



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

The great YVMS 2013 April Fool's Joke

You (well at least those of you who did not fall for it – or if you did, were either too lazy or fearful of letting me know for fear of hurting my feelings) will be thrilled to hear that quite a number of our current 87 members decided to let me know that that this morning's emailed Men's Shed Messenger had no contents. You know who you are!

GOTCHA!!

You will (as I was) also be thrilled to hear that quite a number of those responses were from members who never reply to any of my emails on matters of substance, but were able to respond on a matter of no substance whatever.

My personal Psychologist has been treating me since and I think I am getting better now.

It is a bit of a shame that I have followed up so soon with this, the real Messenger – I suspect a few more might have fallen for it and rushed to tell me of my inadequacies otherwise.

Tai Chi classes at the Shed have been suspended indefinitely due to lack of interest/support.

If this concerns you or disappoints you and members wish to avail themselves of this terrific way to keep fit, flexible, well balanced and active, contact me and I will talk to Keren Walker about starting lessons again. The arrangements next time will, necessarily, have to be conducted on a more sustainable basis.

Talk to your friends and neighbours – the timing (1.30 to 2.30 on Thursdays) is an ideal time for lots of people to come and benefit from the program. Mention it to any young parents you know who might be looking for an hour (while the kids are at school) that will help with their fitness in their busy lives.

Calendar of upcoming events at the Shed (or elsewhere)

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

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!**

May/June: date to be confirmed: first Men’s Shed Seminar for the Year – on the “Boy’s Own Annual” work-lives of David Staines (Air Traffic Control on an Aircraft Carrier) and Wayne Stuart (the myths and untruths about Marine Oil Spills from big Ships). These blokes worked for many years in these interesting areas and have lots of tales to tell, facts to impart and myths to explode.

News Review

YVMS BlazeAid support

This activity is now over for the Shed’s A Team. It was a great success from our point of view (no-one died!)

The A Team would like to congratulate and thank our supporters and sponsors in this endeavour:

- Country Kitchen (two donations of pizzas and salads for 80 meals which we value at about \$500 in total)
- Touie Smith: \$150 donation
- Woolworths \$100 donation
- Tanks Bakery \$100 donation in pies and bread rolls.

If you are interested in having a go yourself, 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 Returning Officer for this election is Nic Carmody (Thanks Nic!)

The nominations received so far are: Len McGuigan, Reg Moebus, Ron Doyle, Allan McGrath, Dara Madden, Roger Holgate and Wayne Stuart (so we now have all seven vacancies covered).

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;**

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!

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 about 15 RSVPs. A \$2 donation will be welcome.

I can guarantee that the meetings will both be short and enjoyable and the meal will be long and enjoyable!



Landmark “Ambrose” Golf competition to help bushfire victims



Irish Joe Morrissey putting - note his back is to the flag!

I have it on good authority that Ambrose Morrissey, Ambrose Rowan, Ambrose Mongan and Ambrose Reidy did the Shed proud and, but for some “alleged scoring(?)” by the ultimate winners, we might have had the first bit of silverware for a trophy cupboard at the Shed?

Can you believe a winning score in which the winners managed to play nine holes in 9 under par? This represents an average of one birdie per hole – why are these blokes not out there knocking Tiger Woods over – or, did 4 Tiger Woodses actually show up on the day in Yass?

I understand that the golf day raised some **\$35,000** for the BlazeAid effort! Well done chaps for your part in that effort! And well done and congratulations to Landmark Copeland Medway for taking this initiative.

Membership News

Recent new members are Rob Cameron and Bob Nash – many congratulations on your exquisite taste, Rob and Bob and we hope to see lots of you both at the Shed. We have also had a couple of our younger members, Curtis Cox and Nate Harvey-Cox update their financial status. Welcome back boys!

Membership now stands at 87. Can we hit 100 before the end of the Financial Year? – the challenge is yours! Recruit a friend.

Update on the Woodins’ Bundaberg Flood recovery project

Extracts from a couple of notes received from John on Thursday via his mobile phone and computer.

“Work started today with Lee starting on organising gyprock and new plumbing. With the house completely empty it should be easier to do all our renovations and changes in one go. Timeframe would be that I may return to OZ on 9th June to a finished situation, as Marilyn would get all the help needed from the youngsters and be back in residence.

I won't hold my breath though but 11 weeks could do it.

All is going OK. Frustration is the most worrying aspect. House-wise, with Lee & Martin doing work inside, Marilyn and I are trying to sort the Garden, as the floods left about a 20cm crust over everything, and whilst grass has forced its way through and most shrubs & trees seem unaffected, tidying up and adding sand etc, will build a better soil mix etc.

I need to get pebblestones / gravel for the 2 pathways which take us from level 1 to 2 & 2 to 3 down the RHS of the back garden, and buy some new plants etc.

On the vinyl subject, I really appreciate the efforts by my friends at the Shed. I have been searching OP shops up here but not got very lucky so far. As I say, it's really Nostalgia more than anything. John”



House cleared and damaged materials removed prior to rebuilding



Part of the aftermath – John has salvaged the pew – had to take it apart to get it out of the tree (very heavy!).

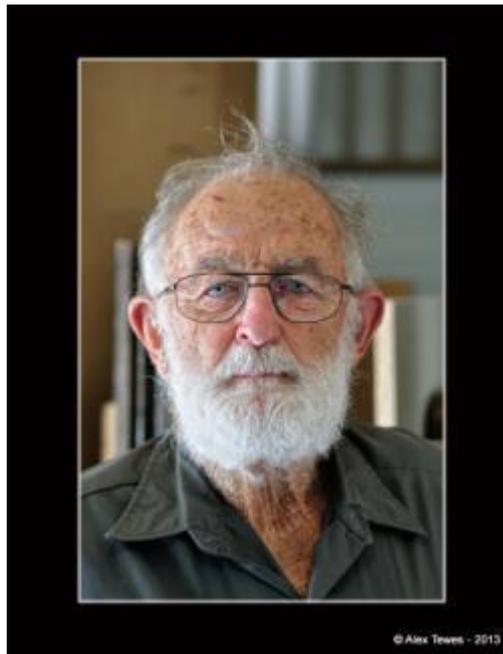
We wuz robbed

This terrific photo of Richard Saxby – evidence that living a good life, clean living (ie no drinking, smoking or gambling), doing worthwhile things in your working career, being generous to all and enjoying many wonderful experiences can actually all be seen in a face that has lived it all.

This photo was entered in the Yass Show recently and failed to win – clearly another unexplained and suspicious error of judgement.

The photo was taken by Alex Tewes, the president of the Yass Photography Club and eminent and esteemed Shed member.

I will now ask Richard to give me a quick outline of his history to go with the photo and will publish it in a coming edition. – See next item:



Members' Stories

The Richard Saxby photo has inspired the thought that we could run a series on the potted histories of our membership.

If you are interested and brave enough – and if you think your life has been pretty interesting, send me a favourite photo and perhaps 150 – 200 words about yourself and I will run a series called Members' Stories or Meet the Member (until the well dries up, or I can no longer make up stories to tell about you!!)

Give it a go – I am sure most members have really interesting lives that the rest of us would be very keen to read about. We may find we have all kind of connections that were not apparent or that we share interests and experiences that will make the Shed a much more interesting place at which to chat and further develop our friendships.

I will publish the first of these (already provided by Alex Tewes) in the next Messenger. Swamp me with your stories!!

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 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 150-200 donated – John lost nearly 300 (or perhaps more than that number).

Please come and collect

1. 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).
2. A very long time ago in a place very far away, there lived a young boy whose father was a PostMaster. This little boy (who was very nice, obedient and caring) loved his parents and his brother and sisters very much. However, it was a small village and there was not much to do during the holidays (apart from building rafts to go rafting on the river, fishing, riding his bike with a few mates into the surrounding countryside where there were now disused gold and copper mines to explore and quite a number of old buildings (not all of them unoccupied) that still had some glass in the windows (which served as useful targets while honing one's skills with a catapult). As you can see, only boring and not very riveting things to do.

Taking pity on him, his father decided to get him interested in stamp collecting, a pursuit that proved useful during the long and sultry summer days and the cold winter afternoons when his jobs were done (getting in 2 or 3 tons of wood for the fire each day, mowing the 14 acres of "grass" at the postmaster's residence and killing, skinning, cleaning and butchering the sucking pig or the half dozen chooks for the weekend festivities).

And now, after all these years, that small boy has found his stamp collection again. Most of it is probably of no great value, probably hasn't been protected or well looked after, but there are a number of first day covers and some sheets of stamps that might be of interest to a collector. If you are interested, let me know and I will put you in touch with that small boy. ws

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 and a kitchen stool for restoration, repair of a recliner chair, and a number of similar challenges.

Editor's Note: I strongly recommend members get behind this idea and use the resources of our 87 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.

Heroes of the Week

Heroes this week are members of VALMAR and the Yass Friendship Group all of whom have had some fun at the Shed recently.



Don't forget!

[Exercise Classes at the Shed – Tuesdays 2-3pm](#)

Classes will be held this coming Tuesday and next (with Mark in attendance). During the holidays, Mark may not be there, but we will probably still come along to maintain the levels of flexibility and feeling good that we are now enjoying. \$5 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

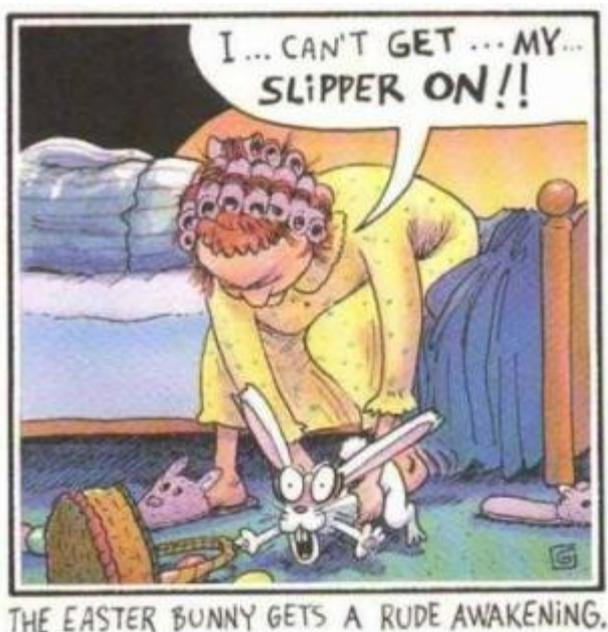
Have a surf – enjoy yourselves! www.yassmensshed.org.au

Things that can go wrong at Easter...

No 1



No 2



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

12/3: Peter Hurley
13/3: William Grace, David Hingston
15/3: James DeMestre
16/3: Daryn Wright
17/3: Ron Doyle
26/3 Rick Williams
27/3: Allan McGrath

1/4: Bill Dowling
9/4: Alistair McGregor
10/4: Ken Reidy
11/4: Roger Holgate
13/4: Brian Millett
16/4: Wayne Skeers

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	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	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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