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Shoulder to Shoulder



Member Survey Report

October 2023

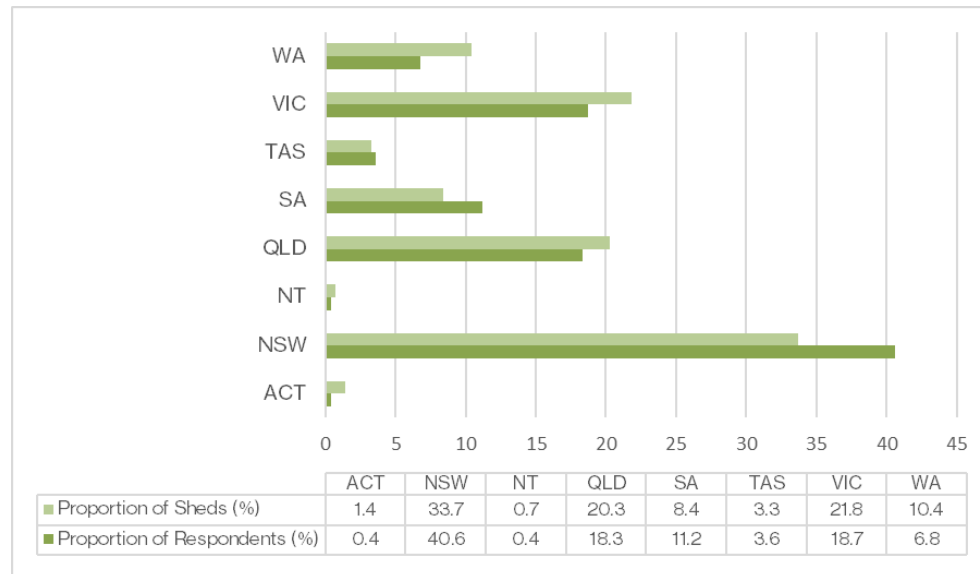
Introduction & Methodology

The 2023 Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) Member Survey was sent to 1,219 affiliated Men's & Community Sheds across Australia in May 2023.

251 Men's & Community Sheds across Australia provided a validated response to the survey which represents a 21% response rate.

This response rate is higher than the previous survey (2021; 16%). The AMSA Survey response rate has consistently hovered around 30%. In 2014 the response rate was 29%, 28% in 2017 and 29% in 2020.

A breakdown of survey respondents by State/Territory compared to the proportion of the total number of Sheds in each State/Territory is provided below.



The data set of quantitative responses is provided in Appendix A. Qualitative data sets are available on request.

The following methodology has been used to analyse the survey data.

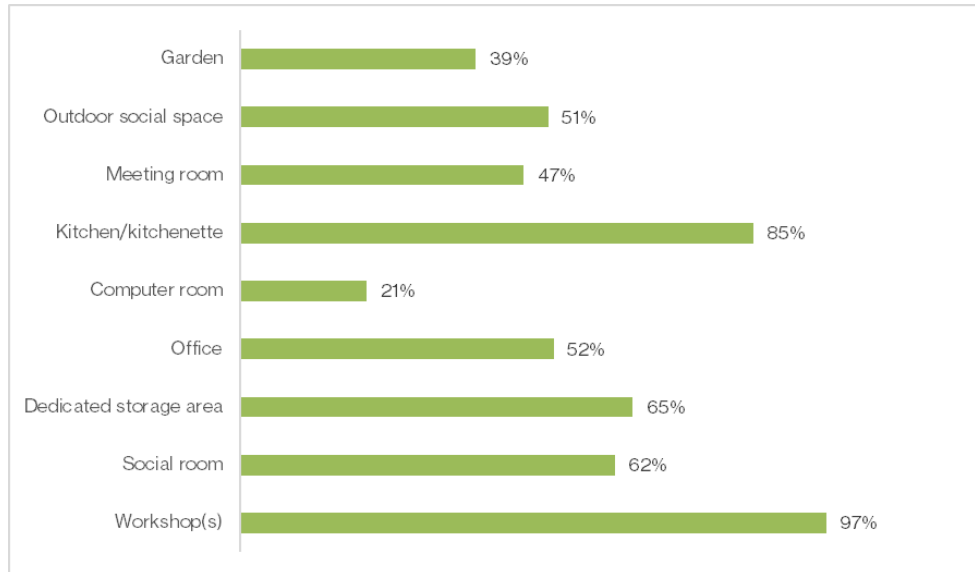
- N = number of responses to each question.
- Results have been calculated as a percentage of N, not the total number of respondents. This is in line with results presented in previous survey reports, for ease of comparison.
- Where open ended responses are provided, categorisation has been undertaken and included in the report as well as Appendix A.

Similar questions were asked in member surveys sent out from previous years (2017, 2020 and 2021), enabling trend analysis to be undertaken, where relevant or of particular note.

Facilities

97% of Sheds have workshops.

Each Shed is comprised of multiple functional spaces as indicated below.



A number of Sheds reported accessibility features have been put in place to accommodate participation by people with disabilities and ageing members. These include:

- Level facilities and/or ramps, painted steps for visibility
- Adjustable bench heights
- Wide doorways/walkways
- Chairlift to upstairs area(s)
- Warning lights on machinery (for hearing impaired)
- Paved surrounds
- Accessible bathroom facilities, parking

21% of Sheds share premises.

Across the network there are a variety of tenure types, including:

- Lease (exclusive access) from Council (42%)
- Lease from State Government (6%)
- Lease from another organisation (12%)
- Rent from a community organisation (5%)
- Rent a council facility (eg. Community hall) (3%)
- Commerical lease/rent (3%)
- Other (29%)

Operating Costs

The median operating Shed costs, including lease, rates and electricity is \$800 per year, and ranges from \$1 to \$12,800.

Most Sheds do not pay annual rent/lease or pay a peppercorn lease of less than \$10.00 per year.

42% of Sheds pay more than \$100 annual rent/lease, the median payment is \$620 with annual payments up to \$12,000.

11% of Sheds pay rates.

11.5% of Sheds indicated the installation of solar energy eliminated or reduced electricity fees significantly.

\$646

Lease fees
(annual)

\$836

Rates fees
(annual)

\$836

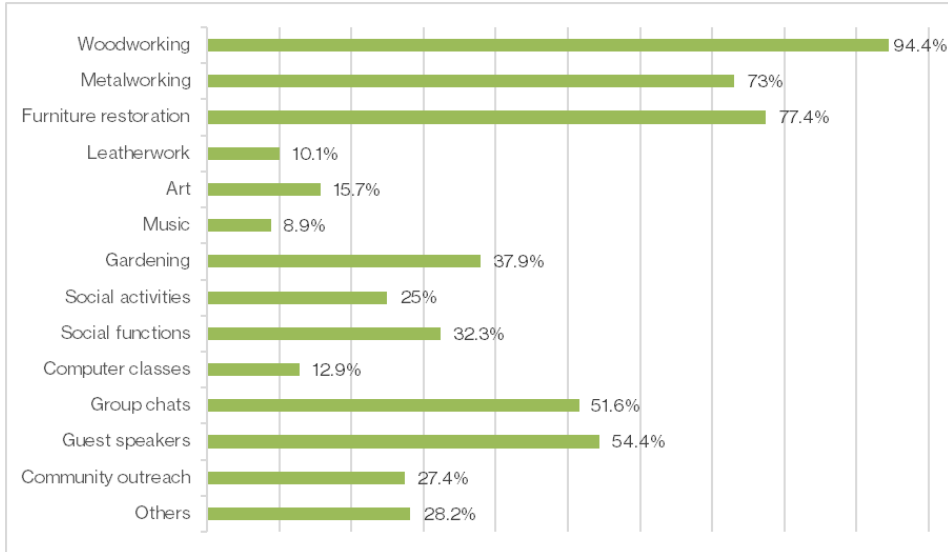
Electricity fees
(annual)

Shed Activities

95% of Sheds provide woodworking activities.

A broad range of activities are available for members, as indicated below.

Other activities specified by Sheds include:



- Automotive
- Bee keeping
- Bike riding and repair
- Blacksmithing
- Coffee club
- Cooking classes
- Electronics
- Gym/physical activities
- Knife sharpening
- Ladies courses
- Lawn mowing
- Markets
- Men's health
- Model trains
- Native plant nursery
- Participation in community activities/ events (including BBQs, planning and management, security, drink stations)
- Photography
- Poetry
- Recycling
- Repair jobs/maintenance, commissions and projects for community
- Restoration



JPY records the Men's Shed Jingle with the Raymond Terrace Men's Shed Band (NSW)

Wellbeing & Health Activities

46% of Sheds have a Member Welfare/Wellbeing Officer.

30% of Sheds actively engage with local health services and providers.

62% of Sheds deliver health and wellbeing activities for members.

In the past year, 65% of Sheds provided health resources to members including:

- Booklets, brochures, newsletters (etc) from health peak bodies/ services, Government, local health clinics and/or AMSA (eg. *Spanner in the Works?*)
- Guest speakers (various health and service organisations) and demonstrations (eg. Physio, OT)
- Health checks (eg. Hearing tests, community health staff visits, MHERV, diabetes screening)
- Training (eg. First Aid, CPR, AED) and classes (exercise)
- Medical record card
- General discussion

Health Events

55% of Sheds have held a 'health event' in the last 12 months.

64% of Sheds plan to hold a health event in the next 12 months.

36% of Sheds identified that in the past 12 months, their members have attended a health event delivered by another Shed.



Shed Mates at Wyong Men's Shed (NSW)

Membership Profile

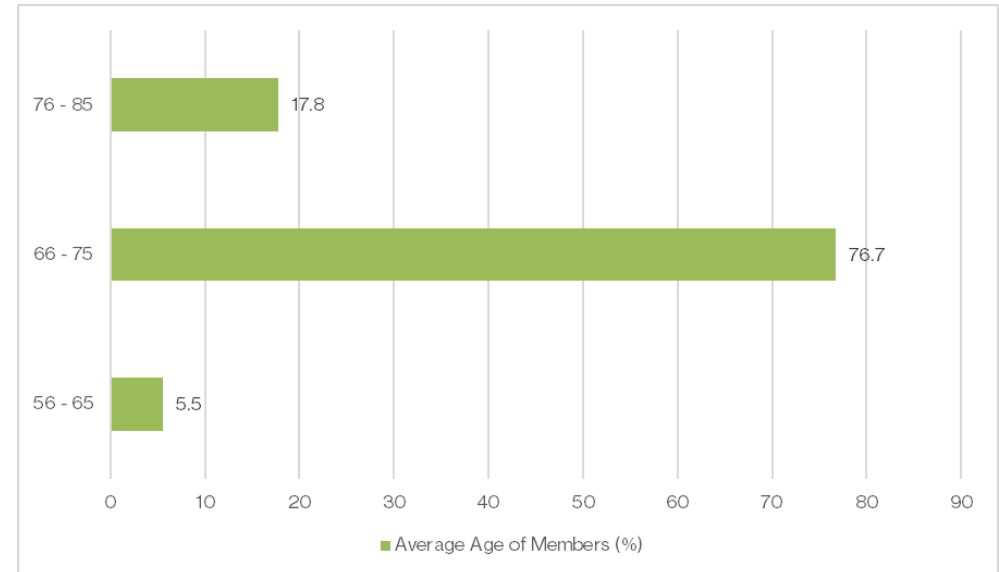
76.7% of members are aged 66 to 75 years old.

An overview of the membership across the Men's Shed network is provided below.

	2017	2020	2021	2023
Average number of members	36	44	48	49
Average age of members	66 – 75	66 – 75	66 – 75	66 – 75
Total number of reported members	9,888	12,555	7,826	11,310
Members that are Veterans		9%	6.9%	6.5%
Members with disability				79%

The total number of reported members dipped in 2021, which correlates with a lower survey response rate (16%) as well as fewer members due to the impacts of COVID.

The age breakdown of members provided below indicates that the target member group is men aged over 55 years. The 2023 results represent a consolidated age representation in comparison to previous years.



18% of members live less than 5km from the Shed.

65% of members live within 5-10km of the Shed.

4% of Sheds reported members lived outside the provided distance categories (between 1-20km from the Shed), noting:

- Shed members required to live within a retirement/residential village; or
- Shed members travelled 30km or more to visit the Shed

Shed Operations

27% of Sheds are registered for GST.

23% of Sheds are registered for Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Status, and a further 37% of Sheds are Registered Charities.

2% of Sheds have a paid employee.

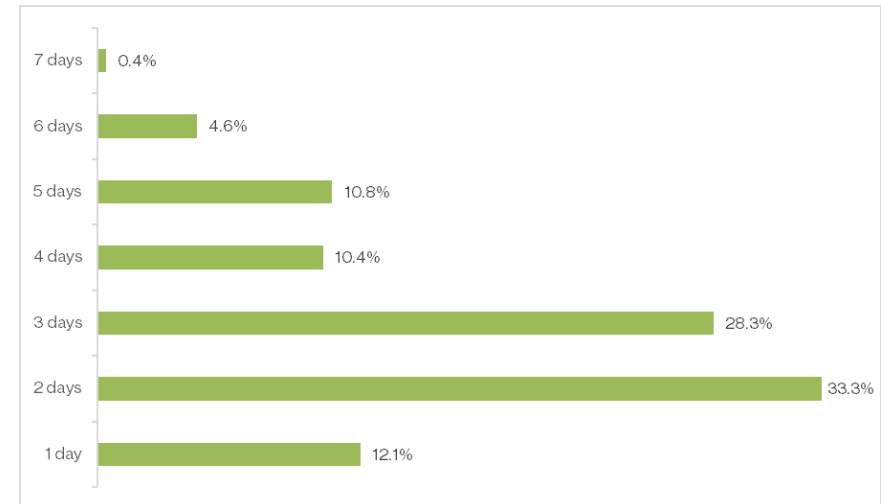
Sheds were asked to agree or disagree with statements relating to Shed operations and governance and administration. Responses are provided in the following tables including a comparison of responses received in the 2017 and 2021 surveys.

Shed Operations	2023	2021	2017
Shed has written policies and procedures.	95%	96%	86%
Shed uses AMSA policy and procedure templates.	83%	83%	61%
Shed policies and procedures are accessible to all members.	96%	94%	90%
Shed delivers inductions for new members.	94%	96%	88%
Shed delivers health and safety training to members on induction.	79%	87%	84%
Shed utilises the AMSA Safety & Induction video resource.	38%	-	-
Shed delivers ongoing health and safety training to members.	71%	82%	-
Shed has regular meetings (eg. Toolbox meetings)	92%	86%	61%

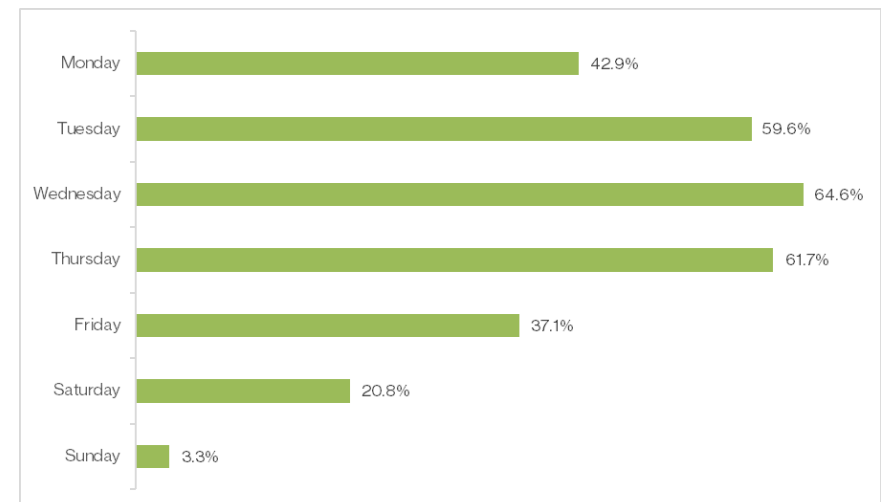
Governance and Administration	2023	2021	2017
Strategic plan	43%	52%	48%
Budget	47%	55%	62%
Fundraising/sustainability plan	43%	52%	59%
Committee succession plan	27%	43%	45%
Marketing plan	18%	21%	25%
Regular Shed newsletter	34%	38%	36%
Shed website	48%	47%	46%
Shed Facebook page	62%	61%	39%
Health and Safety manual	77%	79%	63%
Complaints and grievance policy and procedures	75%	87%	74%

24% of Sheds operate on weekends.

A break down of the number of days each Shed is operational is provided below. Majority of Sheds operate 2 to 3 days per week.

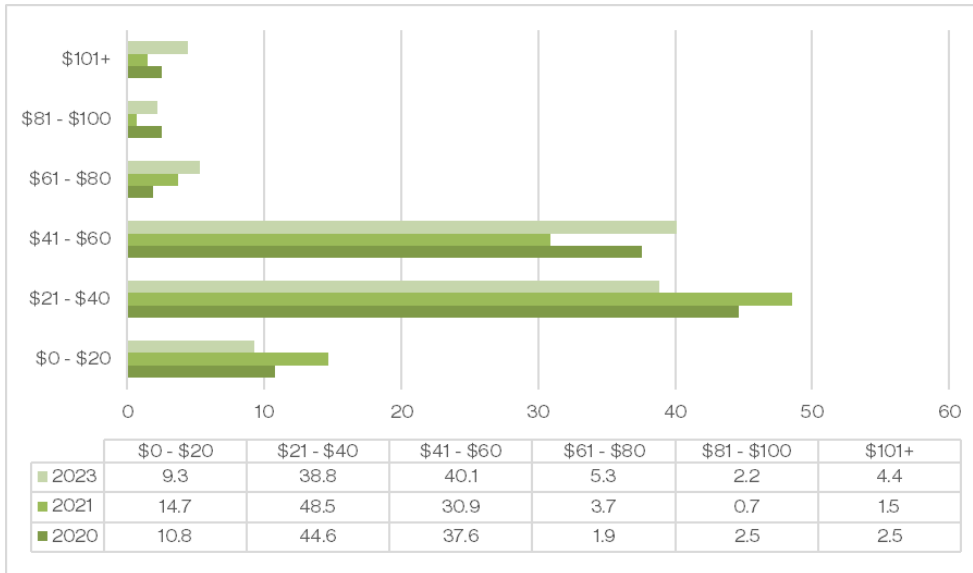


Sheds are most commonly open on Tuesday (60%), Wednesday (65%) and Thursday (62%).



Membership Fees

93% of Sheds charge a membership fee, predominantly between \$21 and \$60. Membership fees have consistently remained in this range since at least 2017. The data does suggest a trend towards increasing fees, which could be correlated with increasing costs of operations.



51% of Sheds charge additional fees.

Where additional fees are charged the cost is predominantly \$5 or less per visit, and can include fees for:

- Morning tea, monthly barbeques and other social events
- Joining fees, daily and/or weekly fees
- Materials and equipment usage

Members usually contribute to the cost of personal projects.

Membership Communications

Sheds (92%) regularly undertake member meetings with 43% of Sheds conducting these meetings monthly and 21% conducting them on a weekly basis.

56% of Sheds hold Committee Meetings every second month (usually excluding January and December).

97% of Sheds share AMSA correspondence with members.

Of these, correspondence is shared by the following means:

- Member meetings
- Noticeboards
- Emails
- Other, including printing and leaving on table

Grants

70% of Sheds have applied for grants in the past year.

Grants have been sourced from a mix of Federal, State and Local Government initiatives, AMSA administered grants as well as community grants delivered by various companies. The focus for grant applications has been:

- 42% tools and equipment
- 36% infrastructure and facilities
- 8.4% events and resources

Other grant applications supported health and wellbeing training and programs, as well as community activities.

47% of Sheds have applied for a National Shed Development Programme (NSDP) grant in the last 12 months.

External engagement

Community Engagement

Since 2017 over 75% of Sheds have consistently reported participation in community events, undertaking community projects and making/fixing items for community groups. This has increased from around 25% in 2014.

80% of Sheds participate in community events, including:

1. Anzac Day, Remembrance Day and Australia Day events
2. Market days and fairs
3. Council events

88% of Sheds undertake community projects, including:

1. Restoration of community assets
2. Projects for local schools/preschools and community organisations
3. Building furniture and/or habitats for public and community organisations

75% of Sheds make/fix items to be donated to groups within the community, including:

1. Wooden toys/play equipment (eg. Mud kitchen)
2. Garden benches (eg. Buddy Benches, picnic tables) and planter boxes
3. Repair bicycles, furniture and small electronics

In the last 12 months, 47% of Sheds held open days for the community to visit the Shed and interact with members.

46% of Sheds had been visited by their local Federal MP in the last 12 months.

55% of Sheds accept referrals from third parties.

26% of Sheds have MOUs/partner agreements with these organisations and 46% implement policies and procedures to support these referrals.

14% of Sheds participate in youth mentoring (intergenerational) programs and of these:

- 38% work with external agencies/organisations to deliver the program
- 46% have 'Working With Children' policies and/or procedures in place
- 38% have MOUs or partner agreements in place

The number of Sheds participating in mentoring (intergenerational) programs is decreasing.

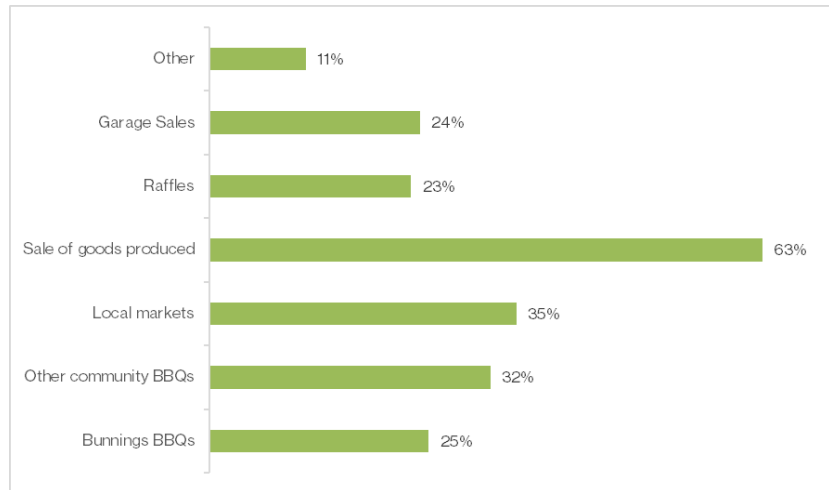


School's Tree Day with Gundy Men's Shed (QLD)

Fundraising

43% of Sheds have a Fundraising/Sustainability Plan in place.

An overview of the types of fundraising activities undertaken is below.



Networking

71% of Sheds engage with other Men's Sheds in the area.

29% of Sheds meet on a regular basis.

Networking events are organised by:

- Shed Committee/Member(s)
- State Men's Shed Organisations
- AMSA
- Council

Promotion

57% of Sheds engage with local media agencies to promote Shed activities.

Common ways Sheds promote to local communities include:

- Local radio
- Word of mouth
- Local paper/magazine
- Social media (primarily Facebook)
- Signage and collateral (including apparel)
- Website
- Shed open days/sales
- Participation in local events (including Bunnings BBQs, markets, fetes)
- Engage with government representatives (all levels)

State Men's Shed Organisation Membership

Reported affiliation to State Men's Shed Organisations has remained steady since 2021. In 2017, 38% of Sheds indicated that they were affiliated, growing to 56% in 2021 and 52% in 2023.

56% of respondents who are affiliated with a State Men's Shed Organisation reported paying a membership fee.

Challenges

Six key categories were identified as areas of common challenges across respondents: membership, facilities, health & safety, relevance, funding, and operations. Many reported challenges are consistent with previous years., with a noticeable growth in ageing membership and associated challenges.

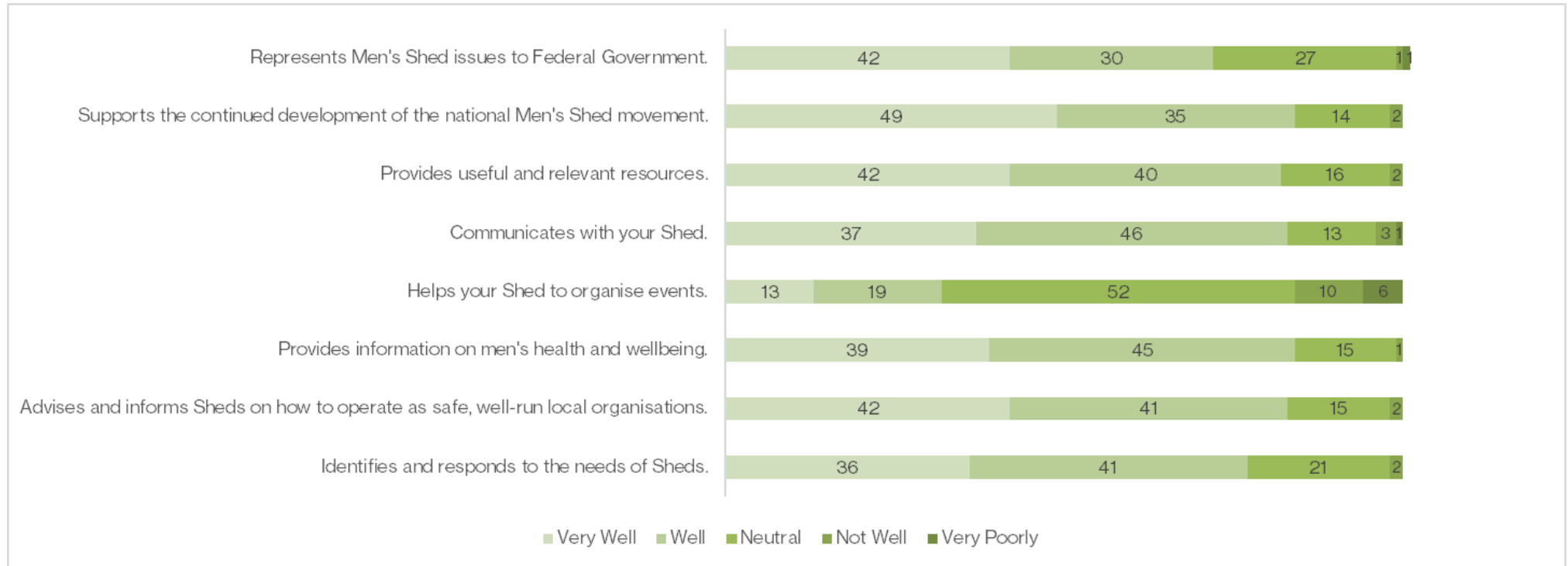
Membership	Facilities	Health & Safety	Relevance	Funding	Operations
- Attracting new members - Engagement/ Active participation in shed activities - Ageing membership - Succession planning/attracting 'skilled' committee members	- Lack of space/ storage - Securing ongoing premises - Ageing facilities and equipment - Lack of parking, toilets, heating/ cooling - Growth and/or projects hindered due to space	- Appropriate WHS training - Attracting 'skilled' members for workshop supervision and/or training - Member safety (primarily due to space)	- Public perceptions of getting work done cheaply - Staying relevant and/or viable to community	- Balancing income/ outgoings with stability, cash flow - Attracting sponsorship - Raising funds to support community projects and activities <i>"Funding for planned upgrades to our shed, for us to provide more opportunity's for our members to do the projects they would love to do ie. A mechanical workshop."</i>	- Loss of skills and expertise - Increasing operating costs - Difficulties with council, government - Recovering post-Covid - Maintaining shed culture
<i>"Our biggest challenge is the recruitment of new members due to a small population in the town."</i>		<i>"The shed is too small by a long way!"</i>			

AMSA Resources and Support

86% of Sheds have contacted AMSA in the past year: 62% by email and 38% by phone.

75% of Sheds use resources from the AMSA website (mensshed.org).

Sheds were asked to rate specific services provided by AMSA on a scale of 'Very Well' to 'Very Poorly', with the results depicted in the graph below.



Looking ahead, Sheds are most interested in support in the following areas:

- Member wellbeing and health (67%)
- Grants & fundraising (63%)
- Shed Sustainability (58%)
- Health & safety (55%)
- Promoting the Shed (50%)
- Community Development (40%)
- Succession Planning (39%)
- Governance & operations (35%)
- Disability & social inclusion (28%)
- Working with external agencies (22%)

Appendix A. Quantitative Data (2017—2023)

Questions	2023			2021	2020	2017
	N	Yes %	No %	Yes %	Yes %	Yes %
General						
Please indicate the number of registered members at your Shed. N = 231 Total = 11,310; Mean = 49 members; Median = 32 members						
Please indicate the number of (Australian Defence Force) veterans at your Shed. N = 205; Mean = 4; Median = 2 Total known veterans = 730 (6.5% of membership), Unknown/not collected = 18						
Please indicate the average age of your members.						
45 years or less	236	0.0	100	0.0	0.4	4.0
46 to 55 years		0.0	100	0.6	0.7	
56 to 65 years		5.5	94.5	9.5	14.5	24.0
66 to 75 years		76.7	23.3	72.8	72.8	72.0
76 to 85 years		17.8	82.2	16.6	12.0	10.0
85 + years		0.0	100	0.6	0.4	
Within what distance from your Shed would most members live.						
1km	238	4.2	93.8	4.2	7.6	-
3km		13.4	86.4	14.3	14.8	-
5km		32.4	67.6	29.8	29.3	-
10km		32.4	67.6	31.0	37.9	-
20km		13.4	86.4	16.1	10.3	-
Other		4.2	93.8	4.8	-	-
Is your Shed incorporated?	242	92.1	7.9	90.1	88.5	80.1
Does your Shed have any paid employees?	238	2.1	97.9	3.0	2.8	3.6
Does your Shed have any members with a disability?	221	78.7	21.3	-	-	-
Does your Shed charge a membership fee?	236	93.2	6.8	94.5	93.5	90.2
If yes, what is the cost?						
\$0 - \$20	227	9.3	90.7	10.8	14.7	13.0
\$21 - \$40		38.8	61.2	44.6	48.5	49.0
\$41 - \$60		40.1	59.9	37.6	30.9	35.0
\$61 - \$80		5.3	94.7	1.9	3.7	3.0
\$81 - \$100		2.2	97.8	2.5	0.7	
\$101+		4.4	95.6	2.5	1.5	2.0

Questions	2023			2021	2020	2017
	N	Yes %	No %	Yes %	Yes %	Yes %
Does your Shed charge any other fees?	233	48.9	51.1	59.1	53.9	54.1
Is your Shed registered for GST?	232	27.2	72.8	25.6	32.3	-
Is your Shed a Registered Charity or DGR Charity?						
Registered Charity	232	15.9	84.1	-	-	-
DGR Charity		23.3	76.7	24.2	-	-
None		51.3	48.7	-	-	-
Unsure		9.5	90.5	-	-	-
Does your Shed share premises?	237	21.1	78.9	17.4	27.6	22.3
Does your Shed pay rates?	235	11.1	88.9	13.5	16.4	-
Is your Shed a financial member of a State Men's Shed organisation?	236	51.7	48.3	55.6	54.6	37.8
If yes, do you pay fees?	172	56.4	43.6	53.0	53.3	-
Facilities						
What spaces/facilities does your Shed have?						
Workshop	249	96.8	3.2	99.4	94.4	-
Social room		61.8	38.2	59.1	67.1	-
Dedicated storage		64.7	35.3	70.5	67.7	-
Office		52.2	47.8	63.1	54.3	-
Computer area		21.3	78.7	23.9	33.2	-
Kitchen/kitchenette		85.1	14.9	88.6	81.7	-
Meeting room		46.6	63.4	50.6	-	
Outdoor social space		51.4	48.6	47.7	51.2	-
Garden		39.4	60.6	40.9	-	-
What tenure does your Shed have over its premises?						
Lease (exclusive access) from Council	235	41.7	58.3	32.9	-	-
Lease from State Government		6.0	94.0	7.2	-	-
Lease from another organisation		11.9	88.1	14.4	-	-
Rent from a community organisation		5.1	94.9	6.0	-	-
Rent a council facility (eg. community hall)		3.4	96.6	3.0	-	-
Commercial lease/rent		2.6	97.4	4.8	-	-

Questions	2023			2021	2020	2017
	N	Yes %	No %	Yes %	Yes %	Yes %
Other		29.4	70.6	31.7	-	-
Lease fees: N=208 Minimum (\$0), Median (\$1.00), Mean (\$646.16), Maximum (\$12,000)						
Rates fees: N=21 Minimum (\$0), Median (\$600.00), Mean (\$836.10), Maximum (\$2,800)						
Electricity fees: N=192 Minimum (\$0), Median (\$620), Mean (\$836.25), Maximum (\$4,500) Unsure = 4.7%, Solar = 11.5% (nil or low)						
Activities						
Woodworking	248	94.4	5.6	98.9	95.3	-
Metalworking		73.0	27.0	82.4	71.6	-
Furniture restoration		77.4	22.6	76.7	75.9	-
Leatherwork		10.1	89.9	9.7	10.9	-
Art		15.7	84.3	16.5	11.3	-
Music		8.9	91.1	9.7	5.3	-
Gardening		37.9	62.1	38.6	-	-
Social activities		25.0	75.0	29.5	27.5	-
Social functions		32.3	67.7	33.5	34.1	-
Computer classes		12.9	87.1	19.3	19.1	-
Group chats		51.6	48.4	60.2	63.4	-
Guest speakers		54.4	45.6	56.8	59.4	-
Fundraising		-	-	65.3	64.7	-
Community outreach service		27.4	62.6	25.0	24.8	-
Others		28.2	71.8	26.7	34.7	-
On which days does your Shed operate? N = 240, Median = 3, Mode = 2; Mon (42.9%), Tues (59.6%), Wed (64.6%), Thurs (61.7%), Fri (37.1%), Sat (20.8%), Sun (3.3%)						
One day	240	12.1	87.9	14.8	11.7	13.0
Two days		33.3	66.7	29.6	35.1	34.0
Three days		28.3	71.7	27.8	26.5	31.0
Four days		10.4	89.6	11.8	11.0	9.0
Five days		10.8	89.2	11.2	10.3	-
Six days		4.6	95.4	3.6	4.1	3.0
Seven days		0.4	99.6	1.2	1.4	3.0

Questions	2023			2021	2020	2017
	N	Yes %	No %	Yes %	Yes %	Yes %
Operations						
Does your Shed have written policies and procedures?	225	94.7	5.3	95.7	91.1	85.9
Does your Shed use the AMSA Policy and Procedure resources?	221	83.3	16.7	83.1	78.8	60.9
Are the Shed’s policies and procedures accessible to all members?	226	95.6	4.4	94.4	93.9	90.3
Does your shed deliver an Induction for new members?	227	93.8	6.2	95.7	90	88.1
Does your Shed deliver Health & Safety training to all new members on induction?	225	78.7	21.3	87.1	79.9	83.8
Does your Shed provide ongoing Health & Safety training to members?	223	71.3	28.7	82.2	83.0	-
Does your Shed have regular member meetings?	227	91.6	8.4	85.7	90.1	60.7
Does your Shed use the AMSA Induction & Safety video?	220	17.3	82.7	-	-	-
If the Shed does hold member meetings how often are they held?						
Daily	215	7.9	92.1	7.1	9.0	-
Weekly		20.5	79.5	23.2	23.9	-
Fortnightly		1.9	98.1	3.2	2.2	-
Monthly		43.3	56.7	45.2	42.5	-
Bi-monthly		5.6	94.4	4.5	3.4	-
Quarterly		6.5	99.5	7.1	6.3	-
Half yearly		0.5	99.5	0.0	0.4	-
Annually		3.3	96.7	3.2	1.5	-
As required		7.4	92.6	6.5	9.3	-
Other		3.3	96.7	0.0	1.5	-
How often does your Shed hold Committee meetings?						
Weekly	220	0.5	99.5	3.8	0.7	3.0

Questions	2023			2021	2020	2017
	N	Yes %	No %	Yes %	Yes %	Yes %
Fundraising and Grants						
In the last 12 months, has your Shed undertaken any of the following activities?						
Bunnings BBQs	232	25.0	75.0	34.4	39.0	61.0
Other Community BBQs		31.9	28.1	27.2	41.3	60.0
Local markets		34.9	25.1	39.7	44.4	60.0
Sale of goods produced		63.4	36.6	74.2	73.4	30.0
Raffles		23.3	76.7	35.8	42.5	65.0
Garage sales		24.1	75.9	24.5	29.7	-
Other		10.8	90.2	18.5	22.0	79.0
In the last 12 months, has your Shed applied for a National Shed Development Program (NSDP) grant?	212	47.2	52.8	66.7	53.8	56.3
In the last 12 months, did your Shed apply for any other grants?	214	65.4	34.6	86.1	75.1	92.8
If yes, what was the primary purpose of your application?						
Health & Safety	166	-	-	3.0	-	-
Infrastructure		30.7	69.3	35.6	31.1	-
Tools & Equipment		42.2	57.8	37.9	41.7	-
Resources		4.8	95.2	2.3	3.9	-
Facilities		6.0	94.0	-	-	-
Other		12.0	88.0	21.2	23.3	-
Networking						
Does your Shed engage with other Men's Sheds in your area?	218	71.1	28.9	77.1	76.9	82.0
Do sheds in your area meet on a regular basis?	211	28.9	71.1	28.7	33.8	33.6
If yes, who organises the meetings?						
Committee or members within one or more Sheds	71	29.6	70.4	30.8	41.1	-
State Zone/Cluster coordinator or committee		53.5	42.5	59.6	38.8	-
Local council		9.9	90.1	5.8	6.7	-
AMSA		1.4	98.6	1.9	2.2	-

Questions	2023			2021	2020	2017
	N	Yes %	No %	Yes %	Yes %	Yes %
Unsure		4.2	93.8	1.9	11.1	-
Working with external agencies/services						
Does your Shed accept referrals from any third parties?	211	55.0	45.0	51.6	54.2	58.9
If yes, does your Shed develop a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Partnership Agreement?	133	26.3	73.7	28.2	31.9	29.0
If yes, does your Shed have policies and procedures in place to support these referrals?	132	46.2	53.8	60.5	52.5	37.9
Does your Shed participate in youth mentoring (intergenerational) programs?	205	14.1	85.9	18.9	20.9	25.8
If yes, do you work with an external agency/organisation to deliver the program?	48	37.5	62.5	59.5	62.7	-
If yes, does your Shed have 'Working with Children' policies and/or procedures in place?	50	46.0	54.0	37.8	58.0	28.6
If yes, do you develop a MOU or Partner Agreement?	48	37.5	62.5	76.7	36.9	15.9
AMSA Services						
In the past 12 months, has your Shed contacted AMSA?	213	86.4	15.6	86.7	86.5	66.7
If yes, what type of contact was used most frequently?						
Email	185	62.2	37.8	66.7	62.2	-
Phone		37.8	62.2	32.6	37.8	-
In general terms, please rate how well you think AMSA does the following:						
Identifies and responds to the needs of members.						
Very well	212	36.6	63.4	31.1	37.7	-
Well		40.6	59.4	47.7	40.0	-
Neutral		20.8	79.2	17.9	17.7	-
Not well		2.4	97.6	2.6	4.2	-
Very poorly		0.0	100	0.7	0.4	-

Questions	2023			2021	2020	2017
	N	Yes %	No %	Yes %	Yes %	Yes %
Fundraising and Grants						
In the last 12 months, has your Shed undertaken any of the following activities?						
Bunnings BBQs	232	25.0	75.0	34.4	39.0	61.0
Other Community BBQs		31.9	28.1	27.2	41.3	60.0
Local markets		34.9	25.1	39.7	44.4	60.0
Sale of goods produced		63.4	36.6	74.2	73.4	30.0
Raffles		23.3	76.7	35.8	42.5	65.0
Garage sales		24.1	75.9	24.5	29.7	-
Other		10.8	90.2	18.5	22.0	79.0
In the last 12 months, has your Shed applied for a National Shed Development Program (NSDP) grant?	212	47.2	52.8	66.7	53.8	56.3
In the last 12 months, did your Shed apply for any other grants?	214	65.4	34.6	86.1	75.1	92.8
If yes, what was the primary purpose of your application?						
Health & Safety	166	-	-	3.0	-	-
Infrastructure		30.7	69.3	35.6	31.1	-
Tools & Equipment		42.2	57.8	37.9	41.7	-
Resources		4.8	95.2	2.3	3.9	-
Facilities		6.0	94.0	-	-	-
Other		12.0	88.0	21.2	23.3	-
Networking						
Does your Shed engage with other Men's Sheds in your area?	218	71.1	28.9	77.1	76.9	82.0
Do sheds in your area meet on a regular basis?	211	28.9	71.1	28.7	33.8	33.6
If yes, who organises the meetings?						
Committee or members within one or more Sheds	71	29.6	70.4	30.8	41.1	-
State Zone/Cluster coordinator or committee		53.5	42.5	59.6	38.8	-
Local council		9.9	90.1	5.8	6.7	-
AMSA		1.4	98.6	1.9	2.2	-

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Unsure		4.2		1.9	11.1	-
Working with external agencies/services						
Does your Shed accept referrals from any third parties?	211	55.0	45.0	51.6	54.2	58.9
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If yes, do you work with an external agency/organisation to deliver the program?	48	37.5	62.5	59.5	62.7	-
If yes, does your Shed have 'Working with Children' policies and/or procedures in place?	50	46.0	54.0	37.8	58.0	28.6
If yes, do you develop a MOU or Partner Agreement?	48	37.5	62.5	76.7	36.9	15.9
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Advises and informs Men's Sheds on how to operate as safe, well-run local organisations.						
Very well	212	42.5	57.5	41.1	45.3	-
Well		40.6	59.4	41.1	34.0	-
Neutral		14.6	85.4	15.9	16.6	-
Not well		2.4	97.6	2.0	3.8	-
Very poorly		0.0	100	0.0	0.4	-
Provides information on men's health issues.						
Very well	214	38.8	61.2	35.8	40.0	-
Well		44.9	55.1	49.0	44.9	-
Neutral		15.4	84.6	15.2	13.2	-
Not well		0.9	99.1	0.0	1.5	-
Very poorly		0.0	100	0.0	0.4	-
Helps your Men's Shed to organise events.						
Very well	211	13.3	86.7	7.3	11.0	-
Well		18.5	81.5	25.3	21.6	-
Neutral		52.1	47.9	58.0	55.7	-
Not well		10.4	80.6	6.7	8.6	-
Very poorly		5.7	94.3	2.7	3.1	-
Communicates with your Men's Shed.						
Very well	211	37.4	62.6	36.9	41.8	-
Well		46.0	54.0	47.0	38.4	-
Neutral		12.8	73.2	11.4	13.7	-
Not well		2.8	97.2	4.0	3.4	-
Very poorly		0.9	99.1	0.7	2.7	-
Provides useful and relevant member resources.						
Very well	212	48.8	51.2	39.1	38.5	-
Well		35.2	64.8	38.4	38.5	-
Neutral		13.6	86.4	20.5	16.4	-
Not well		2.3	97.7	1.3	5.3	-
Very poorly		0.0	100	0.7	1.1	-
Supports the continued development of the national Men's Shed movement.						
Very well	213	48.8	51.2	45.7	55.9	-
Well		35.2	64.8	39.7	30.0	-

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Neutral		13.6	86.4	11.9	10.3	-
Not well		2.3	97.7	2.0	2.7	-
Very poorly		0.0	100	0.7	1.1	-
Represents Men's Shed issues to Federal Government.						
Very well	210	41.9	58.1	45.7	49.4	-
Well		30.0	70.0	33.8	30.4	-
Neutral		27.1	72.9	19.2	16.0	-
Not well		0.5	99.5	0.7	3.4	-
Very poorly		0.5	99.5	0.7	0.8	-
Does your Shed use resources from the AMSA website?	208	75.5	24.5	79.9	70.2	59.2
Is your Shed willing to pay for members to attend education and development opportunities delivered by AMSA?	209	27.8	72.2	-	-	-
What topics is your Shed interested in learning more about at these events and workshops?						
Member wellbeing & health	205	66.8	33.2	-	-	-
Promoting the Shed		50.2	49.8	-	-	-
Succession planning		39.0	61.0	-	-	-
Governance and operations		35.1	64.9	-	-	-
Health & safety		55.1	44.9	-	-	-
Shed sustainability		57.6	42.4	-	-	-
Disability & social inclusion		27.8	72.2	-	-	-
Grants & fundraising		63.4	36.6	-	-	-
Working with external agencies		22.0	88.0	-	-	-
Community development		40.0	60.0	-	-	-



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