



**Australian Men's Shed Association**  
**New South Wales**  
**SHOULDER TO SHOULDER**

**ZONE 8 NEWSLETTER - April 2016**

Welcome to the new look Zone 8 Newsletter and I hope it is an improvement on the previous rather serious attempts to keep you informed.

## Inaugural Men's Shed Week

I hope the Inaugural Men's Shed Week was as successful for your shed as it was for mine (for which I had nothing to do with the arrangements) Reports have already come to me from AMSA that many sheds had taken the opportunity to acknowledge their sponsors by inviting them to the shed and thanking them with a breakfast a morning tea or a BBQ. This gives us an opportunity to present Certificates of Appreciation and a chance for our guests to chat with thankful members.

This is the first time a Men's Shed week has been promoted by AMSA and hopefully we will see it become an annual event.

But you don't have to wait for a special week because any time is a good time to invite supporters to your shed. The more we open ourselves to the public and to business the more they will see the benefits of being involved with their community shed.



## Seniors Week Activities

With Seniors Week a well promoted event many sheds are using the week to promote their activities and those of the wider Men's Shed Movement.

Here Bruce Hardy Secretary of the Kurri Kurri Men's Shed and visitors discuss the merits or otherwise of Table Saw brands.

The Kurri Shed open day was a great success and raised the profile of the organisation in the community. Kurri were off to a flying start to the week and will continue their activities at the local hospital later in the week.

Other sheds are inviting the public to activities during the week and are planning demonstrations in the workshops, free morning teas and lunches and of course plenty of teas and coffees and talk.



## SPANNER IN THE WORKS?



Have you seen the latest SPANNER in the WORKS Newsletter?

If not I suggest you type in Men's Health on your browser, click on the link [\*Men's Health Issues - When Was Your Last Service?\*](#), and sign up for the Newsletter.

SPANNER in the Works is a program owned by AMSA but relies on the individual health organisations to update their information pages. This means the information is not reliant on AMSA deciding when and what should be included. One cannot get better information on male health issues than by keeping informed via the SPANNER Program.

The March Newsletter contains articles from The Cancer Council concerning Bowel Cancer a short film about Street Violence, information about Medicines and Dementia, Suicide figures for 2014 and information of a survey from the University of Melbourne seeking applicants for about their self appraisal of memory changes.

## Shed Development Grants - Round 12

As you will be aware applications for Round 12 of the Federal Government Shed Development Grants have closed.

Short listing has been finalised and it's now the job of the Assessment Panel to read and score each of the selected applications before making recommendations to the Federal Government for final decisions. With \$400,000.00 to distribute in the round and with applications totalling \$948718.92 there needed to be extensive shortlisting which will obviously mean many sheds will be disappointed to find they miss out on receiving funds to carry out significant modification to equipment and /or building upgrades.

The table below shows the totals of all applications from across Australia

	Total Number of Applications	Total \$'s Sought
Category 1 - Tools & Equipment	126	\$448986.05
Category 2 - Building Maintenance & development	78	\$435793.74
Category 3 - Health Improvement Activities	24	\$63939.13
<b>Total Applications &amp; \$'s Sought</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>\$948718.92</b>

The table below shows the number of applications from NSW sheds for each category and the percentage of shortlisted applications compare very favourably with applications and shortlisting from the other states and territories

	Applications	% Total	Shortlisted	% of Shortlist
<b>Category 1</b>	49	39%	21	35.6%
<b>Category 2</b>	26	33.3%	12	33.3%
<b>Category 3</b>	10	41.5%	8	44.5%

## Request for Working Drawings

A Shedder (not me) has asked if I know someone with working drawings of a folding BBQ / Picnic table that transforms into a garden bench sheet that they are willing to share.

I've seen a couple of finished products in sheds, but have never made one or seen any plans for their construction.

If anyone has drawings and are willing to share with a fellow shedder please contact me and I will pass on your information and arrange for him to link with you to get a copy.

## Contact Updates

I know I mention this every Newsletter but.

If your shed contact details change you must inform AMSA directly or the information they hold on their Membership Database will not change and their contact with you may be lost. This may mean information or commercial opportunities will not get to you.

While AMSA only record 1 contact, for some sheds I record a number of contacts and am happy to hold these in order to communicate with as many key personnel in sheds as possible. This way any messages have a greater chance of getting to members.

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