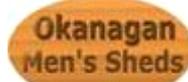




# THE MEN'S SHED MESSENGER

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## The Yass Valley Men's Shed is very grateful for the generous support of the following entities:

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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.

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

### Upcoming Shed Seminar – Thursday 5 November 11am

Vice President Richard Rowan has organised a Seminar that many members and community members might find very worthwhile and informative – many thanks Richard.

The details are:

**Presenter** : NSW Fair Trading

**When**: 5 November, immediately following our usual First Wednesday Morning Tea celebrations. The Fair Trading people will be invited to attend the morning tea (kicks off at 10am)

**Where**: Yass Valley Community Centre (next to the Men's Shed)

**Topic**: the presenter(s) will cover, among other things:

- ✓ Your shopping rights,
- ✓ consumer guarantees,
- ✓ repairs etc;
- ✓ product safety;
- ✓ motor vehicles;
- ✓ home renovations;
- ✓ retirement villages;
- ✓ lodging complaints...etc

In case you are wondering why we have changed the day and time (Seminars are usually held on Thursday evenings at 7pm), we were unable to get NSW Fair Trading to come at that time.

There will be publicity and posters around town in the next couple of weeks.

Mention this to your friends and let's see if we can get very good turnout for this one!

### Return visit to the Tumut Men's Shed

We are expecting negotiations to start soon on agreeing a mutually acceptable day/date and time for our Shed members who would like the opportunity to travel to Tumut for a BBQ and look at their (relatively new) facility and operations.

I will get news of the likely date to you as soon as possible so you can reserve the day in your busy diaries and organise a car or cars for the visit.

### Shed open day and garage sale

Mark the day: **Saturday 22 November**.

That is the day that the YVCC will be officially opened and Council is planning a BIG day. There is more info on the YVCC below.

The Committee has decided to take advantage of this (we are open anyway on Saturdays) and we will make our Shed available to interested visitors for a visit and also all members are invited to bring any "garage sale" items along to

sell. We will not have a large Shed only site, but members are urged to bring a car boot or trailer and sell from your own space. To help us with funding etc, we will charge a small one off price for your site and the rest of your takings are yours. Members should also feel free to invite family members to take a space as well if interested.

We are not putting on a Car Boot/Trailer Sale for the wider community (too much mucking about with Development Applications, cost etc and too much work for too few people) – this is for Shed members and close family etc.

As we get closer to the day there will be more info and we may need to take bookings if space looks like being an issue on the day.

## **News Review**

### **Bendigo Bank Donation!**

Dara has struck again!!

Bendigo Bank in Boorowa has granted us the princely sum of \$3,174 for the purposes of us setting up a community computer familiarisation and training facility for people in Yass who might like to have one on one lessons. The plan is to set up a computer room in the YVCC with a couple or 3 computers (already donated by Rob Barker) and to demonstrate to interested people how to surf the net, email or SKYPE friends and family, do on line shopping and banking etc.

David Staines, Dara Madden, Richard Rowan and Wayne Stuart will be travelling to Boorowa this coming Wednesday evening to accept the donation (along with a number of other recipients of Bendigo Bank's community support program).

Many thanks and much congrats to Dara for once again expanding our horizons at the Shed!

We have already started to set up the little office at the front of the YVCC to use as the Community Computer training centre. If anyone has a couple of 6 or 8 foot curtains that we can hang in the front windows to hide the computers from nosey parkers, they would be much appreciated! Please contact me (0419 292 022) or just bring them to the Shed.

### **Community Greenhouse(s) at the Community Centre?**

We have heard that Transgrid is wanting to dispose of some major hot/greenhouses on their site. We understand that there might be a greenhouse made from polypipe with plastic sheet coverings, watering systems controlled by computer and a number of tanks, racking and similar things. These facilities have been used by Greening Australia, Landcare and others.

There has been some frantic activity behind the scenes to see if a coalition of interested groups cannot be cobbled together to see if this terrific asset cannot be saved from the wreckers and moved onto the site behind the Community Centre and the Men's Shed. Groups such as the Yass Garden Club, Yass Community Garden/Yass Organic Growers, Landcare and others have all expressed interest and Sandy Crisp also has a plan for the beautification of Comur Street which will also fit well with such a facility.

A project of this size is not within the current planning or core business of the Shed, but we are very keen to see it progress and to support it if we can. We do have a plan to build some above ground gardens and a small greenhouse for use by both interested Shed members and members of the Friendship Group who will be making the YVCC their Headquarters' as soon as the centre is opened – so this proposal could play neatly into that planning should it come to pass. Mark Bosma (who also is a member of Landcare, has offered to represent the Shed in any way he can consistent with other calls on his time – many thanks Boz.

At this stage, the feeling is that it being a community project, the Council should be the main player (it is also their land we are talking of) and interested bodies could be brought together in a S.355 type operation to help advise and drive the issue (much like has occurred with the development of the Yass Valley Community Centre).

Watch this space for further news on this exciting development.

## **Workshop Refresher and tool accreditation sessions**

**From:** Roger Holgate [<mailto:roger42@dodo.com.au>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 23 September 2014 5:42 PM

**To:** Wayne S

**Subject:** Workshop orientation refresher

Wayne,

As I mentioned earlier in the winter I think that we should run another workshop refresher session or sessions.

I have preparation under way and would like to do something fairly soon, say a couple of sessions, one late October on a Thursday and another early November on a Saturday.

We have so many things happening hence the suggested times.

Maybe it would be good to pre warn members through the "Gas Bottle", sorry I mean "The Messenger" and we could work out exact dates in a couple of week time after I hopefully know our personal plans.

Cheers,

R. [aka Roger Holgate, Workshop Manager. I will provide dates and times when we work them out. Editor]

## **YVCC up and Running!!**



Here is a note received from Yass Valley Council this week:

**From:** Tony Stevens [<mailto:Tony.Stevens@yass.nsw.gov.au>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 30 September 2014 4:28 PM

**Subject:** RE:Yass Coommunity Centre

Good afternoon,

## **IT IS NOW OFFICIAL - Final occupation Certificate No 13. 2011. 240. 1** **Community Facility with associated Office Space for Community Groups .**

This means that we can use the whole building (the New Yass Valley Community Centre) for Community activities including the upstairs area.

Plans are underway for the official opening on Saturday 22 November and there will be a press release in the new few days to advise the community on future bookings and advising interested that the facility can now be booked

through Council.

At this stage the Community Centre will be used as follows:

- Tuesdays 11am to noon and 2-3pm for Men's Shed Community Exercise Group (In David Hale room)
- Wednesday 10 – 3.00 pm HLSS Friendship Group (Both meeting areas down stairs)
- Thursdays 10.30 – 12 Noon U3A History Group (In David Hale room)
- Thursdays 12.30 – 3.00 U3A Arts Group (In David Hale room)
- Thursdays 12.30 – 3.30 Yass Sowing Group (Front meeting room adjacent to David Hale Room)
- 1st Thursday of Month 6.00 - ? Yass Photography Club - Utilizing the back room allocated to photography club's use.

Also discussing with other groups about more night bookings for club meetings.

There are also a number of other uses who will move from the Goodradigbee centre and conduct their meeting in the community Centre (4 Groups that I know of so far will move to the Community Centre in the next few weeks).

After discussion with a couple of groups interested in using the front meeting room rather than the David Hale room –and it has been suggested that we do not put in a petition to divide the room as it can be put to better use as one large area, the groups suggested that we put new floor coverings and an air conditioner in this area as it would be utilized separately without conflict to the David hale room as there is a separate entrances to both rooms.

At this stage I am pricing floor coverings and an reverse cycle air conditioner for this area and will advise further when I have sourced quotes.

Will Shelley has a press release going out this week about the facility and the official opening, will forward to committee when available. Regards

Tony

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## **Remember the Cooma Cottage Fence Project??**

A couple of years ago, Rick Williams, a member of the Shed and the Manager of Cooma Cottage on behalf of the National Trust, asked us if we could undertake the complete rebuild of the fences at Cooma Cottage consistent with the originals. We didn't get the gig.

This is how they have turned out relying on Cooma Cottage volunteers:



Pretty good!! I think we might have been challenged do as good a job as this! Well done Rick and friends!

If you are at a loose end in the next couple of weeks, you could do worse than motor out to Cooma Cottage to visit the YassArts' "Sculpture in the Paddock" event and while you are there have a good look at these fences so you, too, can congratulate Rick and his mates.. If you are keen on a bit of culture, here is the website

<http://sculptureinthepaddock.com.au/> (there is a great little video of what was on display last year). This year is also as good! Have a look at the website and the video and then go to Cooma Cottage

## **Shed taxi service – ready to roll!**



**So far we have a basic service ready to start operations as follows:**

**Our Shed Taxi coordinator** is Richard Maxwell (well done, Richard!) you can contact Richard on his mobile: 0416 022 416 or by Email: [cherex@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cherex@bigpond.net.au) to book your taxi for a time and place that suits you (remember this only works when the Shed is open for normal activity (Tuesdays 9am to noon, Thursdays 2-4.30pm and Saturdays noon to 4pm – AND the First Wednesday of each month (10am to 11.30 when we have a morning tea and not workshop noise!)

**Taxi drivers:** Chris Brown in the Rossi Street (West) area and en route to and from the Shed from there on Saturdays. Also Richard Rowan (Tuesdays) and Wayne Stuart.

This is a great idea – don't leave it to others – be an active part of helping mates enjoy the Shed! Let me know if you can volunteer.

If anyone needs a ride to and/or from the Shed all you have to do is contact one of these drivers.

## **YVCC NEWS**

### **New Shed Service**

The "artiste" who crafted *The David Hale Room* sign now hanging proudly in the YVCC has offered to do it for anyone else who wants a personalised sign made for any purpose (*Property* or *House* naming, *DOG Kennel* name, "Keep out of my room" etc)

### **All proceeds will go to the Shed.**

Arrangements are:

- You find/supply the piece of timber you want to use – minimum sizes will need to apply as the router bit will not do very small work;
- You finish it (paint, stain, polish etc);
- Price: \$50 for signs having less than 10 letters and \$5 per letter for signs having more than 10 letters (you will pay heaps more than this if you can actually find anyone to do it for you!).

Contact me and I will put you in touch.

## **Tuesday Exercise Classes**



**Class time: 2-3pm until further notice**

The classes are not onerous or difficult. They are designed to improve core strength and balance and the cost is \$5 per session.



**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!

See you in *The David Hale Room*

**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 has now climbed back to 93 financial members. Two new members, Nicholas Londey and Noel Linbury. Welcome to both of these new and valuable members!

And there is more good news. Peter Bernasconi graced us with his presence at the Shed yesterday. It is great to see you back in the midst of it all again Peter.

## **Men's Shed Life Skills - Lesson # 932...**

### **Nothing to worry about next time you fly QANTAS**

After every flight, pilots fill out a form called a gripe sheet, which conveys to the mechanics problems encountered with the aircraft during the flight that need repair or correction.

The engineers read and correct the problem, and then respond in writing on the lower half of the form what remedial action was taken, and the pilot reviews the gripe sheets before the next flight.

Here are some actual logged maintenance complaints and problems as submitted by Qantas pilots and the solution recorded by maintenance engineers.

(P = The problem logged by the pilot)

(S = The solution and action taken by the engineers)

P: Left inside main tyre almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tyre.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud.

S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

S: That's what they're there for.

P: IFF inoperative.

S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.

S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.

S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.

S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.

S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.

S: Cat installed.

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget.

## 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 – help me out

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

**17/9: Duncan Waugh**

**22/9: Rick Jackson**

**26/9: Garry Flaherty**

**29/9: Chris Brown**

**4/10: Ian Lumsden**

**12/10: Norm Leaney**

**18/10: Daniel Anderson**

**21/10: Mark (Boz) Bosma**

**22/10: Dennis Wicklander, Luke Laundess**

**23/10: Al Phemister**

**24/10: Wayne Stuart**

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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