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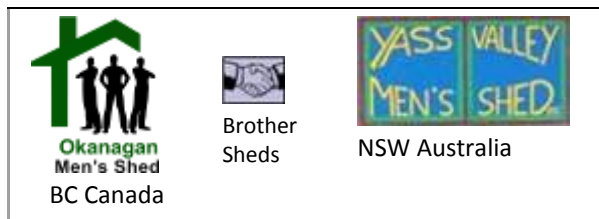
*YVMS acknowledges the Ngunawal people on whose
land we meet and we pay our respects to their Elders
past and present*

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YVMS Motto:
"Minimal bureaucracy
Maximum fun!"

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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:

"Give a man a fish and he has food for a day.
Teach him how to fish and you get rid of him for
the whole weekend" Mrs Confucius

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Editorial – from the Cave - Wayne Stuart

Chasps,

Bloody hell!!! it's almost tax time again! On the other hand, being retired means not too many of us need to worry about doing our tax any more. Still, life is powering on and time is an increasingly scarce resource. It's good we get time to catch our breath and relax at the Shed a couple of times each week.

If you are reading this and think that your life is too busy and there is no good relaxing time in your life any more, I suggest you are not spending enough time at the Shed. Take my advice and come to the Shed for a good time. You will go home refreshed and not as grumpy - your family will thank you for spending time with us and all those jobs that seemed so overpowering and time consuming will suddenly be easily knocked over in half the time!

And, please don't forget to renew your membership (more info later in this Messenger). We already have 43 members paid up (ie 39.5% of our current 109 members - a good start. Keep it coming!



WS Editor

Message from the President - Bob Nash

Bob is in the middle of a house move, complicated by a failed attempt to have the NBN connected to his new home. Consequently, no item from him this month - other than him asking me to wish you all well.

Message from the Workshop Manager - Roger Holgate

The workshop has been quite alive with various activities over the past few weeks, the biggest project was difficult to miss, being Allan's "Dog House".

Our equipment has required a couple of repairs and adjustments in line with general wear and tear. There was a bearing replacement required in the dust extractor, a bearing adjustment on the Record Wood Lathe and a service and adjustment on the thicknesser. It was found that the outfeed table on the planer section of the thicknesser had been altered. The outfeed table is meant to be precisely on the same level as the blades and should not be altered without conferring with workshop management, **any adjustment to the depth of cut is to be made on the infeed table only.**

The shed now has a "\$10 million stick" for use with the Makita sliding compound mitre saw. This is a valuable safety device which can be shown to you by Clarrie, Allan or myself. Please take the time to click on the following link for a full explanation and understanding. <https://www.timbecon.com.au/sawing/10-million-dollar-stick>

Recently Clarrie and Len ran a session on the safe use of a table saw with an emphasis of "Kick Back". Any of you who did not attend missed out on a lot of sound advice and a prime example of what can happen was witnessed by a few members just recently. After sensing something I looked up just in time to see the long length of partly sawn timber flying off the saw at tremendous speed with the potential to cause serious injury. **These little instruction sessions are run from time to time for good reason.** ie, personal safety and potential damage to equipment. This is a prime example of why we need the accreditation system we have implemented.

Our monthly attendance at the Rotary markets continues to bring in a small amount of funds so the more that members can put in to producing item can only make it better. We continually get lots of interest in what we offer and in the shed in general.



At the markets last month Peter's initiative in setting up a digital display of our merchandise created lots of interest, particularly in things which cannot be easily taken to the market.

Regards to all,

Roger Holgate (aka R\$1) - Vice President and Workshop Manager

What has happened since the last Messenger?

Things that happened during May:

VALMAR Men Shed visits

We are hosting number of older VALMAR clients on a Thursday afternoon for a trial period to see if they like and benefit from a visit to the Shed for an hour or so on Thursday afternoons. It is early days, we saw them briefly for the first time on Thursday 25 May, but things look promising. I will let you know when we can expect the next visit.

Shed IT update

Blake Swadling and his business Long Paddock IT have been supporting the Shed for a long time with IT service. Blake designed, developed, registered, hosted and serviced our Website since inception as well as organising and hosting our official email addresses. Blake has done all of this at no cost for which we are extremely grateful.

Blake left Yass some time ago and it has become apparent that we need to have a local IT expert support our online presence.

The Committee recently agreed to seek the support of YassIT for our future IT needs and work has commenced to move our website and related services from Long Paddock to YassIT.

We thank Blake for his many years of support and effort on behalf of the Shed. You have put us on the map, Blake, and will be more than welcome to drop in at any time to catch up and see how we are going!

The Committee has also decided to hand back to Council the room they provided for Computer classes in the YVCC. The computer room was cleared out and all machines moved back to the Shed recently and the key to that secure room has been returned to Council.

We have decided to set up the computer desk in the Common Room in such a way that if anyone is keen to learn some computer skills or tricks, then we will try to find someone proficient and prepared to give instruction on a one-on-one basis. Let me know if you need help or who can supply instruction and we'll see what we can do.

Quick Quilters Afternoon Tea for Can Assist

The Yass Quick Quilters invited Shed members and other Thursday users of the YVCC (U3A members) to a BIG Afternoon Tea to support Can Assist.

The event was held on Thursday 18 May and it was damn terrific.

There were lots of people there - not just our own contingent of 16 or so members. There was also lots of terrific food!

Clarrie Schlunke donated three items for raffling and lots of many was made for Can Assist by the afternoon. Well worth it in my opinion.



Interesting and useful projects undertaken during May

A Dog House to die for

Allan Carey has been hard at work in recent days building a major kennel for a member of his extended family.

Jenna (a large Alsatian/German Shepherd) visits the Shed occasionally, so a number of you will already know her. The front

wall also celebrates her name  made by our shy and retiring sign maker.

This construction is so she will remain warm and dry during the coming winter. It's almost as good as our Shed!



Calendar of upcoming events at the Shed (or elsewhere)

Wednesday 7 June - **First Wednesday Morning Tea 10 to 11.30am** – Dave Staines is the host and will be organising more Tasty Treats from Tanks Bakery. Don't miss it!

Saturday 17 June - **YVMS at the Farmers' Markets**

Roger Holgate, Clarrie Schlunke, Peter Roberts & Allan Carey have decided to attend the Farmers' Markets once each month (**on the 3rd Saturday of each month**) to showcase Shed workshop things and to sell what they can to raise funds for the Shed. These blokes are doing their bit! Your challenge, is to bring your skills out of hiding and produce some items that will sell at the Markets.

The feedback I have is that small interesting pieces (clocks, quirky turned items and useful items and gifts are the best sellers. Talk to Roger if you wish to know more.

Saturday 24 June - Excursion to Crisps Gallery to see Herbert Karrall's classic carriages

Arrangements are:

- Meet in the Shed carpark at 10.30
- Allocate car seating for those offering seats to those needing them
- Depart at around 10.40am to motor out to Crisps to arrive around 11am
- Depart Crisps in time to get back to the Shed for a BBQ kicking off around 1pm. **NEWS FLASH: I think Super Chef R☆☆☆2 might have another (much enhanced) plan for lunch that day!!**

Wives, kids, grandkids and friends are welcome, but depending on car space, you might need to make your own travel arrangements.

Also, if you have a full car, you might simply want to drive directly to Crisps rather than call at the Shed en route.

If anyone is uncertain about the destination, the Crisp Galleries are clearly marked and located about 20km from Yass on the right hand side of the Highway going south, about 1 km on from the turn onto the Burley Griffin Way that would take you to Harden/Murrumburrah and on to Young etc. If in doubt, let's all go in convoy from the Shed leaving at around 10.40am.

If you intend to go, can you let me know (including if you will have additional people with you) so we can let Herbert know numbers.

There is no entry charge (as far as I know) but I am sure there will be some kind of a donation box should you care to try to help Herbert with his work.



Herbert Karrall and two of his beautiful carriages.

The Shed will be open as usual during that Saturday afternoon until about 4.30pm.

Wednesday 28 June - visit by the Yass Friendship Group

This is a great event!! it is some time since we hosted the Friendship Group. They are a group of disabled people who love a day out and they seem to find a lot of fun at the Shed. They bring their own morning tea to share with us and love to get involved in simple workshop activity (driving nails, reducing long bits of wood to much shorter bits etc). Come along at 10 am and see for yourself. I can guarantee you a very enjoyable morning.

Thursday 29 June starting at Noon - 9th Anniversary Shed Lunch

Leigh Wheeler the Owner/Licensee of the Club House Hotel has provided this information about the menu for the day:

\$10 Option - all with either veges or chips and salad

- Chicken Schnitzel
- Grilled Fish
- Seafood Basket
- Silverside
- Bangers and mash

\$15 Option

includes the above options, plus a garlic bread to start, and a cheesecake for dessert.

Please let me know if you are coming and what food option (including the \$10 or \$15 version) you choose so we can advise the hotel and they will be ready for us.

Saturday 4 November - **Early Warning - Classic Yass**

Calling all members who like to make things. We are planning to take a large table again at this Year's Classic Yass event to show off our wares. We had a very successful day in 2016, so Clarrie Schlunke, Peter Roberts, Roger Holgate and Allan Carey will (probably) man the table again if there is enough output to make it worth our while.

Your challenge: make some interesting and saleable things to put on that table and help the Shed keep the wolf from the door!

The early warning is to give you time to get organised and to start a collection of good things for the stall.

General info and other stuff

Latest Membership News

We have had one new member join during May - Gordon Denne who has lived in Yass for 4 years and is keen to get into metal and woodwork. Gordon will be wearing his membership badge, so if you see him, please make him welcome and convince him that his \$25 investment is already paying dividends! Our membership now stands at a very healthy 109 - let's hope everyone renews their memberships for next year! 43 of you have already done so.

How to do it

All memberships are current until the end of June, which means you need to start thinking about renewing your membership for next year (unless, like 18 members, you have been clever and paid a few years in advance or have renewed recently). Under our Rules, as a courtesy to members, we extend the currency of that financial status until 31 July at which time anyone who has not renewed is removed from the current membership list of financial members.

There are two ways to renew for the 2017/18 financial year:

EITHER:

Cash/cheque - given to one of the Committee Members or by posting in our letterbox at the Shed. You will get a formal Shed Receipt.

OR:

EFT - the procedure to follow if you want to use this option is:

1. Log on to your bank account and select the "payments" or "transfers" option.
2. Fill in the details of the account (see below) into which you wish to transfer those funds
(please note we have changed Banks recently and the EFT details are new):

- | | |
|---------------------|--|
| a) Name of Bank: | WESTPAC (Yass) |
| b) Name of account: | YVMS |
| c) BSB: | 032 771 |
| d) A/c No. | 209167 |
| e) Amount: | \$25.00 (amount remains the same - it covers our insurance obligation for members) |

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 me advising that you have made the transfer. I will then issue a receipt which will be placed under your name tag on the board at the Shed. Please send that email to wayne@stuartoz.com.

Other Membership News:



Warwick Sainsbery had a nasty fall at home a couple of weeks ago and wrecked his knee. He will not be able to get to the Shed for some time (unless we organise a posse to go and kidnap him!). Send him an email of support or give him a call to let him know he is not forgotten:- mumsainsbery@hotmail.com (tease him about his email gender if you must) or 6226 4954.



Richard (R2) Rowan had some health news during the week that is not too good. He is OK and there are plans by the medicos to deal with it. Wish him luck and give him any support you can. Richard's contact details are: 6226 6839 or richard.rowan@ozemail.com.au

R☆☆☆2's Ravishing Recipe of the Month

Hi folks, this month a super easy recipe with loads of options to dress it up into whatever your creative kitchen ideas will take. It is also cheap and has a multiple uses.

Sticky Asian chicken wings

INGREDIENTS

- 1 packet Continental Chicken Noodle Soup Mix
- ¼ cup apricot jam
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1kg chicken wings



METHOD

1. Combine Soup Mix, jam and soy sauce in a large bowl. Add chicken wings and stir to coat thoroughly and marinate for 30 minutes.
2. Place in a single layer in a baking dish and bake at 190°C for 45 minutes, until chicken is cooked. Brush with marinade during cooking.
3. Serve as a snack or as a main course with stir-fried vegetables and rice or a bed of 2 minute noodles.

DRESS IT UP Options

1. To the marinade add chili powder, and /or ginger and /or Chinese 5 spices.
2. If using noodles (much quicker) add sautéed Capsicums pieces, mushrooms, and onion. Served with grated carrot and spring onions with some of the marinade poured over the top or a dash of soy sauce.
3. Serve with a salad.

My favourite is the combination of options 1 and 2.

TIP

Do not throw away the wing tips. Pot, some water at a simmer, carrot, onion, celery, a little chili if you like it spicy, some Chinese 5 spice or all spice. Add wing tips and it's the start of a great chicken stock or soup.

For soup, simmer until meat falls off bone, add a can of corn and a good dash of sherry. To thicken soup or other sauces a packet of instant potato from the pantry is a life changer. No taste but bulk.



Serve..... Enjoy..... R☆☆☆☆2

Helpful Handy Hints

Members are invited to send in any good ideas that might make all of our lives a little easier or solve a problem. If some of these hints are working well, I will keep them in the Messenger for a couple of editions. ws

Don't get booked at the Shed

I hear that Council has an officer booking cars illegally parked under the canopy on the forecourt in front of the YVCC. There are No Parking signs erected and the space needs to be kept clear to let caravans drive through so they can use the dump site.

For anyone still interested in washing his car - or how to lift a post easily



Workshop and tools safety hint



Roger Holgate, Workshop Manager

Here are pictures of 2 common styles of driver bits.

This one → is the **only style to be used in the Ryobi impact driver.**



The double ended bit → is for use in the drill/driver, in fact both styles can be used in the drill/driver.



Grant Johnston - helping with NSW Government supported access to reduced price TVs and Fridges



Grant will be helping members who might wish to take advantage of the NSW Government's very generous replacement cost for your old fridge or inefficient TV. Reductions in price for brand new items range from 45% to 50%. This can save you hundreds of dollars on the new price. This offer expires at the end of June. If you are interested and need help, contact Grant who is happy to help anyone who needs it.

R2's cooking hint - Two this month

1. Removing chilli seeds without a knife or spoon. Take the chilli and vigorously rub between your hands for 20 seconds or so. Cut off the stem (near the stalk) and tap out the seeds. Easy!!!!
2. Jar or bottle that becomes difficult to open. Place on a flat surface, secure firmly with one hand and firmly strike the lid of the jar or bottle with a tablespoon.



Scuttlebut

Scuttlebut 1 - Hero of the Month - **Blake Swadling**



Blake has moved away from Yass and it has become increasingly difficult for him to support the Shed's IT health successfully. Consequently, Blake has reluctantly handed back the care and control of our website and official email addresses, as well as the hosting of our website. We are currently making new arrangements with YassIT on those matters.

It is particularly sad that Blake has to move on - he has been looking after the Shed at no cost to the Shed for many years now having developed and managed our Website and official email addresses. In recognition of this very fine effort the Shed Committee granted Blake Honorary Membership some years ago and that Honorary Membership will persist in acknowledgement of the terrific service and help Blake has provided. Blake is one of the reasons that the Shed is well known all over the world (through the Website) and we are very grateful.

Scuttlebut 2 - Grant Johnston, officially re-named G^2

Since Dara Madden died back in 2015, the Shed has not had a Grants Coordinator. This has severely limited our ability to source and access grant funding from generous donors. I called for volunteers to take on this activity on behalf of the Shed recently, and Grant put up his hand almost before I had finished typing the request.



I am very pleased with Grant's new name. If you recall a bit of basic maths: "2x2" and "3x3" (etc) can also be expressed as 2^2 and 3^2 . So also with Grant: "Grants x Grant" can also be expressed as G^2 . Very fitting I think!

Many thanks to G^2 . With the coming major Shed improvement project of building a roof over the containers, we will need more money than we currently have, so his offer and skills will likely get some serious exercising in the near future.

Scuttlebut 3 - Blast from the Past (2005) Ferrari Sack Pit Crew (courtesy Mac McLean: slightly modified for PC reasons)

"The Ferrari Formula 1 Team fired their entire pit crew yesterday. The announcement followed Ferrari's decision to take advantage of the Australian Government's Youth Opportunity scheme and employ people from various outer suburb regions of Australia's major cities.

The decision to hire them was brought on by a recent documentary on how unemployed youths from these regions were able to remove a set of wheels in less than 6 seconds without proper equipment, whereas Ferrari's existing crew can only do it in 8 seconds with millions of euros worth of high-tech equipment.

John Howard went on record as saying this was a bold move by the Ferrari management, which demonstrated the international recognition of Australia's employment practices under his Liberal government. As most races are won and lost in the pits, Ferrari now have an advantage over every team.

However, Ferrari may have got more than they bargained for.....At the crew's first practice session, the Macquarie Fields pit crew successfully changed the tyres in under 6 seconds, and then within 12 seconds they had re-sprayed, re-badged, and sold the vehicle to the McLaren team for 4 slabs of VB, two cartons of Winfield Blue and some photos of Holdens thrashing Fords at Bathurst.

Scuttlebut 3 - The case for Computer training for Shed Members

and

Why alcohol is good for you
(courtesy Ron McMullen)



Species-specific maximal life span

The horse and mule live 30 years
And nothing know of wines and beers.
The goat and sheep at 20 die
And never taste of Scotch or Rye.
The cow drinks water by the ton
And at 18 is mostly done.
The dog at 15 cashes in
Without the aid of rum and gin.
The cat in milk and water soaks
And then in 12 short years it croaks.
The modest, sober, bone-dry hen
Lays eggs for nogs, then dies at ten.
All animals are strictly dry:
They sinless live and swiftly die;
But sinful, ginful rum-soaked men
Survive for three score years and ten.
And some of them, a very few,
Stay pickled till they're 92.

Scuttlebut 5 - Nasty kitchen implement for Super Chef R☆☆☆2

A couple of weeks ago, R2 let it be known that he would like a heavy duty rolling pin for use in his esteemed kitchen. No sooner said than done. Roger found a heavy piece of hardwood and has produced this beautifully weighted and finished kitchen implement. It seems our shy and retiring sign maker has also done his thing.



Birthdays around this time

MAY

1/5: Raja Ahluwalia
2/5: Ron Coleman
8/5: John Corson
11/5: David Rowe, John Jones
13/5: Phil O'Brien, Philip Walsh
15/5: Alf Atkin
17/5: Sandy Butt, John Goode
22/5: Llewyn Dowling
23/5: Allan Carey
24/5: David West
26/5: Ron Badger
29/5: Clarrie Schlunke
30/5: Joe Morrissey

JUNE

1/6: Dave Staines
6/6: Charles Turner
9/6: Bob Nash
15/6: Doug Holston
16/6: Ron McMullen
18/6: Alex Noakes
29/6: Sam Noor

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).

Shed Opening Times

- **Tuesdays: 9am to noon.** On Tuesdays we have the VALMAR contingent attend and they enjoy the mentoring that Shed members are able to give – especially help with their projects. There is always something warm to eat on Tuesday mornings, too.
- **Thursdays: 1.30pm to 4.30pm** – normal activity (ie anything anyone wants to do – workshop, coffee and chat, garden, joke telling, etc etc)
- **Saturdays: 1.30pm to 4.30pm.** – activity same as Thursdays
- **First Wednesday of each month:** 10am to 11.30am, we have “First Wednesday Morning Tea” which is a time at the Shed for simply social-only time. No workshop activity or noise to interrupt the chat. This is a very good time to meet like minded members and to find those with whom you might have a lot in common. Tank of Tank’s Bakery fame (also a member) provides cakes and pastries, gratis, for this event.
- **Last Saturday of the Month (generally around 2pm)** – an informal Info Exchange that allows members to interact with the Committee and vice versa – discussing issues and keeping everyone up to date.

Tuesday Exercise Classes



2-3pm on Tuesdays

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.



Tell and invite your friends – they will all be made welcome!

See you in *The David Hale Room* in the Yass Valley Community Centre (next door to the Men's Shed).

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.

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. 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.**

The Yass Valley Men’s Shed is very grateful for the generous support of the following entities (in alphabetical order):

BarkerHarle (Consulting Engineers), Chris Beck Tree Removal, Bunnings (Belconnen), Goodradigbee Bookkeeping, Home Hardware (Yass), IGA (Yass), KidsBlitz, the Lansdowne Foundation, NSW Coalition Government, NSW Local Member Minister Katrina Hodgkinson, Southern Cable Services, Steve Bugden Plumbing, Touie Smith Jnr, Yass & District Printing, Yass Fire Brigade, YassFM, Yass Freemasons, Yass Lions Club, Yass Outdoor Power Centre, 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://www.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.

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(just click on it): <http://yassmensshed.org.au/newsletter-archive> - go back and dig up some YVMS archaeology.

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