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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)

Important changes for this week:

1. **Shed is closed on Tuesday – Melbourne Cup Day!!**
2. **No Exercise Class on Tuesday – Melbourne Cup Day!!**
3. **First Wednesday Morning Tea (this time in the YVCC) – 10am, to be followed immediately by ↓**

Shed Seminar – Wednesday 5 November 11am



Contact: 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

Thanks to Rob Cameron, we have a number of posters around town and YassFM has also been advertising the Seminar for us.

HOWEVER, for some reason, our request that the Trib run an article on the Seminar and extend an invitation to members of the Yass Valley Community to attend the Seminar and give us some much needed publicity has not worked and the Trib has not advertised the event for us. At this stage the reasons are unclear and time has run out for the Trib to help us.

Accordingly, we seriously need all members to mention this to your friends and actively promote the event on a personal basis – and come to the Seminar yourselves! Let's see if we can get a very good turnout for this one!

It would be good to have an idea of numbers (for catering etc). Can you let me know if you are coming to one or both events please.

Shed open day and garage sale

Mark the day: **Saturday 22 November** commencing at 10am.

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 have a Shed-only site, and 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

Return visit to the Tumut Men's Shed

Quite a number of Shed members and some better halves, travelled together in ~~the Andalini Bus~~ (no, that's wrong, the bus was double booked and we ended up travelling in 4 cars – retraining for the bus organiser has been arranged!) to visit the Tumut Men's Shed last Thursday.

The Tumut members really provided us with a great welcome and also put on a terrific BBQ lunch for all of us.

Their Shed is a great example of using the facilities provided to best advantage and there was much that made our members jealous in the set up they have.

We hope to plan similar outings to other Sheds in our neighbourhood from time to time. It is a great day out and provides a degree of "renewal" of both ideas and approaches to how we can improve. I strongly recommend members taking any such opportunities.

Many thanks also, to the women who came on the trip with us – you all provided us with a much improved ambience, degree of sophistication and kept some of our members under control!

Allow me to point out that Joe (he's Irish, you know!) was wearing a winter outfit for the visit (in 31 degrees of heat!) →





As a “thank you” for their hospitality and friendship, we presented the Tumut Shed with a box of six YVMS Coffee Mugs – good advertising, we thought!

Early Christmas Presents at the Men’s Shed

In an attempt to do something a bit different for Christmas this year, the Committee (with the concurrence of the Tuesday Exercise Group) has decided on two small projects:

1. To provide a small gift to each member of the Shed and the Exercise Group. The gift is a cup with the Men’s Shed logo on it. →

Each Shed and Exercise Group member is entitled to a cup of their own, and we ask you to **make sure to collect your cup next time you come to the Shed or to the Exercise Class.**

2. To jointly host a Christmas Party Lunch at Lien’s Restaurant which will be held early in December (ie before everyone leaves for other places).



The Exercise Group collects \$5 from each exerciser when they attend a class. This collection is paid into a separate account run by the Shed called the Good Deeds Fund. Principally, the fund’s uses are determined by consensus by the members of the Exercise Group.

On behalf of the Shed Committee and the Shed Members, I would like to personally thank the members of the Exercise Group for this generous gesture and I hope many, if not all, of the Exercise Group will join with the Shed members for that Christmas Party meal at Lien’s when we organise it. More, soon....

Bendigo Bank (update)

Treasurer Rob Cameron has now finalised the transfer of our bank accounts to the Bendigo Bank in Boorowa following the very generous grant we received from them recently. We have been banking with WESTPAC for 6 years with no such recognition or support (in spite of seeking assistance). I will provide an update on progress with the Community Computer project, which will be funded by that grant, as soon as we have progress to report.

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 greenhouse made from poly pipe 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.

The latest update I have had is that the timing for this exercise seems to have relaxed a little – it CERTAINLY HAS NOT gone away! According to my informant, the greenhouses will be disassembled by TransGrid in about February next year and transported to the back of YVCC. The who and how of putting them up again has not been decided at this point.

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.

Okanagan Men's Shed (Canada)

Here is a copy of a letter written by the Mayor of Kelowna (the city in which our brother Shed (the Okanagan Men's Shed) lives in Canada. He is thanking Katrina for her help in seeking his assistance on behalf of the Canadian Shed.

We thank you too, Katrina!



Workshop Refresher and tool accreditation sessions

Update on plans from Roger Holgate – Workshop Manager

Last Saturday Roger Holgate conducted the first of his planned Workshop Tools Refresher Sessions. It was well attended and I have had reports that it was very useful and comprehensive.

Roger is planning a second refresher course to be held on:

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; or

Phone: 0428 509 242

Container precinct weather proofed



← Here is Ruben Larzabal (note his shovel!!), attacking the 7 cubic metres of road base very kindly donated by Robertson Landscape Supplies on the intervention of our Patron and great supporter, Mayor Rowena Abbey. Many thanks to both Robertsons and Rowena.

If you look at the top of this newsletter and also on the front page of our website, you will note that Robertsons has been added to the list of much appreciated Shed supporters. We have also sent them a formal letter and Certificate of Appreciation.

Many thanks also to the “usual suspects” who used proper sized tools to install edging and also to move those 7 cubic metres of road base, so that the entire area in front of and between the containers is now ready for heavy duty use, will weather proof the space and will improve the safety and versatility of the area.



Classic Yass Weekend – Shed promotion



The Classic Yass weekend is almost/just finished (depending on when you see this Messenger) and from all reports it was another amazing success.

This year, the Car Club invited the Shed to “man” a table in the Memorial Hall so that we could promote the Shed and help anyone who would like to know more about the great asset in the community that the Shed has turned out to be.

To this end, I invited members to volunteer to sit at a table with some handouts and to engage with anyone who might wander by looking for info on our Shed.

Unfortunately, I had no takers at all for this little exercise but did have a number of responses apologising for the particular member’s inability because of other commitments.

Not wanting to let the opportunity pass us by, we have constructed a YVMS PR Board ← on which we have placed a number of posters which show some of the activity and some of the things we have done over the last several years.

I have had no feedback yet, but we left application forms and flyers on the Shed (opening times, contact details etc) so, perhaps we will see the outcome in coming weeks.

Having got this going, it seems a good idea to keep it going, so we might (if members agree) seek approval from Council to place the board permanently in *The David Hale Room* in the Community Centre so it works for us on a longer term basis.

Shed taxi service – waiting for your call!



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 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



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 95 financial members. Our newest member is Ron Badger – welcome Ron!!

Men's Shed morality campaign...



Here is a picture of one of our members, (presumably), interfering with our beloved and highly esteemed, not to mention, innocent, Ferrari Mower.

Some members have complained to me that while they are unmoved by what happens in the privacy of one's home or Shed, it is a bit blatant when such activities occur in full view of the passing populace (you might notice the car on Yass Valley Way about to drive into the nearest ditch!).

Accordingly, an investigation is underway to find this perpetrator (perp) and to provide counselling (Rowan has volunteered this service) and the rights to the perp's story will be tied up before one of the more notorious daily rags "gets the goss" and beats us to the financial rewards.

Never fear, oh highly valued Members, your Committee is on the ball and will leave no tern unstoned in getting to the bottom (boom boom!) of this event, protecting your highly valued sensibilities and selling this story, not to mention a full set of photos, to the highest bidder.

Teaching Maths over the last 70 years

1. Teaching Maths In 1950s

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is $\frac{4}{5}$ of the price. What is his profit?

2. Teaching Maths In 1970s

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is $\frac{4}{5}$ of the price, or \$80. What is his profit?

3. Teaching Maths In 1980s

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is \$80. Did he make a profit? Yes or No

4. Teaching Maths In 1990s

A logger sells a truckload of lumber for \$100. His cost of production is \$80 and his profit is \$20 Your assignment: Underline the number 20.

5. Teaching Maths In 2000s

A logger cuts down a beautiful forest because he is selfish and inconsiderate and cares nothing for the habitat of animals or the preservation of our woodlands.

He does this so he can make a profit of \$20. What do you think of this way of making a living?

Topic for class participation after answering the question: How did the birds and squirrels feel as the logger cut down their homes? (There are no wrong answers, and if you feel like crying, it's ok).

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

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.**

Birthdays around this time

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

15/11: Con Novitski, Chris McHArg

20/11: James Mather

21/11: Leslie Yeaman

24/11: Peter Hercelinskyj, Al Coney

25/11: Geoff Kell

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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