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## YVMS MINI MESSENGER



# (Christmas 2017)



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

**December 2017**  
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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

Dear all,

Don't panic, this won't take long (3 pages max). I am doing this for two reasons:

1. It is traditional for my team at Messenger HQ to insist that we issue a brief Festive Season Edition; and
2. After Bob promised you all at the Christmas Party that you would not now hear from me again until 1 Feb, 2018 when the next edition is issued, I thought I would let you all know that he lied!

On behalf of the Committee of the YVMS, I wish you all a fantastic Festive Season

and may the bluebird of happiness  make his deposits elsewhere!

It has been a great year for the Shed and its members and if we (the Committee) have anything to do with it, things can only get better. Come along in 2018 and hold us to that promise.

Some small bits of news to finish the year:

### **Roof over Containers Project**

We now have DA approval from Council. I understand our contractor, Yass Engineering, hopes to start work by the end of January. Get out there and urge some Yass Businesses to sponsor a roof panel - only \$100 each!

### **Shed arrangements over Christmas and New Year**

**The Shed's last day for 2017 will be Thursday 21 December - we will have a bit of a low key party and Secret Santa gifts for the Shed will be unveiled.**

**The Shed will reopen on Saturday 6 January 2017 for another year of fun, laughter, challenges, conversation, coffee and cake!**

### **Membership status at the end of the Year**

You will be pleased to hear that our membership numbers continue to grow, notwithstanding that some members have not (yet) renewed their memberships for 2017/18. We have also lost two members during this year, Arnold Rigby in July and Chris Butt in November. They are both missed at the Shed.

The upside, though, is that since 1 July 2017, we have signed up 14 new members the latest of whom are Ian and James Forgie and Paul Karamaroudis. These members take our total financial membership to 96 - not bad for a town our size. I fully expect us to hit the 100 mark early in 2018.

TODAY I'M DOING NOTHING  
 BECAUSE I STARTED DOING IT  
 YESTERDAY AND I WASN'T FINISHED.  
 I'M NO QUITTER.



**Shed Christmas party** - This was, from all accounts, a great success.



I, for one, had a terrific time and as far as I can tell, no-one was disappointed in any aspect of the evening. I think we got very good value for money from Gil and his team at the Golfie and we owe a debt of thanks to Miller's Pharmacy and the Shed Committee for making their combined cash contributions to reduce the price per head by \$10 for each attendee (Shed members and guests).

It was very sad to see that some people who had booked were unable to attend for a range of reasons. We all send our best wishes to you and hope the reasons were minor and now well in the past.

The other sad thing to report is that I have noticed that the camera has caught some dastardly person trying to surreptitiously strangle Joe Morrissey. Shame on that person - Joe's not that bad - I don't care what they say! Of course, he IS Irish and therefore ineligible for election, but that is no reason to treat him with such disrespect!

### **Some early warnings for Shed matters and appointments in the New Year**

- January First Wednesday Morning Tea **will not be held** - the Shed will be closed on that day
- February First Wednesday Morning Tea (Wednesday 7th) will have to cope without Tank's Treats input. He closes his Bakery for that month. **Accordingly, may I suggest those of you with culinary skills surprise us and "bring a plate"**. I know everyone who enjoyed Jack's fantastic Mexican Corn Bread recently will be hoping he does that again!! And perhaps, R2 might be back on deck cooking-wise and have some ideas.

However, don't leave it to a few members, everyone is urged to pitch in and see how well we can respond to this challenge.

- February First Wednesday Morning Tea day will also provide an opportunity for an important NSW Government and Yass Valley Council initiative to be presented to Shed members.

Derryth Nash, the Yass Valley Council Road Safety Officer will come along to give us more info on the "Towards Zero" campaign →.

This is very important stuff and all members need to be aware and come along to hear what is planned and how we can help. There WILL be food!



**TOWARDS ZERO**

**Closer to home than you think.**

The NSW road toll isn't simply a number. It is people, and sadly, it's closer to home than you think. It's people like you. Grandparents, mothers, fathers, children. It's a number that's unacceptable, no matter how small it gets, until it gets to ZERO.

In early 2018 Council will be running a TOWARDS ZERO campaign and PLEDGE within the Yass Valley community, and asking residents to commit to making road safety a priority.

If you would like to be a part of affecting change we would love to have you involved.

For more information about TOWARDS ZERO - [www.towardszero.nsw.gov.au](http://www.towardszero.nsw.gov.au)

For more information about the PLEDGE please contact Yass Valley Council Road Safety Officer on 6226 1477 or [derryth.nash@yass.nsw.gov.au](mailto:derryth.nash@yass.nsw.gov.au)

## Latest Grant Application

Following the Wednesday (6 December) visit of three people from AMSA at which we were urged to apply for funding from their latest round which closed on Friday 8 December(!) we pulled out all the stops and managed to get an application in on time.

This is the list of items for which we are seeking the Grant funding (many thanks to Roger and Bob for their assistance).

1. 1200 cfm (cubic feet/minute) Extractor	\$400.00
2. Purchase and installation of approximately 80 lineal metres of flexible, relocatable air/dust extraction hoses/piping to existing and new extraction machines. Includes fittings.	\$152.00
3. Air Compressor – Super 12 - Hare & Forbes	\$946.00
4. Airline + fittings to deliver compressed air to work benches to allow air compressed tools to be used on benches - Hare and Forbes	\$650.00
5. Saw tooth Forstner bits - Timbecom - (for precision and accurate work)	\$100.00
6. Mobile base for thicknesser - Timbecon	\$175.00
7. Quick change tool post-metal shop - Hare & Forbes	\$200.00
8. Stihl electric chainsaw 350mm - Outdoor Power Centre, Yass	\$379.00
9. Compressed air (gravity feed) spray gun - Hare & Forbes	\$176.00
10. Cyclone Dust separator - Hare & Forbes	\$374.00
11. MMA/TIG AC/DC welder - Hare & Forbes	\$1,450.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,002.00</b>

I will keep you informed of progress and the outcome.

## Your 2018 "New Year's Resolution" Challenge

It is (in my view) time that the YVMS had its own iconic poem. I have done a little research and have discovered that we have more than a few poets in our midst - and not only that, I am sure there are lots who would like to be a poet but are not certain of their qualifications - you DON'T need any!

Here are two ideas to start you off - you might want to simply continue and finish these initial thoughts. Both are based loosely on "The Man from Snowy River by AB (Banjo) Patterson - but don't feel limited to that form - give us your best ideas and efforts. For the time being, these "poets" will remain anonymous:

Option 1:

"We were sitting in the "Kay Room" First Wednesday and there's no gloom  
And Tank's supplied another feast that's never to be missed....." or

Option 2:

"There's a little place in Yass where the old blokes like to meet  
You will find it, if you look, at the end of Laidlaw Street...."

Send me your efforts and we might have an "open mike" day at one of our First Wednesdays to select the best by acclamation?

**Finally** - Don't forget today (Thursday 21 December) is the last day at the Shed for 2017. Come along for:

- Our SuperChef R☆☆☆2 will be serving a light lunch starting at 1pm. A couple of his loyal and efficient helpers will be there to help him with that challenge;
- Our Raffle will be drawn during the afternoon – thanks to all sellers who have returned money and tickets;
- The Secret Santa / Kris Kringle presents will be opened; and
- There will be a general discussion on what members would like to see planned for 2018 at the Shed. This might include outings, plans for a Shed Garage Sale in the new year, an update on the roof project and the small shed construction project, plans for information sessions, new pursuits, music events etc
- Bob Nash has been talking with Pru Goward's office and it seems there is Grant Funding likely to be made available to Sheds around May 2018. The sums on offer to each Shed are significant (up to \$20,000). We need your ideas to help us develop an application!



Have a great Christmas and an even better 2018. See you all again on Saturday 6 January!!

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