



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 3 April

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)

Put these dates in your diary – some of them you will NOT want to miss!

March

13th. 1000 – 1200 **Friendship Group** followed by **lunch at Riverbank Park at 1230**. The Group will cook for Shed members attending (**we need to let them know numbers – if you don't book you won't be fed! RSVP to me no later than Monday evening please – so far we have 5 confirmations!**).

14th. 0930 to 1200 (approx) **U3A trial run in the YVCC** to see if the hall suits their need for weekly meetings.

18th. 1530 to 2000hrs (approx) 3rd and final **BlazeAid Dinner** (McGuigan, Rowan, Morrissey, Holgate, O'Brien, Staines and Stuart)

20th. 1500hrs. Half hour **presentation to Horton House residents** about the Men's Shed (Stuart). Seniors week activity.

22nd. 1400hrs. Ambrose golf competition at Yass Golf Club (looking for YVMS Team(s) – see below.

April

1st. 0800 to 1400hrs. Do "gates" duty at the **Jerrawa Show** (Rowan and Stuart)

3rd. 1000 – 1130hrs **First Wednesday Shed Morning Tea** (no workshop).

18th. 6.00 – 7.00pm. Brief **Membership Meeting followed by Annual General Meeting**. Chef Extraordinaire Rowan will again amaze us with a new 3 course meal afterwards. **You need to book – otherwise you will have to be happy watching those who did book having a wonderful time!**

News Review

Bushfires near Yass - help with the recovery

A group of 7 Shed volunteers has been providing dinnertime meals for the BlazeAid volunteers at Bookham. This team will be providing its final meal on Monday night 18 March. The team will then disband as some members have other commitments.

It would be really good if other members could organise a team of 5 or 6 and offer to continue providing meals for the volunteers (either as Men's Shed members or privately).

If you are interested, get a team together and let Cathy Cooke at the Council know. She will give you the low-down on what to do – or talk to me and I will let you know how we did it.



Phil O'Brien, Richard Rowan (obscured), Irish Joe Morrissey, Len McGuigan and Roger Holgate "cooking"! for the BlazeAid volunteers at Bookham.

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Annual General Meeting and general membership meeting – Thursday 18 April – 6pm

The AGM will be held at the Shed on Thursday 18 April, following a short meeting of all Members present, the sole purpose of which will be to elect a new Committee for 2013/14.

The first meeting will commence at **6pm** and will be immediately followed by the AGM. Both meetings, together, should not last longer than an hour.

The issues for consideration at the AGM will include:

1. To confirm the Minutes of the previous annual General Meeting;
2. To receive the report of the activities of the YVMS from **1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013**;
3. To confirm the election of the following members of the Board:
 - a) President;
 - b) Vice President;
 - c) Secretary;

- d) Treasurer.
- e) To receive and consider the audited accounts for the year ended **31st March 2013**;
4. To approve the signatories for all YVMS bank accounts (President, Secretary, Treasurer and Public Officer) and endorse that two (2) signatories are required for all payments;
5. To approve the payment of any accounts relating to this AGM;
6. To re-appoint Raymond Hill to be the Public Officer or to appoint a new Public Officer;
7. To appoint the Auditor for **2013-2014**;

I will send out formal invitations to all current members in the next week.

Please consider if you are interested in serving on the Committee – ALL positions are open for nomination/election – your Shed NEEDS YOU to pull your weight and help spread the load a little. It is unrealistic to expect the same people to keep the ideas coming and to keep the management of the Shed fresh and trouble free year after year – also some of the poor buggers have been there since day one and need a rest!

I have attached to this email, a copy of the nomination form for the Committee and also a Proxy Form if you will be unable to attend on the night but would like your intentions made clear.

The meetings will be followed by another Chef Richard (My Shed Kitchen Rules) Rowan extravaganza which will again cause our Treasurer to have fiscal conniptions (even while he is tucking in!).

Make sure you RSVP me if you are staying for the meal – we will only cater for those who say they will be coming – it is too late on the night to hope you might be lucky! So far I have no RSVPs (although as a starting point we should be able to count the 6 Committee members (McGuigan, Doyle, Moebus, Holgate, Madden & Stuart – I have already received an apology from John Woodin), the Public Officer (Ray Hill), the Returning Officer (hopefully Allan McGrath again) and Chef R² himself (interim total 9).

“Ambrose” Golf competition to help bushfire victims



A golf day will be held on **Friday March 22** at the Yass Golf Club with a nine-hole four-person Ambrose **teeing off at 2pm**.

There will be a number of novelty events for all players to participate.



This will be followed by a presentation, barbecue and auction of donated prizes.

All proceeds will go directly to local families who lost livestock, fencing, sheds and pastures in the recent devastating fire, to help with the long recovery process.

Joe Morrissey has booked for four players to start at 2.00pm. He has also booked one cart.

It costs \$30 per person, regardless of being a member or not. If you don't have clubs – that is not an issue, Joe tells me he has two extra sets (if needed).

I'm sure we'll fill the four spots. (If Ken Reidy doesn't sign up he should be excommunicated from the Shed, as should Edgar Mongan).

In case you are wondering what “Ambrose” is (I did), here is a brief explanation from Wikipedia:

- Ambrose or best-shot; each player in a team tees off on each hole, and the players decide which shot was best. Every player then plays their second shot from within a club length of where the best shot has come to rest (and no closer to the hole), and the procedure is repeated until the hole is finished. [The rules for the Yass event might be slightly changed to accommodate the event on the day].

If you would like to join this merry band of people spoiling a nice walk by chasing a small white ball, contact Joe and he will organise. It would be good to have a few teams (I don't hold out a lot of hope for any team led by an Irish Golfer.... *see below – so, good luck)

Joe's Phone number is: 0412 258 300 or email him on joe.morrissey@gmail.com

Membership News

Membership stands at 83.

A very worthwhile cause

David Staines' son (Phil) is trying to raise some funds for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation by asking for sponsorship for him to do a tandem parachute jump in Canberra on Saturday 23 March 2013. His target is to raise \$5,000.

More details can be obtained by going to this website: http://fundraise.teamcurediabetes.org.au/phil_staines. You can make or commit to a donation online if you wish or, perhaps, see David and give him your contribution.

Finding a cure or better treatments for Juvenile Diabetes is a most worthy cause and deserves support.

***GST* (goods and services trading) OR *Lost and Found** - contact Richard Rowan**

**(I was LOST in my mess but I FOUND a solution at the Shed)*

This is a section of the newsletter where members can avail themselves of the great knowledge pool within the shed. Secondly it is also a place where members can get rid of stuff or seek stuff.

Help

Ron McMullen – 6226 2927 ...04290 351 256 would like to know if anyone has experience or skill in faux painting. Faux painting or faux finishing are terms used to describe a wide range of decorative painting techniques. The naming comes from the French word *faux*, meaning false, as these techniques started as a form of replicating materials such as marble and wood with paint, but has subsequently come to encompass many other decorative finishes for walls and furniture including simulating recognizable textures and surfaces.

Required

Vinyl records of the 50s, 60s and 70s. Our ex-president John Woodin lost his extensive record collection during the recent floods in Queensland. The Shed is putting together a package of old vinyl records to assist him in rebuilding his collection. If you have some old records please drop them off at the shed. We already have somewhere near 100 donated – John lost nearly 300 (or perhaps more than that number).

Please come and collect

We have had quite an amount of timber of varying kinds and sizes donated in recent times. If you have that small job to do but haven't got the right materials, we may have them and at a very competitive price (a gold coin or two depending on how much you need/take).

Wanted – (we need items for this space)

For Sale

YVMS Shedde Shoppe

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

The latest item is this genuine Parker 3 seater in excellent condition (green and cream stripes)



Other

If anyone is interested there are a couple of small projects at the shed waiting for someone to take them on. A small table for restoration, repair of a recliner chair, and number of similar challenges.

Editor’s Note: I think this is a great idea and I strongly recommend members get behind it and use the resources of our 83 strong membership to YOUR advantage and to ours! Anyone in the Shed who has something or some skill to sell or trade or someone looking for such things especially including expertise in some esoteric pursuit (eg Grandfather Clock Maintenance, recipes for rendering Brussels sprouts edible, old or new motor cars (or parts), music lessons, computer mysteries explained, how to win at marbles, locating large sums of money in old/second hand furniture etc) might be able to advertise that skill or ask if someone can help.

So, your challenge, should you choose to accept it, is to give Richard info that will fill this column. The way it will work is that you give him the info – I will publish it here with your contact details, and hordes of Shed members will then contact you (and both of you will be happy). Richard can be contacted on 6226 6839, 0429 980 337 or richard.rowan@ozemail.com.au.

Hero of the Week

This week’s unsung and humble hero is



Ken recently did some plumbing work for us that has helped improve both the amenity and health of our operations. Well done, Ken and thanks vm.

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

In case you thought my nasty comment about Irish Golfers (above) was misplaced...

Tiger Woods drives his luxury BMW into a remote petrol station in the Irish countryside. The pump attendant (probably a bloke called Joe), who knows nothing about golf, much less Tiger Woods, greets the golfing legend, "Top of the mornin' sir"

Tiger says hello and then bends down to open the cover on his petrol tank. Two tees fall out of his shirt pocket into the ground.

Joe asks, "What are those sire?"

Tiger says, "Those are tees, which I use to rest my balls on when I'm driving."

And the Irishman exclaims, "By Jesus, Mary and Joseph, BMW thinks of everything!"

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

2/3: Kenneth Burden & Bill Goode	12/3: Peter Hurley
4/3: Bob Evans	13/3: William Grace, David Hingston
5/3: Edward Jessop	15/3: James DeMestre
7/3 John d'Arx, Bill Findley	16/3: Daryn Wright
9/3: Ray Armour	17/3: Ron Doyle
	26/3 Rick Williams
	27/3: Allan McGrath

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 st Wednesday 10 – 11.30am <u>Coffee & 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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