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YVMS CHRISTMAS MINI MESSENGER

Christmas Eve 2016

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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 for meditating upon:



Roses are reddish,
Violets are bluish
If it weren't for Christmas,
We'd all be Jewish
- Benny Hill

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Editorial – from the Cave - Wayne Stuart

Chasps,

A very Happy and wonderful Christmas wish from all the staff (editors, sub editors, investigative journalists, photographers, caption writers, reporters, composers, proof readers, secretaries, cleaners and dog) here at Messenger HQ. We have really enjoyed doing this for you during the year and hope you continue buying our editions in 2017. Be on the lookout for the first one which is due to hit the streets on Wednesday 1 February.

I think we have had a pretty special year in 2016. There have been some pretty amazing improvements in the Shed structure and layout. Very sadly, we lost a few old members, but they were more than replaced by a lot of new and exciting members. I do hope all of the new members we have gained in recent times will feel welcome and free to fully participate. I also hope all members will feel able to make suggestions about good things to do at the Shed and, perhaps, even take a lead in sponsoring, leading and managing new endeavours, projects and events.

The Shed is only as good as members make it - I challenge you all to make 2017 an absolutely brilliant year for YVMS!



WS Editor in Chief



What has happened since the last Messenger?

The Shed has been gifted yet another mower, this time an old motorised reel mower from the early 1950s.



This is what it looks like now ↑

Note the original price was £49/19/6 (= \$99.95) →. Back in 1954 the average weekly wage was £30/10/9 (\$61.75). Today, you would need to save up nearly 1.6 weeks' full wages (before tax) to buy one. In today's values (average weekly wage is \$1,516.00) this mower would cost in the region of \$2,460. It's a good thing you can run it for only one penny ha'penny per week (= 0.8 of 1 cent)!

Examiner (Launceston, Tas.: 1900 - 1954) about: Saturday 20 February 1954

Better than ever!

NEW Model M-53

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The new Model M-53 Ogden Petrol Motor Mower will cut the average lawn for only 1d. per week — with its saving in gardener's time it will pay for itself in next-to-no-time. Weighs only 54 lbs., is powered by the famous 2-stroke British Tor "49" and is guaranteed by Ogden Industries. Obtainable everywhere for cash or easy terms. Only £49/19/6.

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63 Brisbane St., LAUNCESTON, Tas.

The YVMS Christmas Party was held at the golf Club on Thursday 8 December. It was a great night with 49 members and guests in attendance. The food was terrific and the company exceptional.



This is important news - please read it carefully:



***** Important safety notice - Interim Arrangements *****

Equipment accreditation:

Due to a recent "near miss" and a spate of damage and equipment failures the YVMS Committee, having regard to its Duty of Care obligations, especially the need to protect our members (including insurance risks if any injury were to occur) and the need to protect and preserve our Assets for all members, has changed the policy concerning equipment accreditation. From 1 January 2017, only members with the following accreditations will be allowed to use the equipment falling within the following categories:

In the Wood Workshop (W) and the Metal Workshop (M) the following categories of accreditation will apply until further notice:

There will be no specific accreditation for non-powered hand tools.

- **W1 and M1** = full access to all machines and equipment
- **W2 and M2** = all battery operated or electric hand held tools (saws, sanders, grinders, drills etc)
- **W3 and M3** = fixed wood and metal cutting machines, pedestal drills, drop saws, table saws, fixed sanders etc
- **W4 and M4** = lathes and milling machines
- **W5** = other major equipment (thicknesser, table router etc)
- **M5** = welders and future other acquisitions (plasma cutters etc etc)

All equipment will be clearly marked with its relevant category and Members accredited will have an equivalent endorsement on their name tag. No member will be permitted to use any item of equipment for which he does not hold YVMS accreditation.

If you want to get accreditation, talk to Roger Holgate, the Workshop Manager

By Order: YVMS Committee, December 2016

The Committee also decided, in conjunction with the change in Accreditation Policy, to also change the access code - this was more as an ongoing need to keep tabs on security - some members move on or decide they no longer need or want access rights. Let a member of the Committee know if you would like to have access rights - there are some strings attached!

The VALMAR annual Christmas BBQ was held at Riverside Park on Tuesday 14 December to thank Shed members for hosting VALMAR clients and members during the year. There were about 10 Shed members in attendance and we got to catch up with some VALMAR members who we have not seen for a while. It was very good.

Our sincere thanks to Danielle and Dylan for cooking like Champs and for putting on this very generous outing for us.

Members who have not experienced the VALMAR members Tuesday morning activity, should make an effort in 2017 to become engaged in this very rewarding support activity. We are hoping that we will see lots of VALMAR members next year and will try to make their visits interesting and pleasurable.

A very generous Donation from Supa IGA was handed over to Bob Nash on Saturday 10 December with a good turnout of members in attendance. A cheque for \$2,270.63. This is from "The IGA Community Chest" from which IGA supports local organisations they consider are doing good things in local communities. We are really appreciative and a letter of thanks and Certificate of Appreciation has been presented to Yass Supa IGA as a token of our appreciation. Their name is already on our Supporters "Thank You" board on the front wall of the Shed due to support they gave us to help in the aftermath of the Bushfires in 2013.



Another very generous donation of \$400 has been received from the YVMS Exercise Group. There was a presentation of this cheque on the night of the YVMS Christmas Dinner (see photo). The Group has asked that the donation be used as a part payment for the new Router Table and variable speed router purchased in the last couple of weeks. In addition, the Exercise Group has also donated \$400 each to St Vincent de Paul and to Yass CanAssist. On behalf of Shed Members, I sincerely thank and congratulate the Exercise Group for this generosity. If you want to know more about the YVMS Exercise Group - chat to Len McGuigan.



Entering Heaven at Christmas

Three men died on Christmas Eve and were met by Saint Peter at the pearly gates. "In honour of this holy season," Saint Peter said, "You must each possess something that symbolizes Christmas to get into heaven."

The first man fumbled through his pockets and pulled out a lighter. He flicked it on. "It represents a candle," he said. "You may pass through the pearly gates," Saint Peter said.

The second man reached into his pocket and pulled out a set of keys. He shook them and said, "They're bells." Saint Peter said, "You may pass through the pearly gates."

The third man started searching desperately through his pockets and finally pulled out a pair of women's nickers. St. Peter looked at the man with a raised eyebrow and asked, "And just what do those symbolize?" The man replied, "They're Carol's."

Holidays closure

The Shed has closed for the Christmas and New Year break.

We will re-open on Thursday 5 January - 2 to 4.30pm.

Membership update

Even at this time of year the juggernaut rolls on. In recent weeks we have had another three members added to our list of Financial memberships. John McClung has come in from the cold and two new members, Rob Sims and Ben Harvey have joined us. Our total numbers are now 104! The sequential Membership numbers for Rob and Ben are 216 and 217 respectively - in other words, Ben is the 217th member we have signed up since kicking off in 2008.

Here are the birthdays coming up in January- give a mate a call and send him your best wishes:

JANUARY

4/1: Rob Connell - 5/1: Bruce Skillin - 6/1: Robert McGregor - 7/1: Graham McIntosh - 11/1: John Backhouse - 12/1: Geoff Frost - 16/1: Noel Lymbery - 18/1: Bradley Foxlewin - 24/1: Bob Small - 25/1: Frank Grace - 28/1: Jack Child

I am looking forward to seeing you all in 2017 - starting on Thursday, 5 January at 2pm!

The next Messenger will appear in your inboxes on 1 February 2017

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