



# THE MEN'S SHED MESSENGER

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Chasps,

**Welcome to 2014 @ the YVMS!**

The Shed will be doing great things again this year – and the more of you that come along the better those things will be.

**Your New Year's Resolution is to attend the Shed at least once each week!**



## Opening times and regular events @ the Shed

Every Monday

**6-7pm: Shed Show on Yass FM (100.3)** You will have to tune in to hear the mystery of the Shed Rep solved for this week. (Richard Maxwell is on sick leave currently, so it is not on for the next couple of weeks)

## Every Tuesday

9am to Noon: Shed open for normal (full) Shed activity

Opening volunteers:

Richard Rowan 6226 6839  
Wayne Stuart 0419 292 022

9am to 10am: S&M or CoT – not telling you what this is – you will just have to come along!

10am to noon: the VALMAR boys attend for their weekly activity and special brand of fun.

11am to noon: YVMS Exercise class – concentrating on flexibility, balance and feeling good.

## Every First Wednesday of the Month,

Hosts:

Len McGuigan 6226 1549  
Phil O'Brien 6226 2168

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 5 Feb 2014

## Every Thursday

Opening volunteers:

Joe Morrissey 0412 258 300  
Richard Saxby 0408 802 411

2pm to 4.30pm – Normal (full) Shed activity.

## Every Saturday

Opening volunteers:

No-one has volunteered – hope for the best

Noon to 4pm – Normal (full) Shed activity.

At all other times, if you are passing and see the doors open, please feel welcome and free to call in!

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.

(At the suggestion of a persistent commentator, I have reworked this item – I agree that it is an improvement. Any suggestions to improve the Messenger are most welcome)

## **YVMS Website**

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

**Watch this space for things to do and celebrate with us in 2014!!**

YVMS Committee Meeting 6.30 Thursday 30 January. The meeting should not last too long – we have really streamlined the process – BUT there are a couple of important issues to discuss on the night. All members most welcome – we need your input too!

There will be a BBQ kicking off at about 5pm before the meeting.

## News Review

### Briefly.....

Not much to report – in case you missed it we have been on holidays and the Shed has been dark. However...

### Updated news of Zara and her Chair

Here is an email received this week, from Emma, Zara's mother:

**From:** Emma Leahy

Wayne, Roger and Len,

Happy New Year and I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends.

My apologies for taking so long to email you to let you know how we are all going. As you can imagine, the last few weeks have been busy adjusting to Zara in her spica cast and also getting through Christmas.

Zara has now been in the cast for 4 weeks and is doing amazingly well. The first few days she was a little clingy to me and unsettled but she is now back to her happy normal self. The chair has been so wonderful and gives both Zara and us the freedom to let her play and also eat much easier.

We used whiteboard paint on one side of the chair and we painted the other side with our handprints and it looks great. We have also placed castors on the bottom of it which has been great as we can wheel her throughout the house and also take her outside which has been great with these nice warm days. Our older daughter Abby loves pushing her around too and Zara loves it!!

Zara has also learnt this week to 'crawl' in the cast which is amazing. It must weigh a couple of kilos, but she pulls and wriggles herself along the floor which is great.

I have attached some photos so you can see the chair in action.

We cannot thank you enough for making the chair for Zara, it is so very much appreciated.

Emma, Toby, Abby and Zara

### Containers at the Shed

The DA approval process is now well under way. The Planning Department at the Council has sent a letter to the Shed advising that the DA has been received, has been given a number: 5.2013.257.1 and advising that if we are keen, we will be able to track the progress of this DA on the YVC's DA Tracking Site (go to [www.yassvalleycouncil.nsw.gov.au](http://www.yassvalleycouncil.nsw.gov.au) and click on "Track my DA"). You can find the DA by using the application number: 257 and the year 2013. They advise that information is updated overnight each night.

We also received this email from Council on Wednesday:



**From:** Jeremy Knox [<mailto:Jeremy.Knox@yass.nsw.gov.au>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 8 January 2014 2:04 PM  
**To:** [secretary@yassmensshed.org.au](mailto:secretary@yassmensshed.org.au)  
**Subject:** Storage Container DA

Hello Wayne,

Just following my site inspection yesterday, I just had one question; I assume none of the established trees are being removed?

Apart from that everything looks good at this stage (seems everything was addressed in pre-lodgement meeting). I have sent notification letters to neighbouring land holders and a submission period will run between the 6<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> of January. Provided there are no submissions received, everything should be finalised shortly after that date.

Any questions in the meantime please get in touch.

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I have responded and advised that no trees will be removed.

If anyone would like to help manage sourcing and negotiating the purchase, uplift and delivery of 2x40 foot containers we would very much appreciate that help! We will need to await the funding arriving in our bank account (expected at the end of January) and the approval of the DA by Council (possibly around the same time), but **NOW** is the time for the sourcing and negotiating to take place – any volunteers???

## **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](http://www.feralscan.org.au/mynascan/pagecontent.aspx?page=myna_aboutmynascan)

Or contact Ross Webster at [rosswebster@westnet.com.au](mailto: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.



## Reg works up a sweat!!



For those of you who weren't there to see it, we were treated to a real excitement at the Shed on Saturday (yesterday). Reg came along and whipped Roger into action, coercing him into finishing the first of two garden chairs for Reg. It was a very testing and effort-full effort for Reg (judging by the amount of perspiration that was produced! – although Roger seemed to be doing most of the work).

This will all happen again when Reg returns soon to get Roger to do the second one. I am selling tickets to this event – see me and I'll get you a ring side seat – but you'll need to be fast – tickets are going like Rob Cameron's hotcakes - and you don't want to have to get your tickets from a scalper!

## Tuesday morning Exercise Classes – 11am to noon



You, too, can do stressful and concentrate on balance and core strength.

stuff like this (and look this good while doing it!) The exercises are not

Classes **recommence on Tuesday 14 January 2014** when you will all be most welcome to come along and join us again. We usually have about a 50/50 men/women contingent. Tell/invite your friends!

The contributions made by members of the Exercise group each week (\$5 per person per session) are being saved in the YVMS Good Deeds Fund for use when we would like to help out, but our normal resources don't cover the extra cost. In recent times this fund would have been helpful for the BlazeAid cooking efforts, to offset some of the BlazeAid boxes costs the Shed absorbed and other good things we do that stretch the budget.

## Membership News

- Membership is currently at 91 with the arrival of two new members Chris Brown and his son, Joey. A very warm welcome to Chris and Joey!!
- I have heard a rumour that one of our blokes (Michael Hawkins) has moved to Cessnock – why would anyone go to Cessnock??!! So he could be lost to us. We hope he is smart and seeks out the local Cessnock Shed before he goes mad from withdrawal symptoms.
- The YVMS website now has a Membership Application form that can be downloaded and printed should someone ask you the question.

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

## *Wanted!*

Does any member (or someone you know) have an unwanted **table tennis table** hanging about in the garage or rumpus room? It seems there are a number of members who are itchy to start a table tennis diversion at the Shed and it would be better to help you out by looking after your table for you than buying a new one and you still have the one you don't want cluttering up your place.

Let me know if we can help you out – and, by letting us take it off your hands, you can help us out!

## *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!



## *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!

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](mailto:richard.rowan@ozemail.com.au).**

## **Don't forget**

**Llewyn Dowling** has set up a yard tidying and rubbish removal business. He will do a great job for you with no fuss. He is very reliable, courteous, efficient and does what he says he will do when he says he will do it. His quotes, too, are realistic and good value. Llewyn holds Police Check clearances. If you need something done, give Llewyn a call on 0498 120 985 – tell your friends too.

## Photos from the Archives



A Challenge for you this time (and sticking with the “first wheels” theme for now).

Who do you think this might be in his first car?

A hint:

His parents had to get him this car when his younger brother arrived and he got very jealous when the new little upstart was getting all the attention.

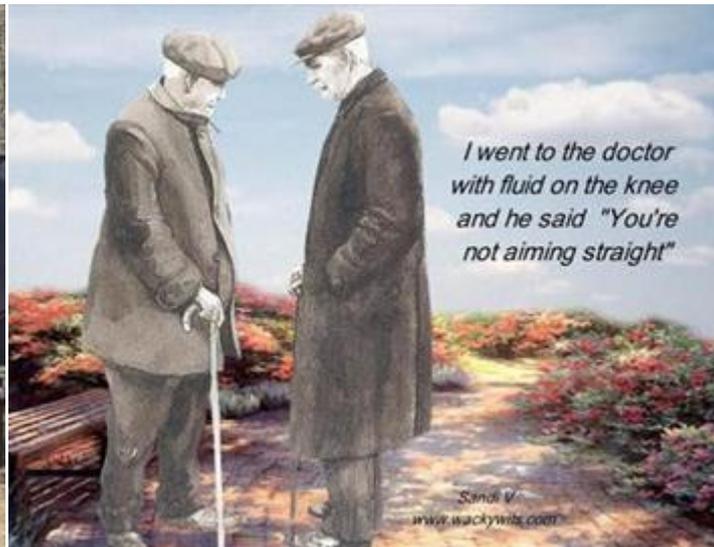
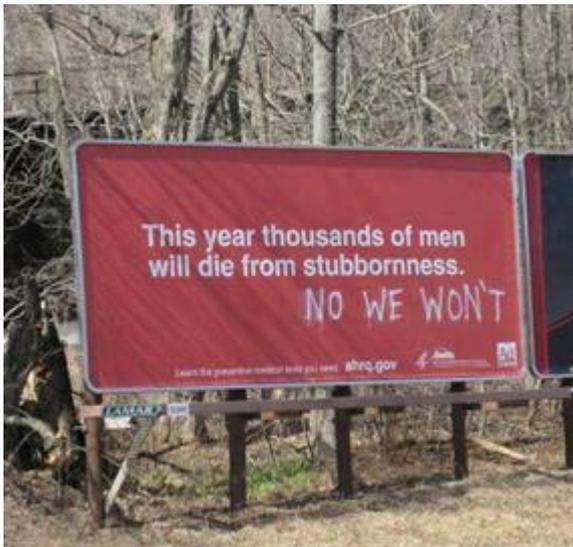
The first neatest and correct entry will win a very special prize.

Entries close in one week.

I have had some good feedback on this little series of “Way back when” photos. Send me some more

(of  **YOU!**) and I'll try to make you look as good as this little bloke! Canadians are welcome to join in (although in their case it will be sleds, snow shoes and skis not wheels)!

## Careful.... !



## Don't forget!

### 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). At last report we have about \$40 in credit awaiting a worthwhile purchase – **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

**18/12: Bob Frank, Don McCann**                      **12/1: Geoff Frost – TODAY!!!**  
**19/12: Ray Hill**    **18/1: Bradley Foxlewin**  
**20/12: Dara Madden**                                   **20/1: Rod Therkelssen**  
**27/12: Russell Hill**                                   **24/1: Bob Small**  
**29/12: Harold O'Brien, Mark Garland**  
**30/12: Paul Heath**  
**6/1: Robert McGregor**  
**11/1: John Backhouse**

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!)

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

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