



# THE MEN'S SHED MESSENGER

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## 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 March**

Every Thursday, 1.30 to 2.30pm

**YVMS Tai Chi Classes** – for greatly enhanced health and well being.

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

### February appointment for your diaries

Info from Terry Hunt of the Murrumbateman Shed:

On Thursday 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.

If you would like to attend this important event, please contact:

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## **News Review**

### **Bushfires near Yass- help with the recovery**

Eight members (Len McGuigan, Reg Moebus, Richard Rowan, Roger Holgate, Joe Morrissey, Phil O'Brien, Richard Saxby and Wayne Stuart) have volunteered to provide an evening meal for the approximately 45 BlazeAid volunteers at their "camp" at Bookham on three Monday nights over the coming month (18/2, 4/3 and 18/3). This will involve the Shed purchasing food from which to make a two course meal, serving the meal and cleaning up afterwards.

The Shed Committee had originally determined that we would look at our bank account to try to determine a cash donation. The purchase and donation of the food will now take the place of that cash donation.

### **Bundaberg floods – John Woodin - update**

I spoke with John last night. The latest news on his and Marilyn's situation is as follows:

- They have completed the clean up and clean out of their house. The furniture and possession they have been able to save are now stacked in the garage awaiting the repairs that now need to be done;
- They lost more than he had originally thought they might – it was all stacked on the front yard for the Council/Army to collect and take away;
- Power, water and sewage are all back on line;
- John is very happy with the NRMA who has provided their insurance cover – at this stage the indications are good that their claims will be met and that they won't have any nasty fights on their hands as has happened to other claimants in previous events;
- John told me that they had originally planned to do some modifications to the house over the next 12 to 18 months – so they are also negotiating with the insurers to see how that might be done on the basis that the insurer pays for the losses and John and Marilyn pay for the incremental enhancements;
- The NRMA have indicated that work could start quite soon – the insurer will provide contractors suitable to the NRMA. No work to strip out damaged gyprock or other "construction type" things have happened yet as far as I know.
- Both John and Marilyn are in good spirits and he kept saying things like "how lucky and blessed we are to have come out of this as well as we have – especially when you see some of the losses other people have had".
- He is hoping to get his computer back on line in the next week or so at which time he will try to provide some more info (including photos) and make contact with friends again.

I think John and Marilyn are much to be admired. I am sure if this had happened to me all you would be hearing from me would be comments like:

- "Why me? What have I done to deserve this?; and Poor bugger me!"

John had (before he left Yass) organised and paid for a trip to America and England to visit family (they are all getting on and they don't travel as well as he does). I think the contract he has also means that if he cancelled he would lose a lot of the money he had already paid – so he is going ahead with that trip (in April). He is hopeful, now, that the house might be habitable and they might have moved back in by the time he goes on that trip – I also suspect, he will need a bit of light relief by then!

He also mentioned that he might try to come back to Yass for a visit sometime – but that is not a high priority right now, as you might suspect.

## Shed management info and updates

Don't forget that 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.

If you happen to be driving by at any time when the Shed is closed and notice that the coloured lights over the roller door 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.

## Good times for one of our members



My wife and I went to Sydney on Friday (8<sup>th</sup>) to enjoy some time at the Sydney Museum and to visit the Margaret Olley exhibit (worth a look if you happen to be passing or looking for a morning's diversion next time you are in Sydney).

Afterwards we lunched at Circular Quay and were confronted by the "Diamond Princess" taking up space at the Circular Quay that Bill and Wendy Findley had booked their cruise to New Zealand from Sydney on the Diamond Princess leaving on 8 Feb. way along on Deck "C" you can see Bill waving at us.

## **Mysterious delivery**

And then, upon returning home to Yass later in the same evening, I found a box (see photo) in my driveway with contents still in their unopened and original wrapping.

No note or message.

I did not order or purchase such an item, nor had I arranged to borrow or have such a thing dropped off at my place

If anyone knows anything about this mysterious delivery, can you let me know please?



## ***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 (8 January). Mark is back!! \$5 per session.

### **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 per session

### **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)

## ***Three reasons to smile***

Three dead bodies turn up at the mortuary, all with very big smiles on their faces. The coroner calls in the police to tell them what has happened.

'First body: Frenchman, 60, died of heart failure while drinking vintage champagne and eating foie gras. Hence the enormous smile, Inspector,' says the coroner.

'Second body: Scotsman, 25, won £1,000 on the lottery, spent it all on whisky. Died of alcohol poisoning, hence the smile.'

The inspector asks, 'What of the third body?' 'Ah,' says the coroner. 'This is the most unusual one: Big Seamus Quinn from Donegal, 30, struck by lightning.' 'Why is he smiling then?' enquires the inspector. 'He thought he was having his photo taken.'

## 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

<b>20/1: Rod Therkelsen</b> <b>24/1: Bob Small</b>	<b>11/2: Tim Slattery</b> <b>19/2: Ron Barton and Ron McGrath</b> <b>22/2: Jim Wickham and Des Hore</b>
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Happy Birthdays Chaps!!!

### Shed Opening Times and opening volunteers

<b>Tuesdays – 9am to noon <u>Full Shed Activity</u> YVMS</b>	<b>Tuesdays 2 - 3pm <u>Exercise Classes</u> YVCC</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday 10 – 11.30am <u>Coffee &amp; Conversation</u> YVMS</b>	<b>Thursdays 2 – 5pm <u>Full Shed Activity</u> YVMS</b>	<b>Thursdays 1.30-2.30pm <u>Tai Chi Classes</u> YVCC (starting 31 Jan)</b>	<b>Saturdays noon to 4pm <u>Full Shed Activity</u> YVMS</b>
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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