



# MINI MESSENGER

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YVMS Motto:  
"Minimal bureaucracy  
maximum Fun"

## CO-PATRONS

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### Quote for this week

Those who think they have no time for healthy eating will sooner or later have to find time for illness

### Shed Committee

President: Dave Staines 0408 430 040  
 Vice President: Richard Rowan 0478 589 593  
 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

Nobel Prize for Social Studies - Members will be thrilled to learn that the famed "Black Hole" formerly asserted to be alive and well in the YVMS is no more. This has been proven by recent very expensive university studies.

I recently revamped the email system temporarily (pending our IT Manager resolving outstanding issues to get the system operating on the "Shed Cloud") so Committee members and the Workshop Manger can contact all members if necessary.

I sent a test message to all members using this new process asking for a couple of responses to ensure the system works. I have had an amazing response with 43 members confirming they received the message - I even got one response from Tasmania! This is more than half of our financial members who have email access!

The good news is that Shed Management can now be confident that messages are being received by members, read and responded to if appropriate. EUREKA!!

Another way you can help in Yass - There is a Petition going around to get the Council to focus on spending some development money it has to upgrade the Yass Pool or build a year-round heated pool facility for people with health issues. There is a copy of this petition on the Sign in Desk next to the sign in book. Please help by adding your signature. It could help you in 50 or 80 years time when you need it!

### Shed support for Al Phemister – collection campaign wrap-up

I am very pleased to report an excellent response to our attempt to help Al and his family negotiate the tough times they are having since his Shed/Workshop burned down on Friday 2 October taking with it all of his tools and some other important items. For the time being Al is actually without his preferred means of making a living.

Due to the generosity of members we are now able to pass on to Al:

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| • Cash (received both by EFT payments and donations in the collection point in the Shed): | \$1,140.00: and |
| • Equipment: 3 items donated by the Shed one from a member(estimated values shown):       | \$ 440.00       |
| • Total value of Shed donations:  | \$1,580.00      |

Congratulations and many thanks to all who have contributed! The Shed collections are now formally completed.

## Membership Status

Shed membership is climbing back. In recent times we have signed up the following new members Michael Schulze (188), Craig Hill (189), David Coonan (190) and Barry Davis (191). Tim Holmes (013) who originally joined back in July 2008 has returned. Our sincere welcome to all new and returning members. We hope to see you all often at the Shed.

## Upcoming opportunities at the Shed – Mark your Diaries!

- **Chris Brown** will be placing a booking sheet near the sign in book advising when he will be available to conduct computer familiarisation lessons. We already have a list of names of Shed and YV community members who would like to take advantage of this offer. If you want some teaching or techniques - sign up.
- **Tomato growing challenge.** Howard Hollingsworth will deliver baby tomato plants to the Shed **next Tuesday**. Members are invited to take one home, nurture, apply your secret growing science and coddle and then, enter its fruit in a taste test competition in the New Year. Good prizes will be on offer for the best tasting tomato.
- **Paul Reilly** (a financial adviser who comes to the Shed occasionally to advise on the impacts of Federal Budgets on our Pensions and retirement incomes) is planning to come again on **Tuesday 20 October** (ie this coming Tuesday at 9am). It seems that the last Government Budget is about to visit more hardship on older folk from January 2017. If you want to know more and what to do now to head off some of this impact, come along at 9am and see what's what. There is no charge for this info event.
- **Chris Brown** will also be conducting a familiarisation event at the Shed at 2pm on **Saturday 24 October** for Committee members and interested others on the new Shed Google Cloud system.
- We had a visit from **Lindsay from the Salvation Army**, last Tuesday to talk about small no-interest emergency loans for people in need. He will be back on **Tuesday 27 October** at 9am to tell us more.
- **27 October** 1200-1500 First Aid refresh with **Emma Ritchard** at YVCC
- Visit by **Maisie's Choir** - see if you recognise anyone → **Tuesday 3 November**. Please note: for November only First Wednesday Morning Tea is on Tuesday 3 Nov! The Shed will still operate as usual, but go SILENT for the Choir.
- **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November** at 1400 - Special General Meeting - amendment to YVMS constitution, proposed reconfiguration to YVMS committee.
- **YVMS Chrissy Bash:** Liens Restaurant – **Wednesday 9 December at noon**. Members, guests, special personages and members of the YVMS Exercise Group all welcome. Please RSVP to Richard Rowan [richard.rowan@ozemail.com.au](mailto:richard.rowan@ozemail.com.au) so we know numbers. More to come.



## Not all news is bad news

A bloke goes to his doctor feeling a little ill. The doctor checks him over and says, “Sorry, I have some bad news, you have Yellow 48, a deadly virus. It's called Yellow 48 because it turns your blood yellow and you usually only have 48 hours to live. There's no known cure so go home and enjoy your final precious moments with your wife”.

So he trudges home to his wife and breaks the news. Distraught, she asks him to go to the RSL bingo with her that evening as he's never taken her before and it's the one thing she has always wanted to share with him.

They arrive at the bingo and with his first card he gets four corners and wins \$35. Then, with the same card, he gets a line and wins \$320. Then he gets the full house and wins \$5000. Then the National Game comes up and he wins that too getting \$178,000.

The bingo caller gets him up on stage and says, “Son, I've been here 20 years and I've never seen anyone win four corners, a line, the full-house and the national game on the same card. You must be the luckiest bastard on Earth!”

“Lucky?” he screams. **“Lucky?”** I'll have you know I've got Yellow 48”.

“F.....”, cries the bingo caller. “You've won the meat tray raffle as well!!!”