



# AUSTRALIAN MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION

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# National Men's Shed Awards 2024

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

Award winners will be announced alongside the recipient of the Ted Donnelly Lifetime Contribution Award at the 10<sup>th</sup> National Men's Shed Gathering Shed Mates Gala Dinner in Murray Bridge on 5 September 2024.

The nominations for the 2024 Awards fall into four (4) categories:

- Innovation – *Innovative fund raising activity*
- Sustainability – *a unique or interesting recycling activity*
- Men’s health – *promoting men’s health and wellbeing*
- Shed of the Year – *a Shed doing great things, inside and out*

## NOMINATIONS

## Conditions of nomination

- See the Nomination Form for category information and criteria
- Nominated Men's Sheds must be a member of AMSA
- Sheds may apply across multiple categories (in the same nomination form)
- Activities must have been undertaken since February 2022
- 2022 award recipients cannot nominate for the awarded project again in the 2024 awards

## How to nominate

Please submit completed nomination form/s and photos to:

[amsa@mensshed.net](mailto:amsa@mensshed.net)

## Subject: 2024 National Men's Shed Awards

Australian Men's Shed Association

## re. 2024 National Men's Shed Awards

PO Box 793

The Junction NSW 2291

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.

## KEY DATES

**Nominations open Monday 1 July 2024**

**Nominations close Friday 23 August 2024**

**Award presentation** Thursday 5 September 2024

Murray Bridge, South Australia (National Men's Shed Gathering Shedder's Dinner)

The winning shed in each category will be refunded the full value of one delegate registration and dinner ticket.

## QUESTIONS

Contact [amsa@mensshed.net](mailto:amsa@mensshed.net) or 1300 550 009 for any questions.



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## 2024 National Men's Shed Awards Nomination Form

### SHED DETAILS

<b>Nominated Men's Shed</b>	
<b>Nominated Men's Shed Address</b>	
<b>Position of nominating person</b> Committee or other?	
<b>Contact number of nominating person</b> For further information (if required)	
<b>Will you or others from the nominated Men's Shed be attending the 10<sup>th</sup> National Men's Shed Gathering (4 &amp; 5 September 2024 in Murray Bridge, SA)?</b>	Yes / No / Not sure
<b>Tell us a bit about the nominated Men's Shed.</b>	



## INNOVATION

### *Innovative fund raising activity*

The 2024 National Men's Shed Award for Innovation will recognise and celebrate inventive approaches to fundraising initiatives and projects.

This category covers a vast range of activities, including:

**Tuggeranong Men's Shed was recognised for their unique fundraising activity at the 2019 National Men's Shed Awards.**

*For a number of years, the Tuggeranong Men's Shed has been cooking 'Tornado Potatoes' as part of their fundraising activities. Venues have included school fetes and sporting activities, church fairs – even a local polling station for the Federal Election where the name was modified to 'Democracy Potatoes'.*

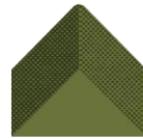
*The savvy marketing has resulted in great financial returns, but fundraising is by no means the most important reason for this activity. Building camaraderie between shed members is very important to the shed, as is being out and seen in the community.*

#### **Criteria**

- Innovative fund raising activity
- Activity or project was undertaken in 2022 - 2024

**Please describe how the nominated Shed meets the above criteria.**

Please feel free to include testimonials, photos, videos and/or media to support your nomination.



## SUSTAINABILITY

*A unique or interesting recycling activity*

The 2024 National Men's Shed Award for Sustainability will recognise and celebrate environmentally friendly and eco conscious programs, projects and/or initiatives.

This category covers a vast range of activities, including:

- Recycling parts from used air conditioning units
- Upcycling projects

**Stanhope & District Men's Shed** were recognised for their outstanding recycling activity in the 2019 National Men's Shed Awards.

*In 2014 a fire destroyed the cheese plant of the local milk factory. During the rebuilding process the Stanhope Men's Shed entered into an agreement with the owner to recycle all packaging materials.*

*Over the ensuing years, the shed has removed over 200 large trailer loads and a number of truckloads of timber, crates, boxes and pallets. A large amount of this material has been shared with other Men's Sheds from the surrounding region.*

*This activity is ongoing as the owner is now building a large workshop to accommodate their milk tankers.*

**Criteria**

- Shed activity or project demonstrates recycling and upcycling
- Activity or project was undertaken in 2022 - 2024

**Please describe how the nominated Shed meets the above criteria.**

Please feel free to include testimonials, photos, videos and/or media to support your nomination.



## MEN'S HEALTH

*Promoting men's health and wellbeing.*

The 2024 National Men's Shed Award for Men's Health will recognise and celebrate Sheds' efforts in promoting men's health in the Shed and community.

This category includes any activity promoting men's health and wellbeing within the Shed and into the community.

**Carina Men's Shed recognised for their outstanding men's health initiative in the 2019 National Men's Shed Awards**

*In 2017, the Carina Men's Shed launched a Men's Health & Lifestyle Guide as part of their International Men's Health Week Expo in June.*

*The Expo was a major community event for the region and led to significant media promotion, including a story on Channel 7's Creek to Coast, and resulted in many participants engaging with programs and services based on their attendance.*

*The Guide, designed as a healthy guide for men of all ages and their families, covers a range of mental and physical wellbeing topics. It was developed in collaboration with a number of community partners as the brain child of the Carina Men's Shed, Clem Jones Centre and Clem Jones Centre Diet & Nutrition.*

### Criteria

- Shed program, activity or project demonstrates unique, inventive and/or successful ways of promoting men's health and wellbeing at the Shed.
- Shed links with local health services and/or organisations.
- Activity or project was undertaken in 2022 - 2024

**Please describe how the nominated Shed meets the above criteria.**

Please feel free to include testimonials, photos, videos and/or media to support your nomination.



## SHED OF THE YEAR

*A Shed doing great things, inside and out.*

The 2024 National Men's Shed Award for Shed of the Year will recognise and celebrate an outstanding Men's Shed across other award categories, as well as other examples of Shed projects, member programs and engagement.

### Criteria

- Exceptional member and community engagement
- Interesting and valuable individual and shed projects

**Please describe how the nominated Shed would deserve the title of AMSA's 2024 *Shed of the Year*.**

Please feel free to include testimonials, photos, videos and/or media to support your nomination.