



THE MEN'S SHED MESSENGER

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Important regular events @ the Shed

Every Monday – 6-7pm

Shed Show on Yass FM (100.3) This coming Monday you will have to tune in to hear the mystery of the Shed Rep solved for this week.

Every Tuesday, 9-10am

S&M or CoT – not telling you what this is – you will just have to come along! After 10am the VALMAR boys arrive for their weekly activity and special brand of fun.

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 workshop noise to distract from good conversation, coffee, tea and cake. **Next one is Wednesday 4 December**

YVMS Website

- Have a surf – enjoy yourselves! www.yassmensshed.org.au
- You will find all the previous Messengers in the “Newsletter Archive – go back and dig out some YVMS history.
- We also have a number of interesting and helpful links to other Sheds and worthwhile organisations.

Calendar of upcoming events at the Shed (or elsewhere)

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

YVMS Christmas Party for Members and friends

So far we have twenty one acceptances – come on, Chasps, send me your acceptances – this is going to be BIG!!



MEN'S SHED CHRISTMAS LUNCH

DATE: Saturday 7 December, 2013
TIME: 12 for 12.30pm
VENUE: The Club House Hotel Bistro
PRICE PER PERSON: \$17.00
RSVP BY: **Wednesday 4 December** (food needs to be ordered in)



Menu: 2 courses – rotating

(ie if you would prefer what your neighbour is given, try your negotiating skills - or better still, bring a tame friend so you can bully them into giving you their meal!)

Entrees: 1. Creamy pumpkin soup; or 2. Creamy celery soup

Mains:

1. Roast lamb served with baked potatoes, carrots and beans with a red wine and rosemary jus; or
2. Roast chicken served with baked potatoes, carrots and beans with a roast gravy

Important extra info:

I need to hear from you (by return email – don't tell me in person, I will forget!) before Wednesday 4 December so we can confirm numbers for Terry and Tony (the Chefs).

Please feel free to invite your partner, best friend or someone you are trying to impress. Terry and Tony are skilled and experienced Chefs who have moved here recently from the Paragon Cafe in Goulburn (which many of you know and which has a very good reputation).

Don't wait for our Christmas lunch to visit Tony and Terry at the Club House Hotel Bistro – go along, tell them you are from the Men's Shed and support them like they are supporting us! And, after you have a great time there, tell your friends!

Book NOW!! (so far we already have 10 acceptances received and booked).

Let me know if you want to organise an event – or if you want me to advertise an event, and IT WILL BE DONE!

News Review

Briefly.....

Catch a Carp Competition: 23 Nov to 15 December - \$14,000 in prizes including \$6,000 for three tagged carp.

If you want more details of this event, have a look at this website:

http://www.yassvalley.nsw.gov.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1155455&catid=212&Itemid=701

Or contact Ross Webster at rosswebster@westnet.com.au

Help eradicate Myna Birds in the Yass Valley



The Shed has agreed to assist the local Council in controlling and hopefully, over time, eradicating Myna birds in the Valley. The Council has provided two traps for this purpose and these traps can be located anywhere that a sighting of Myna birds is made with a view to collecting as many of these pests as possible and destroying them.

The bird is quite distinctive and easily recognised →

Myna birds are an introduced pest that impact on our biodiversity, primary producers, and our urban landscapes.

They are known to have displaced or significantly impacted on many Australian bird species. Have you noticed a reduction on the numbers of Rosellas, Superb Blue Wrens etc?

If you want more details, have a look at this website:

http://www.feralscan.org.au/mynascan/pagecontent.aspx?page=myna_aboutmynascan



Or contact Ross Webster at rosswebster@westnet.com.au

Ross can help if you think you have an infestation and you would like to access a trap to help in this eradication program.

Containers at the Shed

News came through this week that the two 40 foot containers that have been for sale at MA Steel have both been sold (to someone else).

Never daunted, a plan for the placement of the containers (if we get the money to purchase them followed by a successful search for two affordable containers) has been prepared and sent to an engineer who has offered to provide drawings for the footings we will need. Once this information is to hand, we propose to lodge a DA with Council for the work and then await the outcome of our funding initiatives and our renewed search for 2 containers.

If anyone has access to, knowledge of, someone who knows someone etc – please use up all the good turns and favours you are owed and help us with this project.

Cooma Cottage fence restoration project.

I have some disappointing news from Rick Williams the Manager of Cooma Cottage:

“Hello Wayne,

I have been considering your revised suggestions that the Mens Shed spray-paint (instead of hand-paint) some of the unassembled timbers of the Cooma Cottage new picket fence, nail-gun (instead of hand-nail) the pickets to the assembled rails afterwards, and then spray-paint the entire fence after assembly.

I have concluded that these methods do not suit the heritage requirements of the job in hand.

I am aware that a nail-gun can drive a galvanised flat-head nail into the picket without splitting or leaving hammer marks, that the ribbed nail would remain firm for years, and that spray-painting the fence after erection is easier and much quicker than hand-painting.

However, my original specs for the work included hand painting all the timbers before assembly and hand-nailing the pickets.

I have therefore passed the job on to a Cooma Cottage volunteer who will hand paint the unassembled timbers and hand nail the pickets after pre-drilling.

Thank you for your interest in the fence at Cooma Cottage.

Regards,

Rick Williams
Manager of Cooma Cottage
0488 963 492”

This is indeed sad news for the Shed because we stood to be able to raise \$2,500 from this project (for which we had number of volunteers lined up – and to which we have been committed for more than two years). However, it is entirely within the scope of Rick’s responsibility to make a decision about the best way to deliver his project for the National Trust. We will now need to find other ways to fund high importance projects such as purchasing a defibrillator for the Shed and also to help purchase the two 40 foot containers we are seeking to obtain and locate at the Shed. The Shed Committee and members had placed a deal of reliance on the Cooma Cottage project when planning those projects.

Shed Heroes

An **un-named Shed Member** was seen this week driving three women into Canberra for a Children’s Medical Research Charity do at Government House with our newly identified Republican Governor-General and then brought them all home again – didn’t lose one, and seems not to have suffered too much from the experience. Some blokes are just tough, I guess!



Len McGuigan arrived at the Shed early on Tuesday and has now installed his long planned cover at the top of the wall under the veranda at the YVCC.



This wall had a small ledge at the top which seemed to attract small birds for their morning, afternoon and evening toilette.... you can see this evidence on the yellow wall →.

If you see some starlings, blackbirds and sparrows around town looking uncomfortable and with their legs crossed and you feel the need to report this to the RSPCA – Len did it!



Roger Holgate has now extended his quite remarkable wood turning skills into making flowers – I kid you not.

Have a go at the tulips he has turned out in the last week or so ←.

It has been suggested that the U3A artists who meet on Thursdays in the YVCC might be willing to “do a Floriade” and paint them for us.

What happens next is anyone’s guess – perhaps Rog might decide it is a small step to turn us a couple of 40 foot containers?

Another thought is that wooden replicas of all our garden produce carefully placed throughout the garden area might discourage the midnight marauders which attack some of the garden vegies?

Richard Saxby has had a few “issues” recently. While on his extended drive into north Queensland a couple of months ago he was hospitalised and this has resulted in him needing to have a series of further checks etc.

For the time being he is not driving – but does that stop him?

Here he is arriving at the Shed with almost as much cargo on board as he is renowned for carrying in his van. He is a real hero of mine!



Tuesday afternoon Exercise Classes – 2-3pm



You, too, can do stuff like this (and look this good while doing it!) The exercises are not stressful and concentrate on balance and core strength.

COME JOIN US!! We usually have about a 50/50 men/women contingent.

The contributions made by members of the Exercise group each week are being saved to help purchase a defibrillator for the Shed and for the Community Centre next door. So far the Exercise group has contributed \$275 to the overall cost of \$1,900. When we get the money and the defibrillator, Emma Ritchard who runs first aid and related courses in Yass has offered to provide a CPR and Defibrillator familiarisation course for interested Shed members. If anyone out there is interested to donate to help us reach the purchase amount, we have our receipt book out and just waiting for you!

Membership News

- Our membership remains steady on 89.
- Norm Leaney is home and recovering well from his recent serious indisposition.
- Don't forget to support Ken Reidy's grandson, James, in his Movember fundraising project: <http://au.movember.com/mospace/1416998>. It is timely to think that any donation you make could save your life or that of your child or grandchild.
- The YVMS website now has a Membership Application form that can be downloaded and printed should someone ask you the question.

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)

For sale etc

We have lot of "good stuff" at the Shed - who knows but it might be just what you are looking for and could be surplus to our requirements.

In any case, come along and haggle/negotiate with us - we do great deals! For the right price we will even part with stuff we think we might need!

Attention Collectors!

A large collection of Beer Mats has been delivered to the Shed. Here is a very few of them to give you an idea→

Perhaps there is someone out there who collects such things?

I have not examined all of them, but there seem to be multiple copies of at least some examples.

The whole collection would probably fill a large shoe box.

Make us an offer and they are all yours!



If you would like to advertise anything: eg, ask for help, seek advice, offer a skill or anything else you can think of that might benefit you or other members, contact Richard↓

Richard (R2) Rowan is managing this column 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.

Men's Shed Advice #1,287

Never irritate a woman who can operate a backhoe

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Men's Shed Lessons for Life #438

Toward the end of the Sunday service, the Minister asked, "How many of you have forgiven your enemies?"

80% held up their hands. The Minister then repeated his question. All responded this time, except one man, Walter Barnes.

"Mr. Barnes, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?"

"I don't have any," he replied gruffly.

"Mr. Barnes, that is very unusual. How old are you?"

"Ninety-eight," he replied. The congregation stood as one and applauded.

"Oh, Mr. Barnes, would you please come down in front and tell us all how a person can live ninety-eight years and not have an enemy in the world?"

The old man tottered down the aisle, stopped in front of the pulpit, turned around, faced the congregation, and said simply, "I outlived all those assholes" - and he calmly tottered back to his seat.

Don't forget!

S&M at the Shed 9-10am on Tuesdays

– if you don't come, you will never know what your mates are up to..... And DON'T try to find out by asking a member who does attend on Tuesdays – they will not tell you, you will just have to come. Support your Shed, we are trying our best to make it interesting for you.

Exercise Classes at the Shed – Tuesdays 2-3pm

Classes will be held this coming Tuesday - \$5 per session. We are now saving the \$5 contributions to put towards the purchase of a defibrillator – I hasten to add that the defibrillator will not be needed for the svelte and toned members of the Exercise Group!!

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.

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

13/11: Len McGuigan 14/11: Bill Dalton, Howard Hollingsworth 15/11: Con Novitski, Chris McHarg 20/11: James Mather 21/11: Leslie Yeaman 24/11: Peter Hercelinskij	25/11: Geoff Kell 28/11: Roger Lawrence 3/12: Blake Reid 10/12: Curtis Cox 15/12: Andrew Todd, Michael Hawkins
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Happy Birthdays Chaps!!! (don't forget, significant others are real people too – we are happy to wish them “happy birthday” if you give me the details – this includes Canadians!)

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	Joe Morrissey is currently doing this for us (sometimes) – but he cannot commit full time. Thanks vm Joe! 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.

Some of the current YVMS contacts and “Code Holders” (should you wish to access the Shed out of normal hours):

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