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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 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 (stalls/tables for community groups to show their wares, entertainments, BBQ provided by the Yass Masons etc).

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 to tour.

All members are invited and encouraged 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.

Shed Christmas Lunch



This year the Yass Valley Men’s Shed Committee has decided to hold the Annual Men’s Shed Christmas Food Frolic at **LIEN’S RESTAURANT** in Comur Street.

The booking is for **12.30 for 1pm on Thursday 11 December.**

The menu will be a standard \$9 per head Banquet which will commence to be served at 1pm.

The YVMS Exercise Group which meets on Tuesdays (and who will also attend in great numbers, we hope) has offered to meet \$250 of the cost of this lunch from its Good Deeds Fund which is the result of the \$5 per Session per person contribution. The Shed will pick up the remainder of the cost (although we will have a donation bucket in the room in case you feel the urge to give the Shed a present).



We hope to have the added benefit of the Hon Katrina Hodgkinson in attendance briefly from 1pm for about half an hour or so. We are hoping that our two Patrons Nic Carmody and Rowena Abbey will also be in attendance to grace us with their presence and to lift the profile and our spirits.



What you have to do:

1. **RSVP to me no later than 1 December** (by email or phone) **booking a seat for yourself and a loved one or friend** (we need to book specific numbers to help with catering and also so we don’t get there and find there are not enough seats because some of us thought it would be OK on the Day) – if you don’t book there will not be a seat for you; and
2. **Show up on the day ready to enjoy a good time!**



At this point we already have 19 bookings!
Lien's is BYO for those of you interested in such things.

News Review

Happenings and activities at or related to the Shed

Barely a day goes by now without something happening that changes the place, improves the facilities or adds to the output and achievements.

- Here is James Demestre → with his latest (now completed) project in which he has resurrected a really very second-hand patio table and rendered it fit for another 30 years of hard work. Well done James! The base was rubbed back and repainted and the top is entirely new. It must also be mentioned that James had the very helpful and effective assistance of Daniel Anderson and Mark Garland on this project.
- John Backhouse arrived at the Shed last Tuesday with his wacker-packer and the road base that had been spread in front of and between the two containers has now been beaten into covering submission. Many thanks, John – this will make the area much more usable and considerably reduce the carriage of mud and debris into both the Shed and the containers during inclement weather (should we ever experience that again).
- We have finally removed all remnants of Shed assets from the Yass Valley Community Centre back to the Shed proper. The YVCC will open to all manner of visitors and groups from 22 November and we were a little concerned that some of our assets (particularly valuable and might not fare too well if we are not there at all times to supervise their use. Accordingly on Tuesday of this week, we witnessed a number of powerful, svelte and pumped members move the pool table back into the front room of the Shed. We can now engage in some serious reminisces and re-enactments of our lost youth and hone our skills for the big pool challenge David Staines is planning when he issues the challenge to the Montessori Pre-school Pool Team. Many thanks to Tony, Ray, Graeme, Roger, Anthony, Bill, Joe and Len for their efforts on that undertaking.
- Andrew Douglas at the Yass Pharmacy has some great 2015 calendars on his counter. They are actually free, but there is also a “donation” box next to the calendars. Any money that is placed in that donation box will be shared between the Men's Shed and another worthy cause in Yass. Get along and pick up a calendar and leave a small (gold coin) donation – it will help the Shed. Support the Yass Pharmacy – they are supporting us! Alternatively, you can leave your small donation in our donation box at the Shed if you prefer. Every little bit helps.
- Yass RSL Sub-Branch call for assistance for ANZAC remembrance events in 2015.



The Shed has been invited to help construct some secure bases for a series of (3 or 4) “Perspex” display cases (2ft x 4ft) in which First World War memorabilia will be displayed in the Memorial Hall for the week before and the week following ANZAC Day in 2015.

The project is a relatively straight forward one and may be particularly of interest to any members who have Service history and would like to have a practical role in the remembrance events. Contact Wayne Stuart for more info.



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.

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....

Community Greenhouse(s) at the Community Centre?

We have heard that Transgrid is to dispose of some major hot/greenhouses on their site. We understand that there might be a 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. I also have it on good authority that Transgrid intend to make a very generous donation to assist with the establishment of those facilities behind the YVCC.

Workshop Refresher and tool accreditation sessions

Roger Holgate's refresher courses were both well attended and were well received.

HOWEVER, we continue to have damage done to our machines and valuable assets – presumably by members who consider themselves to know that they are doing, but clearly do not!

In the last short while, the guides for the blade of the table saw have been quite markedly damaged by someone imposing considerable lateral force on the moving blade. Apart from this doing damage to an expensive piece of equipment, it is potentially dangerous to the user who could be seriously hurt if the saw decides to object to such treatment.

Also the winding mechanism that controls the work support surface of the large pedestal drill was seriously bent out of alignment recently by the operator not releasing the locking mechanism that secures the work surface in place.

Members are reminded that we now have CCTV capability in the Shed and misuse of machinery might very well be recorded on our system. We do not want to be Big Brother – but we have a duty of care to members who might be putting themselves at risk, damaging property that belongs to us all and members will expect the Committee to keep expenditures down by taking any steps necessary to look after our assets.

Roger is always available to demonstrate and explain the workings of all or our valuable equipment and will be pleased to assist you to refine your skills on any piece of machinery that you might wish to use. You can contact him as follows:

Email: roger42@dodo.com.au; or

Phone: 0428 509 242

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

Shed Signage 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



YVCC (next door to the Shed)

➤ **Class time: 2-3pm**



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 have more women than men 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 to 99 financial members. Our newest members are Peter Roberts, Tony Lowe and Frank Grace. Congratulations and welcome to all of you!

Men's Shed morality campaign...#2 – don't interpret too literally

John was in trouble, really big trouble. You see, he forgot his wedding anniversary and, if you're married, you can imagine what he's probably going through. His wife was really pissed.

She told him "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in 6 seconds AND IT BETTER BE THERE!" She was serious too, so John got serious.

The next morning he woke up early and left for work. When his wife woke up, she looked out the window and sure enough there was a box gift-wrapped, right there in the middle of the driveway. Confused, the wife threw her robe on and ran out to the driveway, brought the box back in the house and opened it with much anticipation.

Inside she found a brand new set of bathroom scales. John has been missing since Thursday.

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

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

28/11: Roger Lawrence

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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