



THE MEN'S SHED MESSENGER

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Please let me know if you think the list is missing an important sponsor/supporter.

For information on Shed Opening Times, regular events and contacts: please click on this link

<http://yassmensshed.org.au/>

Download a Membership Form if you know someone who would like to join our Shed. Click on this link <http://yassmensshed.org.au/wp-content/uploads/YVMS-Membership-Application-Form.pdf> and print the form for them.

Membership fees (\$25.00) now due

Membership fees come due on 1 July and there is a period of grace until 31 July, after which your membership becomes non-financial. At the time of writing 50 members need to renew their membership (which means we have half our membership already paid up for 2014/15 – many thank yous to those members).

I have written to all members who are yet to renew their memberships to remind you and provide the options on how to pay. If you haven't already had a note from me, you are up to date with your dues!

You have two options:

Cash – drop in and pay at the Shed on any day that we are open – or put your payment in an envelope and drop it in the letter box next to the notice board beside the roller door; or

EFT - The procedure for you to follow if you wish to use the EFT option is as follows:

1. Log on to your bank account and select the “payments” or “transfers” option.
2. Fill in the details of the account into which you wish to transfer these funds:

a. Name of Bank:	Westpac (Yass)
b. Name of account:	YVMS
c. BSB:	032 771
d. A/c No.	148894
e. Amount:	\$25.00
3. Where you are requested to state the purpose of the payment (so we know what the payment is for and who it is from) can you provide information in the following format please: “W Smith Subs”. Substitute your name for “W Smith”.
4. Finally (and most important) can you then send an email to me advising that you have made the transfer. I will then issue a receipt which will be placed under your name tag on the board at the Shed. Please send that email to the Secretary address (secretary@yassmensshed.org.au).

Let's see if we can keep our membership at or around the iconic 100 members point going into the new membership year – and then build on it some more!!

Calendar of upcoming events at the Shed (or elsewhere)

Proposed visit by some members of the Tumut Shed – some time in July

We have received a communication from one of the movers and shakers at the Tumut Men's Shed.

The Tumut Shed is in its early establishment and set-up stages and we have provided them with some of our policies and procedures to help them to not have to reinvent any wheels unnecessarily. At the time of providing that information, we also extended to the Tumut Shed members an open invitation to come to our Shed when it suited them for a bit of socialising and exchange of ideas etc.

It seems that the Tumut members are now keen to take up that invitation – probably in the next month or so.

I will keep you informed and if we can organise it, I think we might need to roll Richard Rowan out with his Chef's hat on **AND IN HIS NEW KITCHEN(!)** so they go home really envious of us.

Garage Sale at the Shed – next Saturday 19 July – 9am – until the Shed closes in the afternoon.

Notwithstanding our very successful Car Boot Sale recently, we still have a lot of things in the YVCC and also in the Shed that we need to move on.

It has been proposed that we hold a “Garage Sale” at the Shed on Saturday July 19 to move on as much of that stuff as possible.

We need to clear out our things in the YVCC as it will soon open for business as the new northside Yass Valley Community Centre (if progress by Council on the refurbishment is anything to go by).

The idea is

- We move all the stuff for sale to the front (long) room of the YVCC (providing Council is not in there doing refurbishment of that space);
- open at 9am and run all day. The Shed is open normally from noon anyway, so manning the event should not be too much of a challenge; and
- anything left at the end of the day we take to the tip or give free to a good home.

The only organising required will be:

- Sorting through what we can put in the sale
- Promoting the sale (a note in the Trib and perhaps a couple of flyers around town); and
- A couple of volunteers to open at 9am and sit with the sale until noon – at which time the afternoon shift would kick in

We have a couple of volunteers for the morning shift so we can get on and organise. Please let me know if you can help – extras are always helpful.

News Review

David Hale – the passing of an “original”



Vale, David Hale

One of our “originals” David Hale (whose membership number was 003), passed away on Tuesday 1 July.

David was one of those quiet achievers whose worth is never discovered or fully appreciated, even after they have gone.

David was fully engaged in the Shed from Day 1 – he was active in the early set up, planning, implementation and policy development.

He also was the person who invited the Yass Friendship Group to visit the Shed on a regular basis. He was very active in the town promoting and supporting Council initiatives to improve access and facilities for disabled people.

He did a lot of early work on the development of the Shed’s input to get the YVCC established and planned the work the Shed could do to ensure that happened.

In recent times, David has been very ill and in and out of hospital. We will miss him a great deal!

I am pleased to be able to report that 5 Shed members attended David's funeral on Friday – many thanks to those members!

In recognition of the great work David did in the early years for the Shed and his dedicated efforts on behalf of disabled people in Yass, The Committee has sent the following submission for the consideration of Council at its next meeting:



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SUBMISSION TO YASS VALLEY COUNCIL BY THE YASS VALLEY MEN'S SHED

Suggested name for the new Yass Valley Community Centre

Proposal:

It is respectfully proposed by the Yass Valley Men's Shed Committee and Members that the Council consider naming the proposed Community Centre the "David Hale Yass Community Centre"

Background and support for the proposal:

David Hale passed away on Tuesday 1 July in Calvary Hospital in Canberra after a long struggle with Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson's Disease.

David was well known in Yass for his commitment to the Community, especially to the disabled sections of the local community. He was involved with and a long time supporter, advocate and helper of Andalini and VALMAR and other related organisations. One such was the Technical Aid to the Disabled charity in which capacity he is known to have been personally involved in making and providing aids to help people stay in their homes or to help them with tasks that would otherwise have been beyond them. He was also a prime mover and active worker in developing gardens for Andalini/VALMAR clients.

He served on a number of Council Committees and in particular on the Community Access Advisory Committee (formerly the Community Access and Safety Committee) where he was a strong advocate for the improvement of facilities (paths and access points) for people using mobility scooters and wheelchairs.

David was an active member of the Home Living Support Committee in which he was a strong advocate for services for community members with disabilities.

David was an inaugural member of the Yass Valley Men's Shed (he is the third member registered on the Membership Register joining on the day of establishment in April 2008) and was responsible for inviting the Yass Friendship Group to the Shed for regular visits which benefit both the Shed and Friendship Group members greatly. He was also largely responsible for organising the regular Tuesday morning sessions at the Shed that sees some 8 VALMAR clients come to the Shed to develop skills, socialise and enjoy time with caring and supportive men in the community.

David was a prime mover in the formal proposal put to Council by the Men's Shed in August 2010 recommending that the former BP Roadhouse be developed (with Shed support and assistance) as a Community Centre to fill the gap between large centres (like the Memorial Hall) and smaller venues. Shortly after submitting this proposal, Council decided to develop a community centre in that building.

David developed detailed lists submitted to Council and used by the Shed to map out what was needed, who would be responsible and proposed timings and sequence of the various tasks.

He also provided information from the Australian Standards Association that the Shed used in constructing (with his oversight) the wheelchair access ramp at the proposed community centre that has allowed it to be used by people using mobility scooters and wheelchairs pending the centre's formal opening. He also proposed, advised on and directed the painting of visual safety/support aids on the steps at the front of the Centre.

When Council decided to go ahead with developing the Centre, David was one of the two inaugural members of the S.355 Management Committee (now known as the Yass Community Centre Management Committee) set up to manage the proposal and the development of the Centre. He only withdrew from that Committee when his health deteriorated to the extent that he felt he could no longer adequately and effectively contribute.

Conclusion and Recommendation:

The Yass Valley Men's Shed considers that David Hale has contributed quietly and valuably to the Yass Valley Community over a number of years and in very effective ways.

It is appropriate to recognise such service when an opportunity presents, and it is the view of the Yass Valley Men's Shed Committee and Membership that naming a Community Centre to recognise and celebrate a contributor such as David, will provide a suitable recognition of the community work that he did and perhaps, serve as a signal to the Yass Valley Community, that Council is prepared to honour the memory of its outstanding contributing citizens in a meaningful way.

Accordingly, it is proposed that the Centre be known as "The David Hale Yass Community Centre" when it is formally commissioned and opened for use by the community.

Submitted for the Consideration of Council at its next available meeting.

For and on behalf of the Committee and Members of the Yass Valley Men's Shed

David Staines
President

Wayne Stuart
Secretary

7 July 2014

Before we finalised and submitted the proposal, we contacted Deb Pfitzner to make sure that we were doing something of which David would have approved.

Enhance our equipment holdings?

We have been offered an industrial sewing machine and an industrial overlocker. I m not sure of the likely cost.

Is there any interest in us acquiring these machines for the Shed – a number of uses (especially by members who might have home projects that would become very easy if these machines were available come to mind – canvas

blind replacement repair, horse rug repairs etc). We could also make them available for community use (for a small donation).

Let me know if you think it would be good to have this kind of capability at the Shed and we can progress negotiations.

YVCC Update

Progress continues:

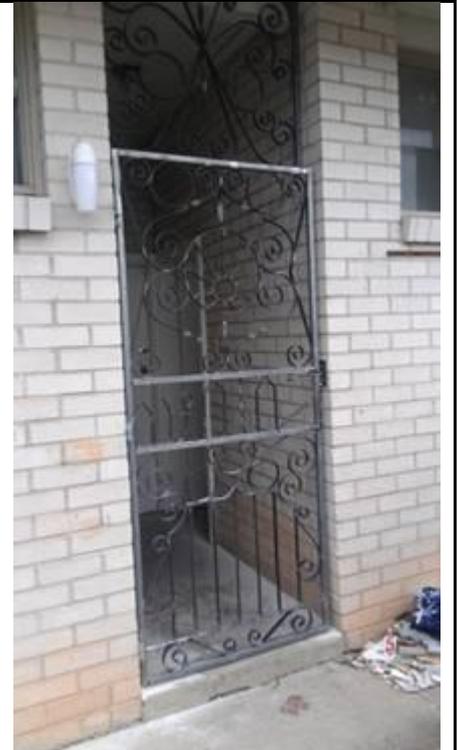
As you can see, Al Phemister, Roger and Len with assistance (and a fair amount of commentary, suggestions and good advice from some others), have fitted the security gate at the back of the YVCC to provide security for users of the ladies loo → – once the loos are operational. We understand that the gate will be locked using a heavy duty padlock that will be keyed alike with other keys used in the YVCC.

The ladies will be able to access the loos from inside the building.

This new gate will also provide security from break in and this was the way the thieves entered the building to steal our exercise equipment back in 2010.

The gate is a great example of the creativeness, skill, artistic flair and output that is possible using our metal bending equipment and, perhaps, it might lead to an occasional commission.

We will now await plaudits from Council and others who think such displays of artistic merit should be much more prominent and be part of Yass'



Tuesday Exercise Classes



We now have 2 classes on Tuesdays (until further notice):

- **11am to noon; and**
- **2-3pm**



The classes are not onerous or difficult. They are designed to improve core strength and balance and if you ask any of the current people who attend, I think you will find that they all report they feel much better for going to the class.

The cost is \$5 per session.

It is also important to know that **these classes are not just for Shed members or just for men**. At present we probably have a 50/50 representation of both men and women come to the classes. Tell and invite your friends – they will all be made welcome!

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 either in the Shed or in the Community, but our normal resources don't cover the extra cost.

Membership News

- Membership is currently in a state of flux as many of you have renewed your memberships, but others haven't. With resignations and movings away that I have been advised of, our current financial membership has dropped to 97. Memberships remain current until the end of July at which point they become unfinancial and numbers could drop. At this stage, we still have some 36 members who have not renewed their memberships. You can do it online – see the specific item above.
- Peter Bernasconi is currently recovering from a serious operation on his Aorta which developed a 2cm tear last week. He is currently in Royal North Shore Hospital and hopes to be returning to the Yass Hospital when his condition is stabilised and he is deemed safe to travel. If anyone knows Dr Gary Jones (the emergency doctor at Yass Hospital), give him a big pat on the back when next you see him. He diagnosed the exact situation with Peter and immediately put in train all the right activity to ensure Peter has survived. I will let you know when Peter is back in Yass and when he will be "receiving".
- Clarrie Schlunke lost his wife, Jann, this last week. We all send you our most sincere condolences, Clarrie.

Kitchen transformation

The OLD is out and the NEW is in!

As from Tuesday, the current kitchen – see photo → - will be no more. You might want to cut out this photo and paste it in your Album of Shed Memories if you are the sensitive type.

Joe Morrissey and a band of willing workers will, we hope, undertake a two day effort to remove the current hotch-potch and replace it with a 1970's State of the Art kitchen.



If you can help with the **Challenge** please let Joe know so he can plan the work. Contact him on Ph: 0412 258 300 or by email: joe.morrissey49@gmail.com.

Live clean, be rewarded!!

Jack wakes up with a huge hangover after attending his company's Christmas Party. Jack is not normally a drinker, but the drinks didn't taste like alcohol at all. He can't even remember how he got home from the party.

As bad as he was feeling, he wondered if he did something wrong. Jack has to force himself to open his eyes, and the first thing he sees is a couple of aspirins next to a glass of water on the side table and, next to them, a single red rose!

Jack sits up and sees his clothing in front of him, all clean and pressed.

He looks around the room and sees that it is in perfect order, spotlessly clean. He takes the aspirins, and cringes when he sees a huge black eye staring back at him in the bathroom mirror. Then he notices a note hanging on the corner of the mirror written in red with little hearts on it and a kiss mark from his wife in lipstick:

"Darling, breakfast is on the stove, I left early to get groceries to make you your favourite dinner tonight. I love you, darling. Love, Jillian"

He stumbles to the kitchen and sure enough, there is hot breakfast, steaming hot coffee and the morning newspaper.

His 16 year old son is also at the table, eating.

Jack asks, "Son... What happened last night?"

"Well, you came home after 3 a.m., pissed out of your mind, you fell over the coffee table and broke it, and then you puked in the hallway, and got that black eye when you ran into the door. All in all, one hell of a performance Dad."

Confused, he asked his son, "So, why is everything in such perfect order and so clean?"

I have a rose, and breakfast is on the table waiting for me??"

His son replies, "Oh THAT... Mum dragged you to the bedroom, and when she tried to take your trousers off, you screamed.... "Leave me alone, I'm married!!"

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). Think about it and help us out – please. **It IS worth it.**

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

5/7: Richard Saxby, David Vilanti, Richard Rowan

7/7: Colin Statham, Edgar Mongan

11/7: John McClung

17/7: Merv Wright

18/7: Stan Walsh and Mark Ritchard

25/7: Jack Phemister

27/7: Charlie Royall

28/7: John Woodin (gone but not forgotten)

29/7: Cameron Madden

4/8: Reg Moebus

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!)

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