



Welcome

10TH NATIONAL MEN'S SHED GATHERING



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MEN'S SHED
ASSOCIATION**
Shoulder to Shoulder



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Australian Men's Sheds
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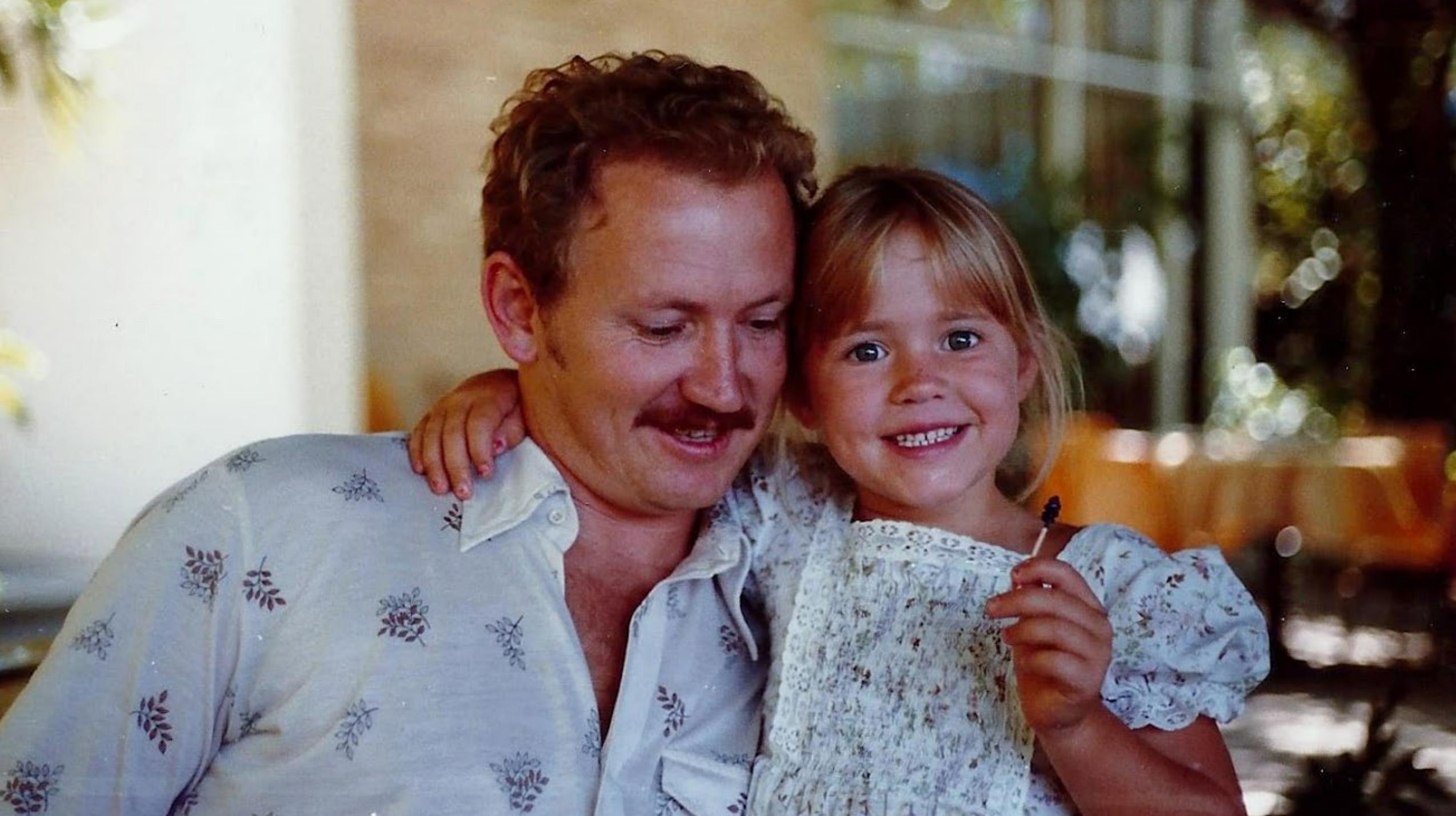
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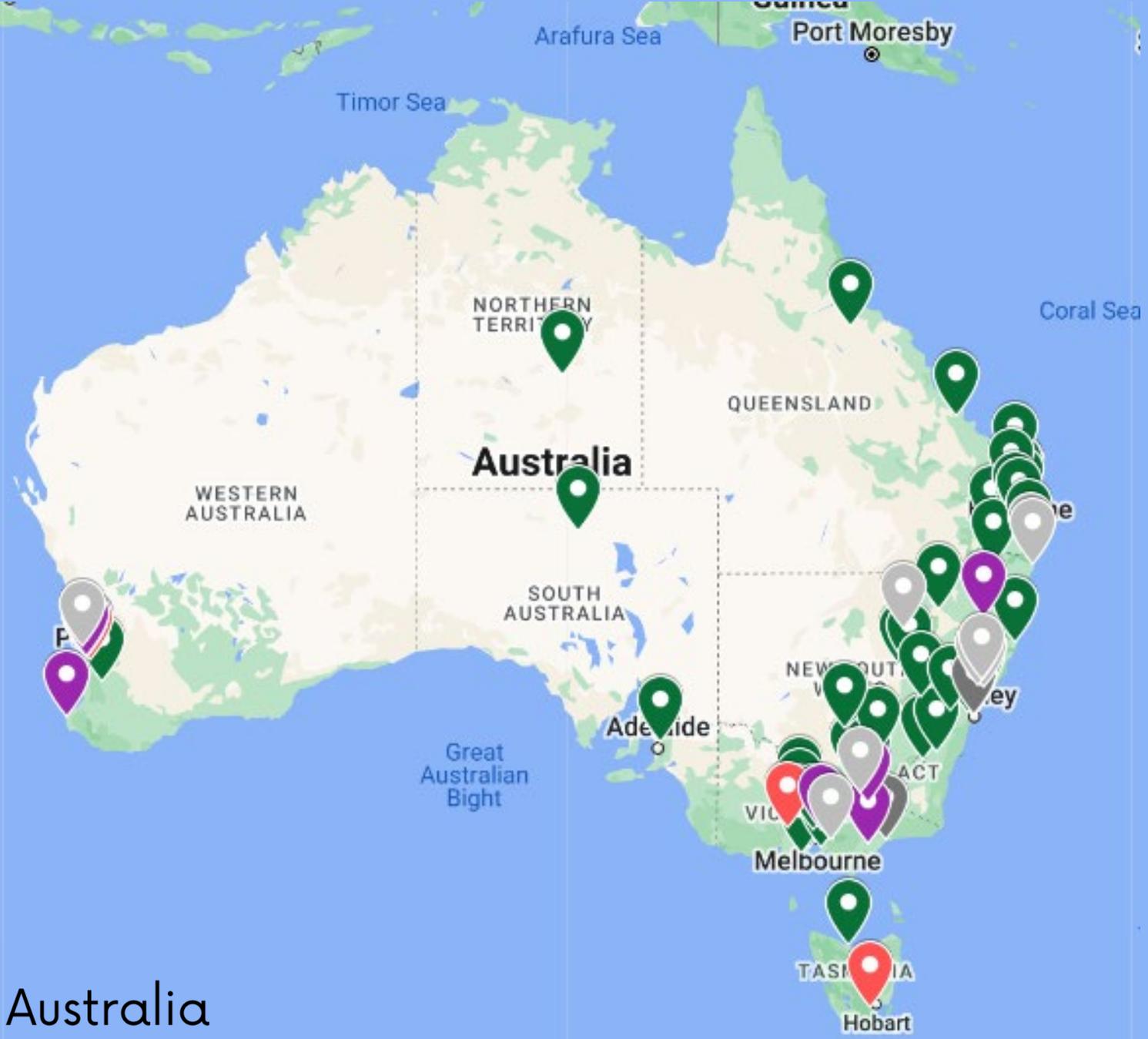
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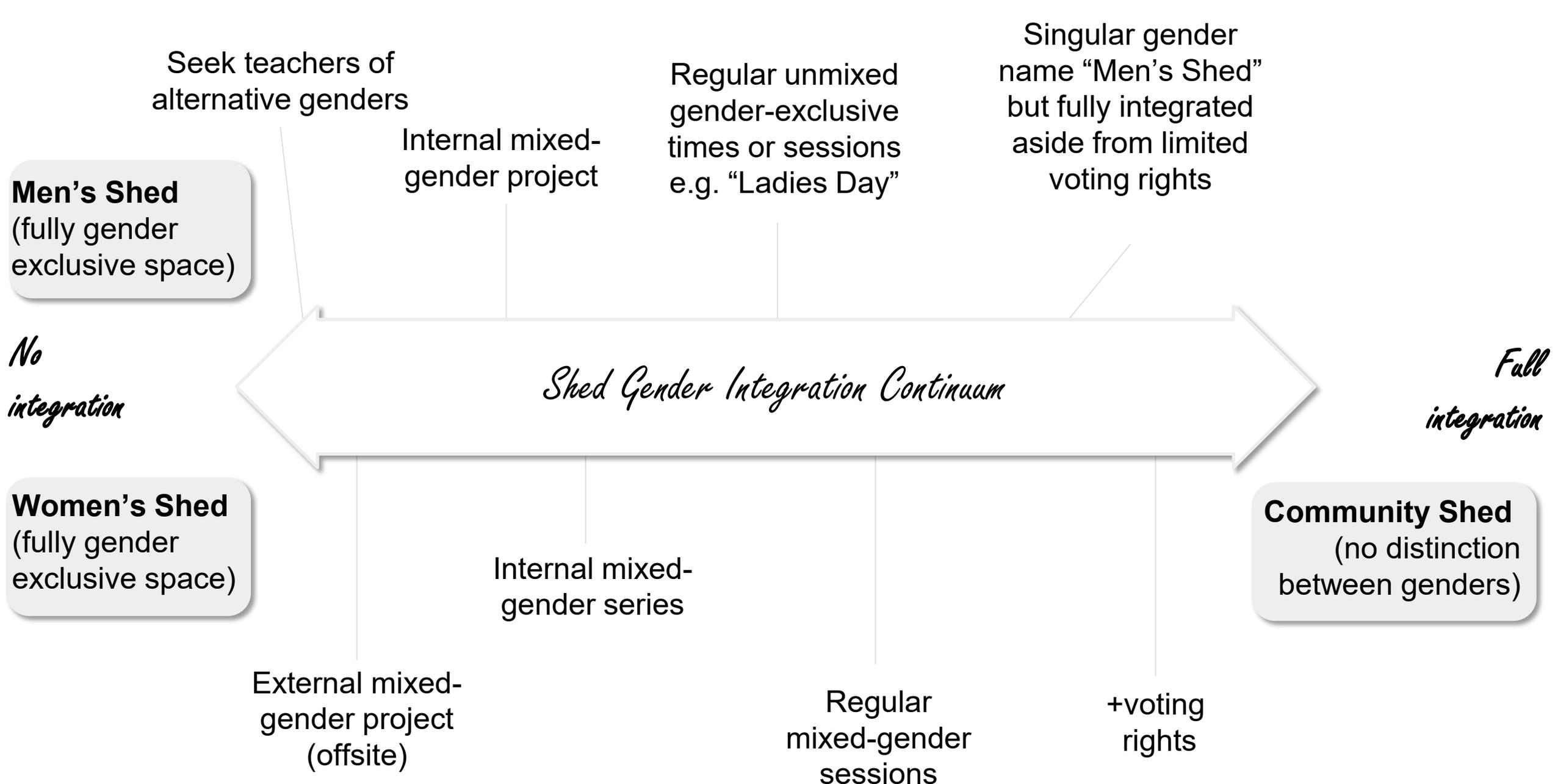








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*No
integration*



*Full
integration*

Pros

Psychological safety (potentially?)
Gender-exclusive funding opportunities
Low effort

Cons

Limited opportunities for psychosocial growth
Reinforces gender stereotypes
Reduced community impact

Pros

More funding opportunities
Sustainability: double potential members
Increased skill sharing/learning
More beneficiaries of health benefits
Community reputational impacts

Cons

Loss of some members who do not feel psychologically safe
Requires effort





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Reasons to consider moving along the spectrum:

- Increased community engagement
- Expanded knowledge and skill sharing
- Enhanced sustainability
- Improved funding opportunities
- Health and wellbeing benefits
- Fostering intergenerational and cross-gender understanding
- New project opportunities

Should always be approached on a community-by-community basis – engage your members, be transparent, ask and listen (Do the women in your community want to join your shed, or do they want to create their own space?)

Australian Women's Shed Association: Our Foundations

Vision

We envision a **thriving network of well-resourced Women's Sheds across Australia**, with leadership teams who are fully supported to deliver sheds that provide a safe, welcoming environment to inspire, promote wellbeing, personal growth and strengthen communities.

Mission

Our mission is to **connect, empower and elevate Australian Women's Sheds** through advocacy, support, upskilling, collaboration, access to resources, discounts, infrastructure and funding opportunities.

Value: Unwavering Advocacy

AWSA **advocates for the collective voice and needs of its member organisations** against challenges that they face at a local, state and national level, including access to infrastructure, resources and funding.

Value: Connection Focussed

ASWA **fosters connection and collaboration amongst Women's Sheds**. Women's sheds are not isolate but are key components of a broader and growing Women's Shed community, where meaningful connections are formed, and knowledge and experiences are shared.

Value: Dedicated to Empowerment

AWSA is **dedicated to activating and enabling leaders within Women's Sheds** to develop new skills, networking connections and confidence to better lead their sheds, through the activities support and resources provided by AWSA.

