



# NUTS & BOLTS

AMSA MEMBER BULLETIN



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## Bushfire Relief & Recovery

Dear Shedders,

We hope that you have had an enjoyable break over Christmas/New Year. The AMSA office is now open for 2020.

Undoubtedly, you will have heard much of the disastrous bushfires that have gripped much of the nation over recent months. At AMSA, our thoughts have been very much with impacted communities and we hope that your shed returns for 2020 with members, friends and family safe.

We have been inundated with messages and calls from Shedders and the public, wanting to support those in need – and many offers of support for Men's Sheds that may have suffered losses as a result of the bushfire crisis.

After extensive contact with our members during the break, remarkably to date we are only aware of one Men's Shed that has directly suffered loss. This Men's Shed was insured with AMSA and we are currently assisting them with their claims process.

There have also been narrow escapes. The Old Bar Men's Shed shared the attached photo with us. The flames came close, but thankfully the brave efforts of the Rural Fire Service meant that the only damage was a melted downpipe.

As we have experienced many times before, in the aftermath of significant events Men's Sheds of Australia want to do their bit in supporting fellow Shedders and their communities. Many of you have been in touch for information on providing this support.

There are hundreds of charities, not-for-profits and community organisations – including Men's Sheds – doing their bit to counter the effect of Australia's devastating and continuing bushfire emergencies. We recommend that Men's Sheds and Shedders wishing to make a contribution, do so via registered and verified organisations. A great place to start is through the organisation [GiveNow](#), who have a list of more than 40 bushfire-related causes.

GiveNow's advice page also includes:

- Links to help individuals create crowdfunding campaigns with CrowdRaiser
- Advice about how to steer clear of fundraising scams
- Tips to ensure you have the proper authority to fundraise
- Useful recourses for planning your own fundraiser

[Click here](#) to visit the GiveNow website for more information – [How you can help: Donate to 2020 Australian bushfire relief efforts.](#)



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The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet have also published a list of DGR-endorsed, registered charities with bushfire relief and recovery activities at [www.pmc.gov.au/registered-bushfire-charities](http://www.pmc.gov.au/registered-bushfire-charities).

The impacts of the fires will not be the same across all communities. As Men's Sheds are supported by local communities, another consideration we recommend is for Men's Sheds to fundraise to donate to local support groups such as the local Volunteer Fire Service, local community support groups and local wildlife groups. You may also be able to lend your hand to these groups in the months to come.

Unfortunately this crisis is not yet over, and the various recovery efforts will take a great deal of time. AMSA will continue to monitor the impacts of this crisis on the Men's Shed community and we will continue to provide you with relevant information about relief and recovery efforts.

Yours sincerely,  
Paul Sladdin  
Chairman

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## International Men's Shed Tour 2020

The largest ever gathering of Men's Sheds is set to take place in NUI Galway, Ireland on 26 & 27 August 2020. About 1,000 people are expected to gather in Galway, the city of culture on Ireland's west coast. The Gathering will be centred around the theme of 'culture' and what it means to Men's Sheds and shedders, and will also include a Men's Health Expo.

AMSA is investigating a travel package for a group of Shedders to attend the Men's Sheds Global Gathering (26—27 August, NUI Galway, Ireland), followed by a 14-day tour of Men's Sheds, historical sites and activities of interest across Ireland, Scotland, Wales & England.

Before putting together the package, we'd like some insight into how many Shedders would be interested in joining the Tour.

### Are you interested?

Complete our Expression of Interest Form - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DTSLD96>

For any questions, please get in touch:

Email ([amsa@mensshed.net](mailto:amsa@mensshed.net))

Phone (1300 550 009)

Registration for Australian delegates of the Men's Sheds Global Gathering will be through AMSA. Details will be released early in 2020.



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## AMSA Insurance 2020

AMSA and Everest Risk Group are currently working on the AMSA insurance package for the 2020-2021 policy period. We will have the pricing and all policy details out to you by the end of January 2020.

Please ensure your shed contact details are up to date with us if there has been a change to ensure you receive the insurance information prior to renewal date.

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## Australian Government Department of Health National Shed Development Programme – Round 20

Outcomes for the Australian Government Department of Health National Shed Development Programme – Round 19 were announced in November 2019. [Visit the AMSA website for details](#).

A definitive date has not been set for Round 20 of the NSDP, however details and application information will be available on the AMSA website when the grants open and you will also be notified by email.

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## Shed Diary 2020

28 February	AMSA Insurance Due
19 March	Living Well Health & Wellbeing Expo Dalby Showgrounds, Dalby QLD
30 April	Living Well Health & Wellbeing Expo Cairns QLD
27 May	Living Well Health & Wellbeing Expo Rockhampton QLD
15 – 21 June	Men's Health Week
17 June	Men's Health Week Living Well Health & Wellbeing Expo Bundaberg, QLD
26 – 27 August	Men's Sheds Global Gathering Galway, Ireland
28 Sept – 3 Oct	Men's Shed Week

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