



February 2019

AMSA Insurance Renewal

The AMSA insurance program becomes due Feb 28th 2019.

We have sent out the insurance information to you via post and email, if you have not received this information please contact us.

Over the course of the past years, we have seen member numbers increase, which has had the flow on effect of being able to obtain the same full coverage at a reduced rate. This is achieved by your ongoing support and a growing AMSA membership base. Therefore, this year, the cost has reduced from \$24.00 per person, to \$19.50.

2019 Renewal Cost - \$19.50 per member

What does the AMSA program offers:

- Public & Products Liability Limit of \$40,000,000 any one claim and in aggregate for Products Liability.
- \$10,000,000 Associations Liability
- Voluntary Workers Personal Accident with no higher age limit
- \$100,000 Fire and Theft
- Automatic \$15,000 for any one claim for Burglary Cover

The Australian Men's Shed Association team and Everest Risk Group Pty Ltd are very happy to be able to offer all registered sheds this great offer.

We now invite you to apply for the 2019 Insurance Package by visiting:

<http://form.iotform.co/EverestRG/AMSAAPP2019>

For more information please contact us on 1300 550 009 or email us on amsa@mensshed.net

Regards
Melissa White
Membership & Insurance Manager

AMSA teaming up with Total Tools to help shedders get the job done

The Australian Men's Shed Association has partnered with Total Tools stores around Australia to help Men's Sheds find the right tools to support shedders and their communities.

The new partnership will provide AMSA member Men's Sheds with access to competitive pricing and special offers.

What does this mean for your shed?

All AMSA registered sheds will benefit through Total Tools Insider Gold Card loyalty program.

The benefits include:

- Member only deals and bonus offers
- \$20 birthday reward
- Invitations to special events

Plus you have the opportunity to earn 2x the points on every dollar spent in store or online.

With over 70 stores Australia wide and the online store, you are sure to find just what you need at Total Tools.

We invite your shed to register for this exclusive offer here:

<https://mensshed.org/totaltools/>

The 8th National Men's Shed Gathering

The 8th National Men's Shed Gathering will be held at Morphettville Racecourse, SA from 10 -12 September 2019 and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible!

For just one week from Monday 25 February we are re-opening the Super Early Bird Registration Package.

Starting at \$765 per person, the package includes:

- Full delegate registration with access to all Conference sessions and Conference Dinner
- Three nights' accommodation at Morphettville Motor Inn (conveniently located across the road from the conference venue) + in-room breakfast for one (until sold out).

Men's Sheds are encouraged to take advantage of this great offer now, with the option to confirm specific delegate details closer to the event.

Visit the Conference website <https://dcconferences.eventsair.com/mensshed2019/> on Monday 25 February to secure this package today - numbers are strictly limited. This offer will close on Friday 1 March – unless sold out prior.

Please contact the Conference Secretariat for questions related to this offer:

8th National Men's Shed Gathering Secretariat

mensshed2019@dcconferences.com.au 02 9954 4400

National Shed Development Programme Updates

Round 18

The Round 18 Recommendations are currently with the Department. At this stage we do not have a definitive timeline of the approval and announcement of successful applicants. AMSA will inform you via website, bulletin and email when we have a decision

Acquittals Evaluation Reports

Round 17 Acquittal Reports were due on 25 January. Grant recipients were given an opportunity to apply for an extension and quite a few Sheds have responded to the offer. Could you please lodge the completed Acquittal or contact AMSA if you would like an extension

There are also outstanding Acquittals from previous Rounds- please check your records and submit via email. If you have any enquiries email amsa@mensshed.net

AMSA National Men's Shed Awards 2019

AMSA's National Men's Shed Awards give the Men's Shed network an opportunity to recognise the outstanding work of Men's Sheds around Australia.

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?

Nomination guidelines:

- Nominated Men's Sheds must be a member of AMSA
- One nomination form per nomination
- Specific activities must have been undertaken in 2018/2019

The nomination form can be found here:

https://mensshed.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/2019-National-MS-Awards_NominationForm.docx

Completed nomination forms and photos can be emailed amsa@mensshed.net or posted to

AMSA

PO Box 793

The Junction NSW, 2291

Nominations close Friday 9th August.

Nominations will be reviewed by the National Men's Shed Awards Committee - comprised of at least one AMSA employee, AMSA Board representative and AMSA member shed representative.

Award winners will be announced alongside the recipient of the Ted Donnelly Lifetime Contribution Award at the 8th National Men's Shed Conference Dinner, Wednesday 11 September 2019.

Contact us at amsa@mensshed.net or 1300 550 009 for any questions.

High Pressure Sellers Warning

Mens Sheds have grown 100 fold in the last 10 years. This makes your shed and members vulnerable to high pressure sellers.

We have been made aware of companies approaching sheds wanting to sell products or do demonstrations of various goods or pharmaceutical product. These companies have said they are affiliated with the Australian Men's Shed Association, which they are not.

If we sponsor with a company we will let you know, and we will only source sponsors that can provide a benefit to your shed, such as Total Tools.

If someone wants to do a demonstration of their goods in your shed or tries to sell you something you have the right to reject the offer.