



# YVMS MATTERS

(aka "The Messenger")

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YVMS Motto:  
"Minimal bureaucracy  
maximum fun!"

## CO-PATRONS:

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**Urgent Announcement:** Be warned that Roger Holgate is about to start his journey back from FnQ to Yass. Workshop users should make sure the place is spic and span or you will have Roger to deal with!

## SHED COMMITTEE

- President: Dave Staines 0408 340 040
- Vice President: Richard Rowan 0478 598 593
- Treasurer: Ruben Larzabal
- Secretary: Jack Child
- Membership Secretary: Reg Moebus
- Shed IT Manager: Chris Brown
- Policy and Procedures Secretary: Joe Morrissey

## *Editorial – from the Cave*

The Team at Messenger HQ have convinced me (after some serious bullying and threats to my personal safety) to improve the name of our little newsletter. They have impressed upon me that the Shed is important ie, it matters and that the Messenger should contain information and news on matters of importance and interest. So for those two reasons, we will now call the newsletter "YVMS Matters". If you object violently, let me know.

A number of things happen that make me feel this organisation is worth fighting for and worth helping to survive. Members seem to be coming in larger numbers in recent times. Perhaps they, too, see the good things, such as:

- The recent effort by several members to assist Bob Frank when he needed a ramp to be built and installed at his house after his nasty accident. And then Allan Carey hightailing it back to do some necessary adjustments;
- Morning Tea with VALMAR (more below);
- Chris Staines (Dave's much better half) made a terrific Chicken and vegetable soup and sent it to the Shed with Dave recently. It was wonderful and really necessary on a day when the temp managed to get to 6°C. I wonder is the increase in attendances partly due to some of the food on offer and Chris in particular?

## *Shed Membership Renewal time*

I have to advise that anyone who has not paid their dues for the 2015/16 year is now officially unfinancial. At the time of writing, an analysis of the Membership Register shows that at the end of July some 31 members are still to pay.

There are two ways to pay:

**Cash/cheque** given to one of the Committee members or by posting in our letterbox at the Shed; 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, as follows:

- a. Name of Bank: Bendigo Bank (Boorowa)
- b. Name of account: YVMS
- c. BSB: 633-108
- d. A/c No. 1530 73226
- 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" (this is important so we know who has paid!!).

4. Finally (and most important) can you then send an email to Reg Moebus (Membership Secretary - wargeila@bigpond.com or phone him on 0419 018 762) advising that you have made the transfer. He will then issue a receipt which will be placed under your name tag on the board at the Shed.

### *Bendigo Bank funded Community Computer training service*

The Bendigo Bank Grant (with which we engaged Brown and Brown (those well know and most competent IT Gurus) to plan and implement the Shed's IT installation including the Community Computer Training facility now set up in the Community Centre) has now been fully acquitted.

The photos → show the Community Centre installation awaiting its first trainees. I understand that there will be news to impart and announcements to be made on this matter in the very near future.

Already we have 8 names (Shed members as well as community members) on the list for training.

If you, or someone you know, would like to have the mysteries of the internet, the magic of online banking, the ease of email or the thrill of SKYPE communications made easy for you, put your name down on the list (near the sign-in book or on notice boards in the Community Centre) and our trainers will be in touch.

All you have to lose is your commitment to the past.



### *\$10,000 NSW Govt Grant - update*

#### Report on spending of the \$7,000.00 grant money allocated for the Metal Shop.

Following committee approval an order was placed with Hare and Forbes on 20th June for a Metal Lathe, Milling Machine, Drill Press and Wall Mounted Fan (of which you should have all seen pictures) as well as two drill sets in metric and imperial up to 13mm and 1/2" respectively.

The total of this order is just short of \$6,000.00 leaving \$1,000.00+ for accessories which will be required to get the best use of this equipment. We plan to work out these accessory requirements with experienced assistance after the equipment has been installed.

Owing to heavy end of financial year orders a couple of items had to be put on back order with mid August dates for delivery being quoted. However on 20th July I received a phone call from Hare and Forbes to advise that the delivery date for the Milling Machine is now going to be September, the exact date yet to be advised.

We could possibly have the available equipment delivered earlier but it would cost much more in freight costs. I would estimate \$100 +/-.

Roger Holgate.

## \$3,000 Community Garden Project

Less progress here. John Whitely is away at the present and (as far as I know) there has been little if any effort to plan and organise a trip to Wagga to collect the truck mudguards the Wagga Shed President has offered us. I'll provide more info when (and if) I get it. Ed.

## *Upcoming events and plans*

### Social events

**Wednesday 5 August - First Wednesday Morning Tea - 10 to 11.30am.** R2 will be on the job because we are expecting a visit from our Federal MP, Angus Taylor →. Come along and enjoy some Pastry with our Pollie!!.



NB: one of our rules at the Shed is no angst related to religion, politics etc. Accordingly we expect NOT to have political preaching NOR do we want any political attacks on our visitor. This will be a purely social visit during which we hope to inform our Local Member of our existence and to help him get an appreciation of our Shed - no two Sheds are alike.

**Important message:** Chef ☆☆☆R2 + trusty helpers will be in full cry that day. If you want to enjoy his skilful output, you should tell us you will be there. On previous occasions we have had only half the number who actually turn up telling us they will be there - this results in under catering. Less for those who do RSVP and less for those who don't. And, now, a note from the man himself:

- Fellow members, I have placed a blackboard near the name-badge rack at the shed. Chalk is provided. If you wish to attend the morning tea and would like to eat. Please make your mark on the board. This way, I may have some vague idea of the numbers attending the Angus Taylor, morning tea and therefore I can accommodate you with stuff coming out of the kitchen.....R2\*\* (Shed Chef).

If you cannot get to the Shed to make your mark, , and if you do want to come to the big event, please tell me you are coming!

### Shed Training and demonstration opportunities

There is a long list of expertise and training/demonstration opportunities for Shed Members including:

- Lead light glass, wine making, beer making, woodworking, wood turning, sign making, metal work (welding, sculpture), bee keeping, IT training, cooking classes (basic to gourmet), photography, guitar lessons (basic). There is a poster at the Shed giving more info and contact details on all these things.

### **Yass Valley Iconic Views for this edition**



**Jack Child** has been out with his camera and provided some pictures for the "iconic" series in the Messenger. In order the pictures are: Bango Creek Viaduct; Garrett 6029 into Yass Junction; Yass Town Station; Double rainbow over Yass. Many thanks, Jack - I hope you have prompted other members to top your efforts!

## *Life lessons for this month – creative problem solving*

Sister Mary Ann, who worked for a home health agency, was out making her rounds visiting home-bound patients when she ran out of petrol. As luck would have it, a BP servo was just a block away.

She walked to the station to borrow a gas can and buy some petrol. The attendant told her that the only gas can he owned had been loaned out, but she could wait until it was returned. Since Sister Mary Ann was on the way to see a patient, she decided not to wait and walked back to her car.

She looked for something in her car that she could fill with petrol and spotted the bedpan she was taking to the patient. Always resourceful, Sister Mary Ann carried the bedpan to the station, filled it with petrol, and carried the full bedpan back to her car.

As she was pouring the petrol into her tank, two Baptists watched from across the street ... One of them turned to the other and said, "If it starts, I'm turning Catholic.!"

## *Recent activities, announcements, achievements and celebrations*

### **Tall tales but true**



One Shed member (↶ and ↷) clearly doesn't know how to pose for photos, the other ↶ likes to be on a pedestal.

The latter two photos ↷ show Graeme Fountain and Alex Noakes fixing our gas heater. The sparking mechanism had become disconnected - it only took them most of the VALMAR morning tea time to fix it (more for us!)

And here's that first bloke again (this time with his right bits facing the camera) →

He's just made a square thing on one of our wood turning lathes. Clever, no?



### **VALMAR Morning Tea**

Our VALMAR members provided morning tea a couple of Tuesdays ago. This was by way of a "thank you" to those members who provide mentoring and instruction so that some quite interesting projects can be made by the VALMAR boys.

Over the last couple of years we have seen two dolls houses (for family members!), a couple of dog kennels, letter boxes, clothes and boot racks and the list goes on.

The important thing is that while the VALMAR members seem to get a lot from these visits, it is both a great privilege and pleasure for Shed members to be able to interact with these great young men. Long may they continue to come to the Shed!

## Letter from FnQ

### Visit to Townsville Shed

A visit to Townsville shed was interesting.

They operate in a similar manner to us, even up to a computer training section, their premises being council supplied rent free complete with electricity, but they lack the space to be able to do all that they wish, in fact their workshop is rather congested with machinery stored away until they can get the room to set it up. The council would not allow them to put in a requested container but eventually they have been given permission to open up the building thus giving the needed area.

Of interest are some of their conditions imposed by council:- They must remain strictly "not for profit", eg. not allowed to put a charge on any work other than to recover material costs (although donations are gratefully accepted) and not allowed to make and/or sell anything that could in any way be in competition to a local business.

Every shed has someone with a special talent, one that stood out here was a "Kiwi" member who does wood carvings, I saw one of an eel and one of a large fish hook incorporating a small fish which was under construction. Absolutely beautiful work requiring much patience. Here is challenge for our esteemed president who I know has a beautiful set of carving chisels to do just that.

Regards from sunny Townsville,

Roger Holgate.

## *Adverts, Updates and Reminders:*

### Shed taxi service - waiting for your call!

Taxi drivers: Chris Brown in the Rossi Street (West) area and en route to and from the Shed from there on Saturdays. Wayne Stuart pretty much anytime.

If anyone needs a ride to and/or from the Shed you can also contact one of these drivers direct.

### Free to good home:

Hi Wayne,

Could you please include an 'ad' in the next messenger for me?

I have an old Jason recliner / rocker in good condition free to an appreciative home.

Contact John on 62265955 or 0435 089 915.

Thanks

John Backhouse



### 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.

### Membership News

One new member during the last month, Michael Schulze. Welcome Michael - we hope to see you often at the Shed.

Bob Frank is on the mend. He had surgery a week or more ago and has had two pins inserted in his left ankle. He is now in a moon boot and is not allowed to bear weight on that leg for 6 weeks. He is doing well now and the future is looking rosier for him. He enjoys friends visiting - if you get the opportunity go and see Bob.

**Tuesday Exercise Classes 2-3pm** - Len McGuigan (coordinator)



YVCC (next door  
to the Shed)



**Class time: 2-3pm.** The classes are designed to improve core strength and balance and the cost is \$5 per session. Please note, if you have a health problem, you should mention it before you start the program - perhaps consult your doctor or physio?

**Everyone in the Yass Valley is welcome** Tell and invite your friends - it is good for you and for them too!

See you in *The David Hale Room* at the Yass Valley Community Centre.

**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**

**July:**

5/7: Richard Saxby, David Villanti, Richard Rowan  
7/7: Colin Statham, Edgar Mongan  
11/7: John McClung  
17/7: Merv Wright  
18/7: Stn Walsh, Mark Ritchard  
25/7: Jack Phemister  
27/7: Charlie Royall  
28/7: John Woodin  
29/7: Cameron Madden

**August:**

4/8: Reg Moebus  
6/8: Peter Bernasconi, Derrick Mason  
10/8: Alex Tewes  
11/8: John Wolstencroft, John Nash, Michael Poulton  
12/8: Warren Hall  
14/8: Garry Reynolds, Ruben Larzabal  
20/8: Arnold Rigby, Peter Roberts  
22/8: David Todd  
29/8: Tom Kelly, Joey Brown

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!)

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

BarkerHarle (Consulting Engineers), Bendigo Bank (Boorowa), Bunnings (Belconnen), Home Hardware (Yass), IGA (Yass), KidsBlitz, the Lansdowne Foundation, Long Paddock IT Services, Miller's Pharmacy, NSW Coalition Government, NSW Member for Cootamundra, the Hon Katrina Hodgkinson MP, Robertson Landscape Supplies, Southern Cable Services, Steve Bugden Plumbing, Tank's Bakery, Touie Smith Jnr, Yass & District Printing, Yass Fire Brigade, YassFM, Yass Freemasons, Yass Lions Club, Yass Pharmacy, Yass Rotary Club, Yass Valley Council, Yass Valley First Aid Training, Yass Valley Physiotherapy, The Yass Tribune, Woolworths (Yass). 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.

If you want to see previous editions of the Messenger, you can find them all on the YVMS Website at this address (just click on it): <http://yassmensshed.org.au/newsletter-archive> - go back and dig out some YVMS history.

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