the garden and caused damage to crops and the garden layout. This photo was taken on Tuesday 15/1.



← These photos were taken on Monday morning (14/1) early when Roger Holgate and Len McGuigan installed the water reticulation system: 50 metres of high pressure hose, 4 taps and stands and connected the whole system to the first tank (which is already half full of water).

You can see that the area was a bit of a mess - and a bit unsafe - with open trenches (dug by the Council for us). This needed to be fixed pronto.



← These photos were taken on Tuesday morning (15/1) after Al Phemister spent 2½ hours filling in the trenches for us using the excavator loaned to the Shed for the purpose by Steve (Buggo) Bugden.

I am here to tell you that Al & the Machine (not to be confused with Florence & the Machine) saved our trusty working bee guys many hours of back breaking work filling in those trenches. That clay and rubble was both hard and heavy!

A BIG vote of thanks to Steve (Buggo) Bugden who loaned us his excavator twice – first to prepare the ground for the tanks and then to fill in the trenches after the piping was installed. The Committee has approved the purchase of a modest (but relevant) gift for Buggo to show our appreciation. Also many thanks to Al Phemister for his efforts in preparing the site for the tanks and also for back filling the trenches with Buggo's excavator.

Thanks are also due to the “usual suspects” Roger Holgate, Len McGuigan, Allan Carey, Russell Hill, Howard Hollingsworth and anyone who helped on this project, but who I am overlooking – (not intentional I assure you!)

## Visitors from Queensland



We had two visitors from QLD call at the Shed last Tuesday.

← Randolph (a member of Wynnum-Manly Men's Shed) and his wife, Frances, called in to have a chat and compare notes.

Being the smart-a\*\*e that I am (and knowing Wynnum Manly and Bundaberg are some 350 kms apart), I asked Randolph if he knows John Woodin (on the same basis that when you are in London, some Brit asks you if you know Wallace Poppington-Smythe in Albany).

Imagine our surprise when Randolph said "yes, he's a member of our Shed".

It turned out not to be our John Woodin, but then the penny dropped (cue theme music from the "Twilight Zone" or "The X Files"):

**there are now two John Woodins in QLD!!**

## YVMS *Shedde Shoppe* (formerly the Bargain Basement)

We have stuff for sale (things made by members and some other donated things like tables, a bike, and lots of other things – you never know, but we might just have what you want! Contact me if you want more info.

## Don't forget!

### Exercise Classes at the Shed – Tuesdays 2-3pm

Back to normal from this coming Tuesday. The first couple will be informal sessions and not too onerous – but to get us a bit flexible and ready for when Mark returns after the School Holidays.

### Tai Chi classes at the Shed – Thursdays 1.30 to 2.30pm

The 2013 season recommences on Thursday 31 January – be there or be square! \$10

### 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 number of members have made this a regular practice and we have benefited to the extent that we can use the funds to replenish consumables (glues, screws, sand papers etc etc from time to time) – so it IS worth it.

Think about it and help us out – please.

## YVMS Website

Have a surf – enjoy yourselves! [www.yassmensshed.org.au](http://www.yassmensshed.org.au)

## Problem Solver Championships – 2013

*A bloke who, for his whole life, has always had a fear of the monster that lurks under his bed at night goes to a psychologist/counsellor for advice:*

*'I've got problems, Doc. Every time I go to bed I think there's something really monstrous under it. I'm really scared. I think I'm going crazy.'*

*'Just put yourself in my hands for one year,' says the Psych. 'Come talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears...'*

*'How much do you charge?'*

*'Eighty dollars per visit,' replied the Psych.*

*'I'll sleep on it,' says the bloke.*

*Six months later they meet on the street.. 'Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?' asks the rather miffed Psych.*

*'Well, eighty bucks a visit three times a week for a year works out at \$12,480 and is an awful lot of money! I mentioned my problem to a bartender and he cured me for \$10. I was so happy to have saved all that money that I went and bought myself a new ute!'*

*'Is that so!' With a more than a little bit of attitude, a sneering tone and a touch of disdain the Psych says, 'and how, may I ask, did a mere bartender cure you of those serious and deep seated fears?'*

*'He sold me a couple of beers and then told me to cut the legs off my bed!'*

## **Incredible facts**

*Did you know that one hundred years after the Titanic sank, divers report that all the swimming pools onboard are still full?*

## **Misplaced Item**



Has anyone seen our yellow hand sander (much like the example shown here ←)?

We have had a pretty good look around the Shed and cannot find it. Possibilities are:

- ✘ Has been stored/put back in a place other than its normal home;
- ✘ Has been borrowed and is yet to be returned (although the borrower's register is silent);
- ✘ Has been broken and consigned to the bin (but a report not made so it could be replaced).

If anyone can help please let a Committee member know.

## **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**

**6/1: Robert McGregor**  
**7/1: Graham McIntosh**  
**11/1: John Backhouse**  
**12/1: Geoff Frost**

**20/1: Rod Therkelsen**  
**24/1: Bob Small**

Happy Birthdays Chaps!!!

## Shed Opening Times and opening volunteers

Tuesdays – 9am to noon <u>Full Shed Activity</u> YVMS	Tuesdays 2 - 3pm <u>Exercise Classes</u> YVCC	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 10 – 11.30am <u>Coffee &amp; Conversation</u> YVMS	Thursdays 2 – 5pm <u>Full Shed Activity</u> YVMS	Thursdays 1.30-2.30pm <u>Tai Chi Classes</u> YVCC (starting 31 Jan)	Saturdays noon to 4pm <u>Full Shed Activity</u> YVMS
Richard Rowan 6226 6839	Wayne Stuart 0419 292 022	Len McGuigan 6226 1549  Phil O'Brien 6226 2168	Joe Morrissey 0412 258 300  Richard Saxby 0408 802 411	Wayne Stuart 0419 292 022  -	No volunteer(s). Hopefully one of our regulars will manage to attend each Saturday so the Shed opens. No guarantees!

At all other times, if you are passing and see the doors open, please feel welcome and free to call in!

We like to have at least two volunteers for opening/closing duties to help share the load. If you can help by nominating to open/close the Shed (either on one of the regular days – or you would like the Shed to open at some other time and you are prepared to do the honours), please let me know and we'll make the arrangements.

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

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