



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>

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 1 May

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

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

2nd. 7-8.30pm. **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. See below for more info.

News Review

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

NB – this coming Thursday!!

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 (**circulated again for information to members via email last Sunday (7/4)**);
2. To receive the report of the activities of the YVMS from **1st April 2012 to 31st March 2013 (circulated for information to members via email last Sunday (7/4))**;
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 (circulated for information to members via email last Sunday (7/4))**;
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 (current Hon Auditor – Anna Shannon – is available for reappointment)**;

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! I need your RSVP by close of business TUESDAY. So far I have about 23 RSVPs. A \$2 donation will be welcome on the night to help defray costs.

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

Hero of the Week

Shed member Allan Carey retired this week after 45 years as a retained fire fighter in Yass, the last years as the Captain of the Yass Fire Brigade. He is the third member of his family to do this job having followed in the footsteps of his father and his grandfather – a total of 120 years of unbroken service and protection for Yass being provided by the Carey family.

How can this bloke NOT be a Hero?

Allan was the subject of a great report on the ACT 7.30 program on Friday night. I hope you all stayed up late to watch it.

If not, you can find it at this web address <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-04-12/yass-firie-retiree/4626672> (just double click). Be sure to watch it, I will be asking questions!



Membership News

No new members – current membership = 87.

I understand that David Hale is quite unwell and is currently in Yass Hospital. If any of David’s mates wish to visit him, I think he would welcome that visit. I understand that he is partial to chocolates.

First Men’s Shed Seminar for 2013

This first Seminar will attempt to open up the backgrounds of two of our members. We are hoping this might entice or seduce more of our members to offer up their own backgrounds and experience to get to know what went before we all ended up in Yass at this particular point in time.

If you would like to do a presentation at some time, let me know and we will do our best to accommodate you. One option being considered is for some future presentations to be made at a Shed Lunch (either at the Shed or at venues in Yass Town (or the wider Yass Valley)).



The Yass Valley Men's Shed presents
the first of the Men's Shed Seminars for 2013

“Boys-own adventures at work”

Presented by two members of the Yass Valley Men's Shed

“The Challenge of Air Traffic Control on an Aircraft Carrier”

David Staines (Lieutenant Commander
GLEX ATC RTD. Royal Australian Navy)



HMAS Melbourne (1955-1982)

“Major Oil Spills at Sea – the Facts and the Fictions”

Wayne Stuart (former Senior Officer in
the Australian Maritime Safety Authority)



Greek Tanker Kirki (July 1991)

When: Thursday 2 May 2013 at 7pm

**Where: The Yass Valley Men's Shed, 1428 Yass
Valley Way, North Yass**

BBQ dinner will be served by the Yass Freemasons from 5.30pm (small charge)

RSVP: 0419 292 022 or email secretary@yassmensshed.org.au

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)

Here 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. New items added this week are in **red type**.

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.

Richard Rowan – 6226 6839 or 0429 980 337 is looking for some technical advice on **air compressors**. He is keen to investigate the mysteries of CFM and FAD. If anyone is full bottle on such things and can help Richard in his obvious and self-exposed ignorance, I am sure he would be most grateful.

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, fighting the local urchins, 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

Al Phemister - 0419 439 710 has been invited to build a sculpture to celebrate the Canberra Centenary. His approach is to try to represent the development over the full 100 years and is looking for weldable – ie iron or steel - **old tools** such as garden tools (shovels, rakes, hoes, mattocks etc) as well as other tools (hammers, hand shears, large spanners and the like). If you have a box full of such things taking up space, Al would be very keen to take them off your hands (if you are lucky enough to live on a property or know someone who does – this may be a goldmine for Al. To make it easy, we will have a box at the Shed into which you can drop your offerings. Alternatively, give Al a ring and he will take it from there.

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 Parker 3 seater in excellent condition (green and cream stripes - \$400)



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.

Richard Rowan is managing this effort on behalf of all Shed members. The way it works is that you give Richard 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.**

YVMS Website

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

Members' Stories

The Richard Saxby photo (last edition) 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 (until the well dries up, or I can no longer make up stories to tell about you!!).

Here is the first in this series:

Alex Tewes



Alex was born in Argentina.

In 1973 his family migrated to Australia to escape the growing political and economic malaise that led to the Dirty War and the Falklands War.

He served in both the Australian Army and the Tasmania Police, and most recently spent 18 years in the Australian Public Service, working both at Defence and in Parliament House.

During that time he's managed to do some study, including two Masters Degrees. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

Alex left the public service at the end of 2012 and is now doing a bit of consultancy, preparing to start his PhD in International Relations, and training for his adventure of the year – walking the Camino de Santiago, an 800Km pilgrimage from France, over the Pyrenees and across Spain to Santiago de Compostela.

Alex and his wife Jacquie have been married for 29 years and have three grown up daughters

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

We recently used our accumulated points to “purchase” 2 tape measures and a hand sander. Consequently, our points situation is now very much depleted.

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.

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

Now that we have cancelled Tai Chi, Alex sends me this.....



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Birthdays around this time

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

16/4: Wayne Skeers
26/4: Blake Swadling
29/4: Graham Davis
1/5: Raja Ahluwalia
2/5: Ron Coleman

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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