



Australian Men's Shed Association

New South Wales

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ZONE 8 - NEWSLETTER - June 2017

Welcome to all Shedders and Especially our Newest Members

We Have a New Shed in Our Zone

Never let it be said the Men's Shed Movement has reached its limit because this month we welcome our newest shed to Zone 8.

The Chain Valley Bay Men's Shed joined AMSA earlier in the year and with 31 financial members is open 5 days a week.

I hear they have already visited the Terrigal shed and have plans to visit the San Remo and Mano sheds.

Welcome guys and I trust your involvement with this great movement is rewarding and I hope to meet you soon.

Men's Health Week

June 11 – 17 is Men's Health Week and it's a great opportunity for our sheds to get involved in activities during the week. I know of sheds that have organized a local health care worker to visit and speak to members about male health matters. If you have yet to arrange something it's not too late as I'm sure a local doctor/pharmacist would be only too happy to call into the shed to speak to the group.

It's also a good opportunity to invite members of the public and to prepare a 'healthy' lunch.

I will be attending a Men's Health Forum & Expo at John Hunter Hospital on Thursday 15 June and it would be great if some of you were able to attend.

The National Shed Development Program

Round 15 opened on Monday and applications close on 7th July so if you are planning on applying now is the time to download the application form and get creative with your requests.

In the last round NSW sheds received \$88,748.00 toward a range of projects so if your shed is in need of equipment, shed extensions or are planning health activities it may be worthwhile spending some time submitting an application.

Check out the AMSA web for the Application Form and FAQ's.

AMSA 1300 Phone Number

You probably never wonder how many phone calls go to the AMSA office via the 1300 number but in the last 2 months the attached table gives some idea as to how busy the office has become. These are the general enquiries and don't take into account the phone calls received and sent from individual staff on their private numbers. So if you sometimes wonder why your phone call is not answered immediately this may be the reason.

Also the staff enjoy visiting sheds across Australia so are not always at their desks.

1300 Number

General enquiries	359
Insurance enquiries	914
Membership enquiries	227
Sent promotional material (Brochures)	16 packages
Updated shed details on data base and website	152
Redirected material donations to sheds	107
Gave shed location details to the public	624
Questions about general funding	29
Questions about NSDP	87
Spanner in the Works?	15 packages – various amounts

Of particular interest in the 1300 number section are the requests to update contact shed details. If an email address/phone contact name and number change please let AMSA know so your shed can remain connected to the Association. Sheds can have more than 1 contact listed (which is always a good idea) and this way there is a greater chance of messages getting to members.

I had reason to contact an interstate shed two months ago but received no response to my email. On investigation I was informed the member had died but no one had thought to update any contact details. This was embarrassing for a moment but then I wondered how many others had emailed the shed and received no reply. It could also have been distressing for the family.

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As always if I can be of any assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.
Regards to all

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