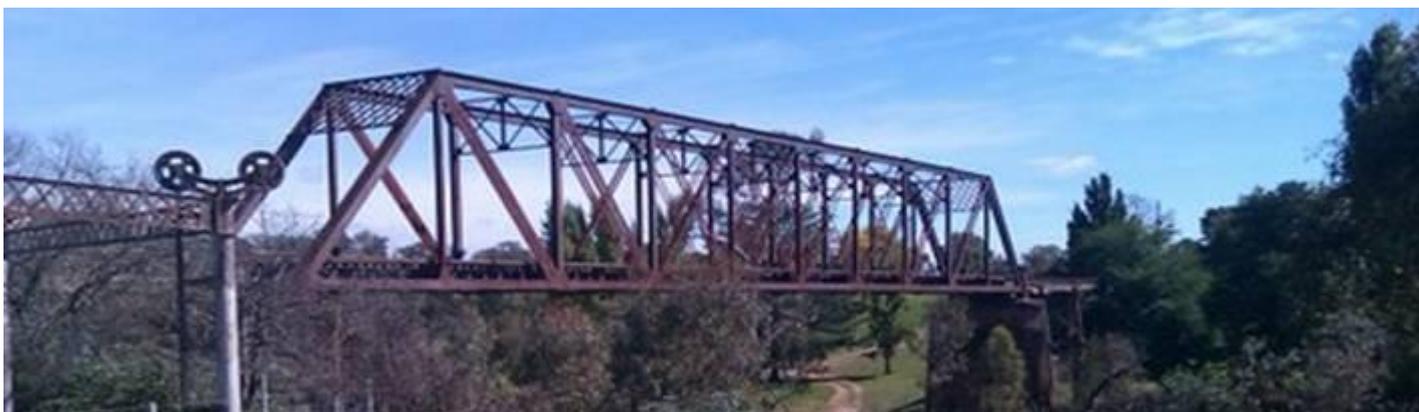




# THE MEN'S SHED MESSENGER

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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 1 May**

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

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

### **May**

1<sup>st</sup>. 10 – 11.30am. **First Wednesday Morning Tea** – no workshop just good chat and, perhaps, something nice to eat with your tea/coffee.

2<sup>nd</sup>. 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**

### **Generous Donations to the Shed**

In the last week or so we have received two amazing donations:

1. Our Honorary Auditor (Anna Shannon from Goodradigbee Bookkeeping) who audits/reviews our books each year so we can meet our legal obligations to lodge our annual report with the NSW Office of Fair Trading, has very kindly donated \$100 for use as the Shed sees fit. This is not only very generous (she works for us for nothing and gives us money as well?) but it is the second year that she has given us a donation of \$100. The AGM meeting has instructed the Secretary to write Ms Shannon a letter of thanks and appreciation and to present her with a Shed Certificate of Appreciation.
2. A donation of \$500 was received at the Shed yesterday from an anonymous donor. The only information I have is that the donor is very concerned and determined to remain anonymous and the donation was received via a third party. I know nothing more than this. I will prepare a letter of thanks and appreciation for that donor and send it back the way the money came to us, hoping it will find the donor so they know we are very grateful.

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

As I mentioned in the Mini Messenger issue last Sunday, the New Committee elected at the AGM on 18 April is as follows:

**Len McGuigan – President**  
**David Staines – Vice President**  
**Reg Moebus Treasurer**  
**Wayne Stuart – Secretary**  
**Roger Holgate – Member and Workshop Manager**  
**Dara Madden – Member and Grants Coordinator**  
**Allan McGrath – Member**

**Ray Hill – Public Officer**

Many thanks to Nic Carmody for acting as returning Officer for the election.

Congratulations to the new Committee members (David Staines and Allan McGrath).

Congratulations and many thanks for your efforts over the last years to the standing down members (Ron Doyle and John Woodin)

There were two world records set on the night (it continues to amaze me that the majority of members can stay away when such good things and good times occur):

1. There were three meetings on the night – a general membership meeting to elect the new committee, the AGM itself and a very brief finale for the wrapping up of the night. You will be amazed (and the Guinness Book of Records is currently checking its Records) to hear that the meeting which started at 6pm was all over by 6.20pm!
2. The second world record (and one that will only ever be beaten by the Yass Valley Men's Shed, I wager) was that Chef extraordinary provided a three course meal which cost (after deduction of the \$2 donation by each member who attended) \$5.20 per head. Now in case you think we all much have had 3 vegemite sandwiches, here is the menu served on the night:



**YASS VALLEY MENS SHED  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Thursday 18 April 2013**

**DINNER MENU**

- Entrée:** Avocado mousse and marinated prawns on French bread with a herb, caviar and dill sauce
- Main:** Stir fried marinated beef on a bed of won bok and vegetables
- Desert:** White chocolate panna cotta with fruit coulis and toffee

Did **you** eat this well on that Thursday night – NO? Well, you have no-one to blame but yourself. Support your Shed and we will support YOU!

I will bet anyone who cares to take me on, a very large swadge of money that you will never find a three course meal of that complexity, excellence and sheer feasty features for anything like \$5.20 per person.

The other highlight of the evening was that Allan Carey has commenced carving out a new career for himself as Apprentice to the Chef – and I understand he has passed his first exam already with flying colours (The Gordon Rowan Ramsey 101 Guide to Effective Communication in the Kitchen).



Rowan broadcasting, Carey working.

## **Membership News**

No new members – current membership = 87.

Good news about members recently in the wars:

- Mark Ritchard (head and hip injuries sustained in a fall from his roof). The current news is very good, He is up and around for a cup of coffee with his family and doing well on the series of medical tests he is currently undergoing. No reports of further issues.
- David Hale is home again and pretty much back to normal; and
- Richard Saxby has been discharged from hospital. He is now operating in his usual very active and committed way again.

We wish all of these men all the best and that they continue improvement and long may they stay healthy!

## **Members' Stories**

No entry this week – I can't do everything (unless you want me to make up something about you!)

Send me 200 words and a photo of which you approve and I'll give you some unwanted publicity.

## ANZAC Day



The Shed laid a wreath at the 11 am Yass ANZAC Day Remembrance Service.

The Shed members who volunteered to lay the wreath were Commander Richard Rowan and Lieutenant Commander (RTD) David Staines, both of whom had long careers in the Royal Australian Navy.



In keeping with our Shed tradition of doing it yourself if you can, the wreath was made by a couple of members from materials harvested from their gardens.

The Committee decided last year that it would be good for the Shed to have a place in this important Remembrance Ceremony.



Very well done to all involved especially last year's Committee for taking the decision and to Richard and David for doing the honours.

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

### *Help*

(no current requests)

### *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).

### *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 old (weldable – ie iron or steel) 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. **We already have a few items finding their way to the box – redouble your efforts and see what you can do to help Al and his project.**

**Wally Bondareff** - 0428 27 0017 (a resident of Tuggeranong – but that is a good thing, some really wonderful people come from there!) is looking to buy, acquire or obtain a 1920s or 1930s Ford/Buick/Chevy in a state that requires major rebuilding. If you have one or know someone who does, give Wally a call and see what can be worked out.

## *For Sale*

**David Staines** – 0408 340 040 Project Air, 2 HP direct drive Air Compressor – 20L tank. In good order \$70.00 ono

## *YVMS Shedde Shoppe*

We have a good selection of 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](mailto:richard.rowan@ozemail.com.au).**

## **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**

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.



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](mailto:secretary@yassmensshed.org.au)**

We are hoping this Seminar 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.

## Now this IS Clever!

Roger and Marje Holgate have just returned from another attempt to map the continent by caravan.

Here is one of the photos they took. Can you work out where they might have been?



## 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

**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**  
**4/5: Ron Rouston**  
**6/5: Eric Sunnocks**  
**11/5: David Rowe**

Happy Birthdays Chaps!!!

## YVMS Website

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

## 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	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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