

The Men's Shed Story

The 'shed' holds an important place in Australia's history and culture. It has been a repository of memories, experiences, and technology as well as a place to share skills and to socialise. Many of Australia's craftsmen first demonstrated their skills in their fathers' sheds and many of our country's best inventions have been born in the 'backyard shed'.

When men retire from the workforce they often feel a loss of identity and purpose. In addition, age and financial circumstance mean that many people have to downsize, giving up their backyard shed or workshop.

Thus, the Community Men's Shed was born, providing a place where men can come and share a wide variety of tools and machinery, pursuing their own interests while spending time with other 'shedders' of similar interests.

In a cooperative environment men can learn new skills, use tools for the first time or keep old skills honed and productive. They can create personal projects, work on projects for other community groups or projects to support the development of the shed.

There are now over 530 Sheds with over 50,000 members Australia wide.



All are welcome

*Why not drop in for a cup of
tea or coffee and see what our
Shed is all about?*

The Shed is open:

Tuesday

10.00 am to 3.00 pm (Men only)

Wednesday

10.00 am to 3.00 pm (Mixed)

Thursday

10.00 am to 3.00 pm (Men only)



What are members doing?

Since our Shed opened in 2007, members have undertaken a wide range of projects, including:

- *for family*– baby's cradle, toy boxes, small chairs, model boat, rocking horse, small wheelbarrow, doll cots, window shades, hat stands, stair railings, chopping boards, rolling pins, book shelves, coffee tables, turned goblets, grandfather clock, restoring antique tables and chairs.
- *for community groups* – trophy cabinet, shuffle board, storage cabinet, chicken coop, bird and possum boxes, pre-school furniture, flag stands.
- *for the Shed* – storage racks, kitchen renovation, BBQ for informal lunch and family events, and general maintenance around the Shed

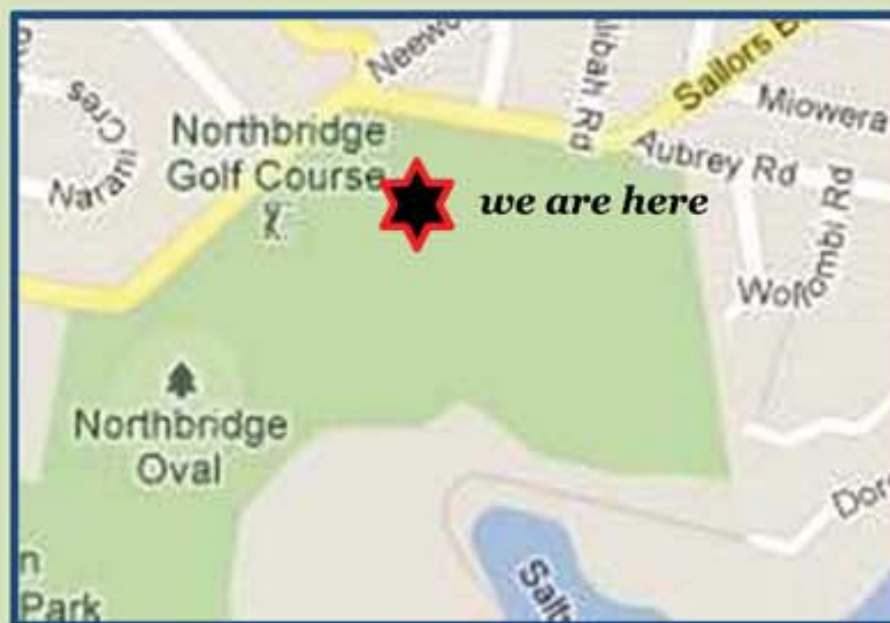


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