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AMSA MEMBER BULLETIN



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Hello Shedders,

It's hard to believe we're more than half way through yet another year. The AMSA team has achieved a great deal this year and I want to highlight a few things for you...

We've had the great pleasure of shed visits across every State and Territory in the last 12 months. These tours are important because they keep us connected to our members and are an opportunity for us to seek feedback about what more we can do to support the Men's Shed movement.



We saw a landmark announcement for Men's Sheds in March, with the Federal Treasurer's introduction of legislation that ensures all Men's Sheds are eligible for Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Status as of 1 July 2020. For many years members have sought advice from us on how to receive Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Status and with Federal Member for Fairfax, Ted O'Brien working tirelessly on our behalf, we are so pleased that the necessary changes have finally been made allowing sheds to access a broader range of donations and funding.

We have secured a new partnership with Total Tools. As part of this partnership our members have been invited to join the Total Tools Insider Gold Men's Shed Loyalty Program. Visit our website to register – www.mensshed.org/totaltools.

As recipients of the Hand Heart Pocket Charity of Freemasons Queensland 2018 Father's Day Appeal, we have recently distributed a total of \$100,000 under the AMSA Queensland Men's Shed Grants Programme, and we've partnered with five Men's Sheds to hold a series of Shedders' Big BBQ Brunches and safeTALK suicide prevention presentations – Rockhampton, Dalby, Inglewood, Nerang & Townsville.

With the help of our partner CRC Industries, we've teamed up with Healthy Male (formerly Andrology Australia) to refurbish *Spanner in the Works?*. We were excited to launch the first phase of the refurbishment with our partners at the Darwin leg of the Supercars Championship during Men's Health Week.

Looking ahead, we have lots in store...

A great deal of preparation has gone into our 8th National Men's Shed Gathering which will be held 10-12 September at Morphetville Racecourse (SA). The program this year has been designed around feedback you've given us through surveys and discussions, so we think you'll find it very interesting and exciting. We're look forward to meeting many old friends and making new ones.

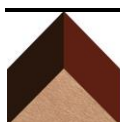
Men's Shed Week is also on the horizon (23 – 29 September 2019). This year we're showcasing diversity across shedders and shed activities under the theme, *Shed Life*. We encourage all sheds to hold a celebration during the week, even a simple moment at during your morning tea to acknowledge what the shed has brought to your members and to men all over the world.

We're looking forward to unpacking the Federal Government's National Men's Health Strategy 2020-2030, and the subsequent continued and expanded funding committed to support the growth and development of Men's Sheds nationally. This is an exciting recognition of the contributions of Men's Sheds to the improvement of health outcomes and further embeds Men's Sheds into the fabric of the Australian community.

Before I sign off, I wish to acknowledge the retirement of one of our longest-serving staff members – Gary Green. Many of you know Gary as his involvement in sheds extends even further back than AMSA's initial development. Gary has contributed a great deal to the Men's Shed movement, to AMSA and to the delivery of our men's health initiatives. I thank Gary for his contributions and wish him all the best in enjoying his time with family and friends in the years to come.

As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions to continually improve our service to you – the AMSA team is just a phone call or email away.

David



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Meet your Men's Shed community at our 8th National Men's Shed Gathering

The 8th National Men's Shed Gathering will bring together shedders from as far as Iceland to share knowledge and experiences for the benefit of Men's Sheds around the country. Our biennial National Gathering is only two months away... do you have your ticket?

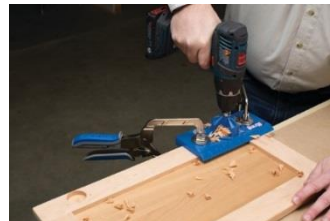
Program Highlight | Total Tools Workshops

Stanley Black and Decker (Dewalt), Festool and KREG will run hands-on demonstrations during the conference to showcase their products.

Attend one of the Total Tools workshop sessions available throughout the program, and to visit exhibitors including Platinum Sponsor Fair Dinkum Sheds in the exhibition hall. View the full conference program which will include tool demonstrations, keynote speakers, shed tours, panel sessions and networking activities - <https://dcconferences.eventsair.com/mensshed2019/program>.

Discounted Group Rates are still available for groups of three or more Shedders from the same Shed to attend the Gathering.

For any questions please contact the 8th National Men's Shed Gathering Conference Secretariat at mensshed2019@dcconferences.com.au or 02 9954 4400.



Nominations for Member-Elected Directors on the AMSA Board: NSW/ACT, TAS & NT/SA

The AMSA Board has identified three positions open for member election to be appointed at the 2019 AMSA AGM.

In order to comply with the AMSA Constitution the Board must comprise of Member-Elected Directors from at least three regions, in addition to Board Appointed Directors. This year's election is calling for nominations for Member-Elected Directors based in the regions of:

- New South Wales/Australian Capital Territory
- Tasmania
- Northern Territory/South Australia

Members of AMSA member Men's Sheds in these regions are invited to nominate, providing they meet the eligibility requirements.

The closing date for nominations to be lodged to the Company Secretary is 31 July 2019. Visit <https://mensshed.org/nominations-for-member-elected-directors-on-the-amsa-board-nsw-act-tas-nt-sa/> for more information.

Please direct any questions to board@mensshed.net, attention to Relieving Chairman John Sharples.

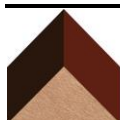
National Men's Shed Awards 2019

The AMSA National Men's Shed Awards give the Men's Shed network an opportunity to recognise the outstanding work of Men's Sheds around Australia. The 2019 recipients will be announced at the 8th National Men's Shed Gathering Dinner.

Nominations fall into five (5) categories:

- Unique fundraising activity – most sheds undertake fundraising activities (Bunnings BBQ's, market stalls etc), what's the most unique fundraising activity your shed has seen?
- Unusual shed activity – Men's Sheds are not just about wood work and metal work.
- Best shed garden – does your shed have an impressive flower or produce garden?
- Outstanding recycling/up-cycling activity – shedders are all about recycling, what does your shed do?
- Shed of the year – do you love the time spent at your shed enough to nominate it for the best shed in Australia?

Nominations close Friday 4 August. Contact us or visit mensshed.org to download the Nomination Form.



Grants & Funding

A full list of Grants & Funding programmes is available at mensshed.org/mens-shed-funding-opportunities.

Federal Government Department of Health National Shed Development Programme Round 19

In 2019/2020 the Australian Government Department of Health National Shed Development Program will distribute \$1 million to support Men's Sheds. NSDP Round 19 will distribute \$500,000, applications close Friday 19 July.

If you are emailing or using post, you have until COB to lodge the application. If posting, the postmark date must be 19 July 2019 or earlier. Visit <https://mensshed.org/development-grants> for more information.

Far North & North Queensland Monsoon Trough Funding Grants Now Open

Grants of up to \$150,000 each are now available to help FNQ & NQ communities recover from the 2019 Monsoon Trough.

Queensland-based community groups, local councils, non-government organisations, peak & industry groups, and research bodies delivering in or to the monsoon-impacted areas are encouraged to apply for either or both small grants (between \$2,500 and \$50,000) or large grants (between \$50,001 and \$150,000) to support events, activities and programs that drive community recovery activities, increase awareness and build local resilience.

More information is available at <https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/funding> including links to the application forms via SmartyGrants.

2020 AMSA Men's Shed Calendar

The 2020 edition of the Australian Men's Shed Association Men's Shed Calendar will showcase the theme "Our Community" and we're after your contributions!

Take this opportunity to internationally showcase the wonderful community activities undertaken by your shed members, including photos of shedders participating in community activities, events and projects.

All AMSA member Men's Sheds will receive a copy of the 2020 Our Community Calendar and featured Men's Sheds will receive an additional five copies. Photograph submissions close Friday 2 August. Visit <https://mensshed.org/about-amsa/reports/annual-mens-shed-calendar/> for more information.



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What's on?

Contact AMSA for more information about events and programs.

July	19	NSDP Round 19 Applications close
	31	AMSA Member-elected Directors Nominations close
August	2	2020 AMSA Men's Shed Calendar Submissions close
	5	CRC Industries Open Day Castle Hill NSW
		National Men's Shed Awards Nominations close
September	28	Shedders Big BBQ Brunch Rockhampton Men's Shed QLD
	10 – 12	8th National Men's Shed Gathering Morphettville Racecourse SA
	12	R U OK? Day R U OK?
	23 – 29	Men's Shed Week celebrating "Shed Life" Australian Men's Shed Association
	24	Shedders Big Breakfast Safety Beach – Dromana Men's Shed VIC
October	27	Men's Shed Week Muster Albany Men's Shed WA
	15	Shedders Big BBQ Brunch Dalby Men's Shed QLD
	17	Shedders Big BBQ Brunch Inglewood Men's Shed QLD
	24	Shedders Big BBQ Brunch Nerang Men's Shed QLD
	26 – 3	Veterans' Health Week Department of Veterans' Affairs
	31	Shedders Big BBQ Brunch Townsville Men's Shed QLD

Ask The Doctor showcasing Men's Sheds

Being lonely is the silent health crisis deadlier than obesity... Last week on ABC's Ask The Doctor, the doctors explored why and give advice on how to make new friendships that last. Men's Sheds featured as an opportunity for men to build genuine friendships in an interesting and welcoming environment.

We had the great pleasure of hosting the film crew in collaboration with Melton City Council at Taylor's Hill Men's Shed (VIC). We extend our thanks to Melton City Council and the blokes at Taylor's Hill Men's Shed for participating with great enthusiasm.

Did you miss the episode? Watch the episode on ABC iview!

