



# 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.

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

### Shed Seminar – Thursday 5 November 11am



Contact: [secretary@yassmensshed.org.au](mailto:secretary@yassmensshed.org.au) or 0419 292 022

#### Presented by the Yass Valley Men's Shed & NSW Office of Fair Trading

*The David Hale Room* in the Yass Valley Community Centre (next door to the Shed)

11am Wednesday 5 November 2014

The Seminar will be presented by the NSW Office of Fair Trading and will include provision of information on:

- ✓ Your shopping rights, refunds, consumer guarantees, repairs etc
- ✓ Scams,
- ✓ Travelling conmen;
- ✓ product safety – buying safe products (including children's toys);
- ✓ motor vehicles – purchase and repairs;
- ✓ money management and financial literacy;
- ✓ home building and renovations;
- ✓ retirement villages;
- ✓ funerals;
- ✓ renting – the real costs. Rights and responsibilities as tenants;
- ✓ resolving issues and lodging complaints...etc

All members of the Yass Community are warmly invited to attend.

There will be a **morning tea** provided BEFORE the event, starting at 10am

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 have received the note below from the Tumut Shed inviting us to visit them:

G'day Wayne

I was at our Shed this morning and we discussed the proposed visit. Thursday is the best day for us and our president David Wren will be available between now and 20 November inclusive. Pick a Thursday between now and then and let me know when you would like to come over. Looking forward to seeing y'all now.

Ray Lipscombe  
Tumut Men's Shed

So, we have the option to choose a Thursday that suits us. The one with the most votes wins – so if you want to go, let me know and nominate a Thursday (next Thursday is probably a bit soon for them to organise, so the options are: 30/10, 6/11, 13/11 and 20/11.

**Vote early and vote often!**

## **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.

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 Grant**

David Staines, Dara Madden, Richard Rowan and Wayne Stuart were invited to the Boorowa Serviceman’s Club last week to be presented with a cheque for \$3,174 which is a grant for the Shed to develop and implement computer facilities at the Shed and in the YVCC.

There are two parts to this project:

#### **1. Set up a computer facility in the YVCC building for Community access and use, including:**

- 2, 3 or 4 computers set up on tables in the small office room at the front of the YVCC (this space has been approved for this use by Council and the YVCC Management Committee;
  - Any user or trainee brings their own internet access dongle with pre-purchased internet access hours/capacity for use when they are online;
  - They will pay a very small fee (eg \$2 per session for consumables paper, printer ink etc);
- The individual computers will be set up with appropriate software and systems (including internet, email, SKYPE and similar options – if individual users wish to use other systems or communications options like facebook or similar, they will make their own arrangements).



President David Staines accepting the cheque

## **2. Set up a free standing computer system at the Shed to hold and manage the Shed computer records and documents.**

Transfer all of the Shed information held on the Secretary's computer at his home which is not satisfactory.



The Chair of the Bendigo Bank Board at the presentation night

This proposal will include:

- a secure system at the Shed (in the Shed building) that will be separate from the Community Computer project;
- the ability for the system to be accessed by relevant and authorised members of the Committee or the wider membership (eg the Public Officer, the Workshop Manager, the Grants Coordinator etc) as needed and agreed by the Committee;

Clearly, if other needs emerge they will be addressed as discussions and planning progresses.

The Shed's IT guru, Blake Swadling is on this task and will provide a quote and plan in the near future.

## **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.

No further news on this initiative so far.

## **Miller's Pharmacy**

Peter Miller from Miller's Pharmacy has approached the Shed to see if his business might be able to assist the Shed in its activities and aims. Peter visited the Shed last week and we discussed a number of things including how his team might be able to assist with our Seminar program or even provide more focussed smaller group health information events for members and the wider community. Peter has promised to consider a number of ideas and will let us know in due course. I will keep you informed.

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

### **Update on plans from Roger Holgate – Workshop Manager**

We are planning to have two Workshop Tools Refresher Sessions:

1. Saturday 25th Oct at 1.30pm;
2. Thursday 6th November at 2.30pm.

It will be basically to look at recent purchases, generally go through the equipment for the benefit of newer members and at the same time highlight any little problems which I/we feel that we are experiencing.

Actual accreditation on the larger machinery will be on a one on one basis on request.

Roger is at the Shed pretty much on every day that it is open. However, if you would like to let him know that you wish to be there on a certain day or would like to gain accreditation on a specific machine, you can contact him as follows:

Email: [roger42@dodo.com.au](mailto:roger42@dodo.com.au); or  
Phone: 0428 509 242

## **More good work by our VALMAR members!!**



Here is Kaine Hodgkins, one of our members from VALMAR, with his recently completed shoe rack.

Kaine was very involved with this project and it seems we might have another order for a similar rack.

Louise (one of the VALMAR support workers) can be seen with Kaine in this photograph.

The VALMAR members attend the Shed every Tuesday morning and manage to involve themselves very much in what is happening at the Shed.

They have a particular interest and keenness to learn new skills and to do projects that they can take home with them.

Come along one Tuesday and witness this wonderful activity. You may have a skill or knowledge they would love to learn from you!

## **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.

## **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



**For the next 5 weeks or so the morning class will be in abeyance (quite a number of afternoon people are away, so we will consolidate the groups).**



➤ **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 94 financial members.

## **Men's Shed Life Skills - Lesson # 1,048...**

### **Don't tempt fate**

A 54-year-old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing God she asked "Is my time up?"

God said, "No, you have another 43 years, two months and eight days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair colour and brighten and whiten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it.

After her last operation (having spent an absolute fortune on the various procedures), she was released from the hospital.

While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by an ambulance.

Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "What happened? I thought you said I had another 43 years to live? Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of the ambulance?"

God replied: "I didn't bloody recognise you."

## 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

**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**

**29/10: Warren Dickson, Zac Croker and Ken McNally**

**13/11: Len McGuigan**

**14/11: Bill Dalton, Howard Hollingsworth**

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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*Wayne Stuart*

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