



# YVMS MATTERS

(aka "The Messenger")

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YVMS Motto:  
"Minimal bureaucracy  
maximum fun!"

## CO-PATRONS:

COUNCILLOR ROWENA ABBEY, MAYOR OF YASS VALLEY & NIC CARMODY, INAUGURAL PATRON AND FORMER MAYOR OF YASS VALLEY



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## Quote of the week:

Here is the test to find whether your mission on earth is finished: If you're alive, it isn't. Richard Bach

## 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*

It seems to me that the Shed is going quiet lately. When it came time to think about this Messenger, I found there was little to report and not much on the horizon.

Now that I have stepped back from the Committee, I find that unless I am advised of things that are happening, I don't know about them. If anyone has news for the Messenger, please let me know - otherwise it will not survive long - you won't be getting info and I'll be bored and find something else to do.

I did ask the Committee and some others who know stuff for specific responses on a range of issues currently running, but I think they (apart from Roger Holgate who has provided some information) must live in the Black Hole as well. There was a Committee meeting more than a week ago, but I have not had any formal input on this from the President, who called the meeting, ran the Agenda, ran the meeting and has the outcomes.

## *Membership News*

**Shed Membership** numbers are slowly recovering after the annual drop in financial status while members update their memberships. According to my count, it looks like we currently have around 75 financial members (there were 107 on 31 June).

**Brian Millett** and Penny have just celebrated 58 years in harness together. Can you imagine living with Brian for 58 years? I imagine there would be a letter to the Editor on the breakfast table every morning. One other comment: 58 years is almost 6 times the average incarceration time for murder in Australia and almost 58 times the incarceration time for a bloke called Oscar Pissedoffatus for shooting his girlfriend to death - and that was "soft" time done in the prison hospital - not in the prison proper. What, I ask you, was Penny's crime?

**Alex Tewes** is about to hit the Camino trail in Spain again - this time the coastal and scenic route. He did the overland one last year and is, apparently, a slow learner. Anyone for an 800+km walk?? Madness!!

**Dave Staines** (our beloved and fearless Leader) has been kidnapped by aliens, flying-saucered to Goulburn and been subjected to demeaning and invasive multiple orifice investigations. I can say no more - but if you ask, I am sure Dave will give you all the gory details. I hope he is not now pregnant with some weird alien life form.

**Bob Frank** is recovering well. His physiotherapy is working wonders, he has an appointment this coming Wednesday at which it is expected that his moon boot will get the boot and he will now get back to weight bearing on his broken leg. Prospects look good for a total recovery.

**Roger Holgate** is back and in harness again. Call by and have a chat with him.

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

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

I understand that the planned machine acquisitions for the Metal Shop (metal lathe, milling machine and some associated items) are likely to arrive in September.

Accordingly, we need to move on our existing Metal lathe, its stand and accessories. The President has asked me to mention to members that the current lathe is available to the most interested purchaser. We already have an offer of \$600 to purchase it. If anyone has a better offer to make, please place your online bid with Dave Staines at this email address: [president@yassmensshed.org.au](mailto:president@yassmensshed.org.au)

The Auction will close next Sunday (6 September) - make a bid if you are interested.

### \$3,000 Community Garden Project

John Whiteley has volunteered to design (with any interested input) and steer/direct the development and implementation of the proposed garden(s) for our community garden. These gardens will be principally designed to facilitate access and use by members of the Yass Valley Community who might have some kind of movement, or other disabilities. Lynette Baker from Yass Home Living Support is providing some expert assistance and advice so that we do, in fact, develop an appropriate facility for the intended user group(s).



Plans and actions are afoot to obtain a (hopefully) large number of ex-truck mudguards from the Wagga Shed for use in the proposed garden development (if appropriate) and also possibly for a modest fund raising effort to help offset the cost of the development. The photo ↑ shows one of the ways the Wagga Shed has used these mudguards.

I understand that a serious planning meeting will be held at the Shed next Thursday (3 September) at 11am. John Whitely and Lynette Baker will be there and any members who are interested in this most worthwhile project should also come if you can and with a view to having a role in assisting in the delivery of this project.

We will be looking for lots of support in building these gardens when the hardware arrives.

## *Upcoming events and plans*

### **Social events**

**Wednesday 2 September- First Wednesday Morning Tea - 10 to 11.30am.** Back to normal this time - no visitors, so Len and Phil will be cooking for us again. Come along and enjoy a chat, something to nibble and enjoy the <sup>ugh</sup> quiet (no workshop noise). Bring a mate you reckon might benefit from membership or who might just like another option on his Wednesday morning.

### **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.

## Workshop Report

I am just getting back into the feel of things after being absent for 8 weeks enjoying the tropical warmth, so am limited to what I can report on. The first things that I noticed on my return were changes in the metal shop and lights installed over two wood lathes, thanks to all concerned.

Also during my absence a display cabinet has been set up in the Community Centre with a couple of good sales of workshop products reported, good work Peter and any others involved in it's setting up and controlling.

The latest on the arrival of the new metal shop equipment is that we can expect delivery sometime during September. I have been receiving emails which made me think that delivery was near, I then made a phone call last week and received verbal confirmation that September was still the due time with an exact date yet to be confirmed. The problem with delivery was because of huge end of financial year orders and stock quantities.

Hopefully there will be more to report next month. In the mean time any suggestions, questions or requests happily accepted.

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## Life lesson for this month – accept it that marriage is unfair

As I was placing a slab of 2 dozen cans in the supermarket trolley, she told me we couldn't afford beer at \$25.00 a case anymore. Too bad, but I would have to quit drinking.

Then the next day I caught her spending \$65.00 on a tiny bottle of make-up.

I asked her how come I had to give up stuff and she didn't.

She said she needed the make-up to look pretty for me. I told her that wasn't necessary, that's what the beer was for! Besides, my beer was 40 bucks cheaper.

I don't think she's coming back...

## Inspiration

As we get older we sometimes begin to doubt our ability to "make a difference" in the world. It is at these times that our hopes are boosted by the remarkable achievements of other "seniors" who have found the courage to take on challenges that would make many of us wither.

Harold Schlumberg is such a person:

HAROLD SAYS: "I've often been asked, 'What do you do now that you're retired?'"

"Well...I'm fortunate to have a chemical engineering background and one of the things I enjoy most is converting beer, wine and whiskey into urine. It's rewarding, uplifting, satisfying and fulfilling. I do it every day and I really enjoy it." Harold is an inspiration to us all.



## Recent activities, announcements, achievements and celebrations

**Thanks received.** You will recall that after a call for help from a new Yass resident about to arrive from Lismore a couple of weeks ago, Alf Atkin, Noel Lymbery and Wayne Stuart (ie me) helped the lady in question unload her trailer in the rain and the snow one Wednesday. Said lady has now sent us this note:

**From:** Dianne Judd  
**Sent:** Saturday, 29 August 2015 3:44 PM  
**To:** Wayne Stuart  
**Subject:** Re: Welcome to Yass

Hello Wayne,

Hope you are well and enjoying the slightly warmer weather. Just to let you know, I deposited \$150 into the YVMS account on Wednesday and please thank the other gentlemen for me, and thank you for all your kind help.

You'll be pleased to hear that I now have a lovely new combustion heater!

I am going to go back up north in the coming school holidays and my daughter has offered to donate some milled camphor wood that they have from a tree they felled. Are there any of your members who make furniture and would they be interested? I can bring some back with me when I come.

Thanks again, Wayne.

Kind regards,  
Di Judd.

I have responded to Di's kind note, thanked her for the very generous donation and assured her that we have a modest but very excitable group of wood workers who would love to play with some milled camphor wood. I'll let you know when it arrives.

On behalf of Shed Members and our Bank Account, I think Di for her support of the Shed.

Apart from ↑ nobody's telling me anything – apparently nothing is happening, so I can't pass it on – sorry!

### *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.

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

Len tells me that the class size is very healthy and that new members are providing an opportunity for new friendships and interest. Come along and try it for yourself.



**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.

## **Reward Points at Home Hardware - Redouble your efforts please**

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.

It seems that members might be forgetting this good way to help the Shed. Over the last couple of months we have only had small amounts credited to our account - less than \$5.00 - get spending and give us your points!

## **Birthdays around this time**

### 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

### September

5/9: Kevin Mitchell  
14/9: Rob Barker  
17/9: Duncan Waugh  
22/9: Rick Jackson  
24/9: Peter Miller  
26/9: Garry Flaherty  
29/9: Chris 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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