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2025

Shedder's Calendar



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SHEDS AROUND THE WORLD



JANUARY

Irish Men's Sheds

Shedders from all over Ireland meet to clear invasive Rhododendron plants in Killarney National Park.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 <i>Australia Day Public Holiday</i>	28	29	30	31	1



First shed: **2009**
 Number of sheds: **500+**
 Association formed: **2011**

www.menssheds.ie

Having first started in 2009, the Irish Men's Shed movement had its birth in Tipperary where the first Men's Shed was formed, and the shed movement began to grow rapidly. The Irish Men's Sheds Association (IMSA) currently has 435 registered sheds in the 26 counties from the South of Ireland, and 65 sheds registered from the six counties in the North of Ireland, with a total of just over 500 Sheds on the island of Ireland.



Connection. Community. Camaraderie.

FEBRUARY

The bike sheds of Canada

With permission from the City of Calgary to harvest discarded bikes from local landfill, members of The Bike Shed refurbish hundreds of bikes for distribution to kids across Calgary's school system. Meanwhile, across the country in the Halifax Bike Shed, Shedders form lasting friendships working side by side to repair bikes and donate them to members of their community in partnership with the local Ecology Action Centre and Mobile Outreach Street Health.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 <i>AMSA Insurance Due</i>	1



First shed: **2011**
 Number of sheds: **135**
 Association formed: **2022**

www.mensshedsCanada.org

The first Canadian Men's Shed was created in Winnipeg, Manitoba in 2011. By 2020 there were 28 Men's Sheds in Canada and today there are 135 Sheds. Men's Sheds Canada supports four Provincial Associations (British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario, Manitoba), and has an ambitious goal to reach 1000 Sheds in the next 5-7 years.



MARCH

Renwick Menz Shed, New Zealand

The Renwick Menz Shed started 13 years ago, based at the Renwick Anglican Church site, just outside Blenheim on the South Island of NZ. After a local farmer suicided, the Minister visited some Australian sheds in the outback, and then decided to start up his own shed. He received both a blessing from the Bishop and \$10k to build a 6m x 6m shed. They host a group of children each Friday afternoon who are pictured here with the toolboxes they made.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Black Dog Ride 1 Day	17	18	19	20 International Day of Happiness	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5



First shed: **2007**
 Number of sheds: **135**
 Association formed: **2013**

www.menzshed.org.nz

Menz Shed New Zealand was incorporated in 2013. There were 54 Sheds open in New Zealand in 2015, with a total of 135 now. Sheddie members total about 5,700 which includes about 6% women. Some sheds offer mixed membership, others are men only. Several sheds are responsive to wider community needs including: a shed that runs a weekly morning program for men with intellectual disabilities; manufacturing rodent traps for conservation groups; and picnic tables for reserves.



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APRIL

North Palm Beach Men's Shed Florida, USA

While most of our activities and events take place at our local Senior Center, we do lots of things 'off campus.' Our members live close to the Atlantic Ocean. One of our members who is an avid fisherman arranged for us to take out a charter boat from a local marina. The day was beautiful, and the seas were calm, despite a hurricane that passed us by only a few days before. Everybody caught something including several large Kingfish, a Mutton Snapper, and several sand sharks. A large Hammerhead shark circled the boat several time but never bit. More fishing trips are in our future!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Good Friday</i>	19
20	21 <i>Easter Monday</i>	22	23	24	25 <i>Anzac Day</i>	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3



First shed: **2016**
 Number of sheds: **30**
 Association formed: **2017**

www.usmenssheds.org

The US Men's Sheds Association (USMSA) is developing sheds that combat the cycle of social isolation and loneliness. With limited resources and no funding from the federal government, the USMSA relies on the very valuable human component: people who genuinely care for their fellow man and woman including a committed and hard-working board. Although pretty much self-funded, they have accumulated a little over 30 sheds so far in the US. "As we say in the US, the Men's Shed movement is a bright spot in an ever-darkening world: We are stronger together".



Send your men to us! The grumpier the better!

MAY

Men's Sheds UK

Dave Purvis (with beard) from Ripon Men's Shed, joined by Pete from Shrewsbury Men's Shed with a traditional coracle (a small, rounded lightweight boat) at ShedFest2024.

(photograph by Mandy Thomas)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3 World Naked Gardening Day
4	5	6	7	8 Shed M&S Day	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 World No Tobacco Day



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WHEN WAS YOUR LAST SERVICE?

Knowing when to have your vehicle checked is no different than keeping your body in peak condition.

Our most valuable piece of machinery is our own health. But when it comes to looking after our machinery, most of us don't have a 'service and maintenance schedule' and tend to wait and see. If we get aches or pains, or go through a tough time in our relationships or emotionally, our attitude is often 'I'll battle through this'. We get away with this most of the time. It's only when the aches, pains or emotions get the better of us that we decide to get things checked out by our mechanic (our doctor).

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 <i>Men's Health Week 9th-15th</i>	10	11	12	13	14
15 <i>Men's Health Week 9th-15th</i>	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5



To find out more about your DIY maintenance and service schedule this Men's Health Week, visit malehealth.org.au

In the photos above, the Australian Men's Shed Association's "Spanner in the Works?" program offers free health checks at the Mudgee Small Farm Field Days. These checks, conducted by university medical students, benefit both parties, participants engage in important health conversations, while students gain valuable patient interaction experience in a low-stress setting, honing skills in asking critical questions about health and wellbeing.



Hout Bay Men's Shed, South Africa

Hout Bay Men's Shed members and the community involved in a major clean up in Imizamo Yethu (IY). Imizamo Yethu (Xhosa, meaning "Our Efforts" and commonly known as Mandela Park) is an informal settlement in the greater Hout Bay Valley area.

The 18 hectare settlement houses approximately 33,600 people. Uncollected rubbish strewn everywhere and infested with rats had become a health issue. Now it is better. The municipality is cleaning. The shedders will now work on educating residents about the issues with rubbish and health.

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6 <i>NAIDOC Week</i>	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 <i>Planet Ark's Schools Tree Day</i>
27	28	29	30	31	1	2



First shed: **2019**
 Number of sheds: **4**
 Association formed: **2019/2022**

www.zamsa.org.za

The South African Men's Shed Association was registered in 2019 and started operating in 2022. It is now implanted in the Western Cape, in Nelson Mandela Bay and in Pietermaritzburg. The vision of the South African Men's Shed Association is a South Africa where men can improve and maintain their health and wellbeing. There are currently four sheds in South Africa, at various levels of developments.



“There are no strangers here, only friends you have not met yet”

AUGUST

Men's Shed Den Blaina, Gwent, Wales

Howie, Shane, artist Kate, Alan, Dave, Byron. At 'The Sit Awhile' bench and garden that they refurbished in the community of Brynmawr.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 International Left-handers Day	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

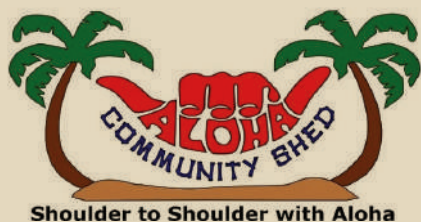


SEPTEMBER

Aloha Community Shed Hawaii, USA

Aloha Community Shed members along with students from Kalani High School and others are helping to build Tiny Houses for the homeless at the Hui Mahi'ai Aina shelter, which was created during the pandemic to give homeless people somewhere to stay during lockdowns. They are now expanding the site to provide housing for 100 individuals.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Father's Day	8 Men's Shed Week 8th-13th	9	10	11	12	13 Men's Shed Week 8th-13th
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4



Association formed: 2021

www.alohacommunityshed.org

Aloha Community Shed activities include volunteering in community projects like making picnic benches for schools, a garden bench for the senior center, garden clean-up for the Homeless Veteran group, working together with the Rotary Club of Honolulu Sunset with support of The Home Depot.



OCTOBER

Men's Shed Naivasha Community, Kenya

A pilot Mens' Shed was set up in Naivasha in the famous Rift Valley region in 2016 and we now have 11 sheds. Kenya is a land of diversity and our Men's Sheds therefore need to adapt to the locality and community setting to accommodate the 43 tribes with different cultures.

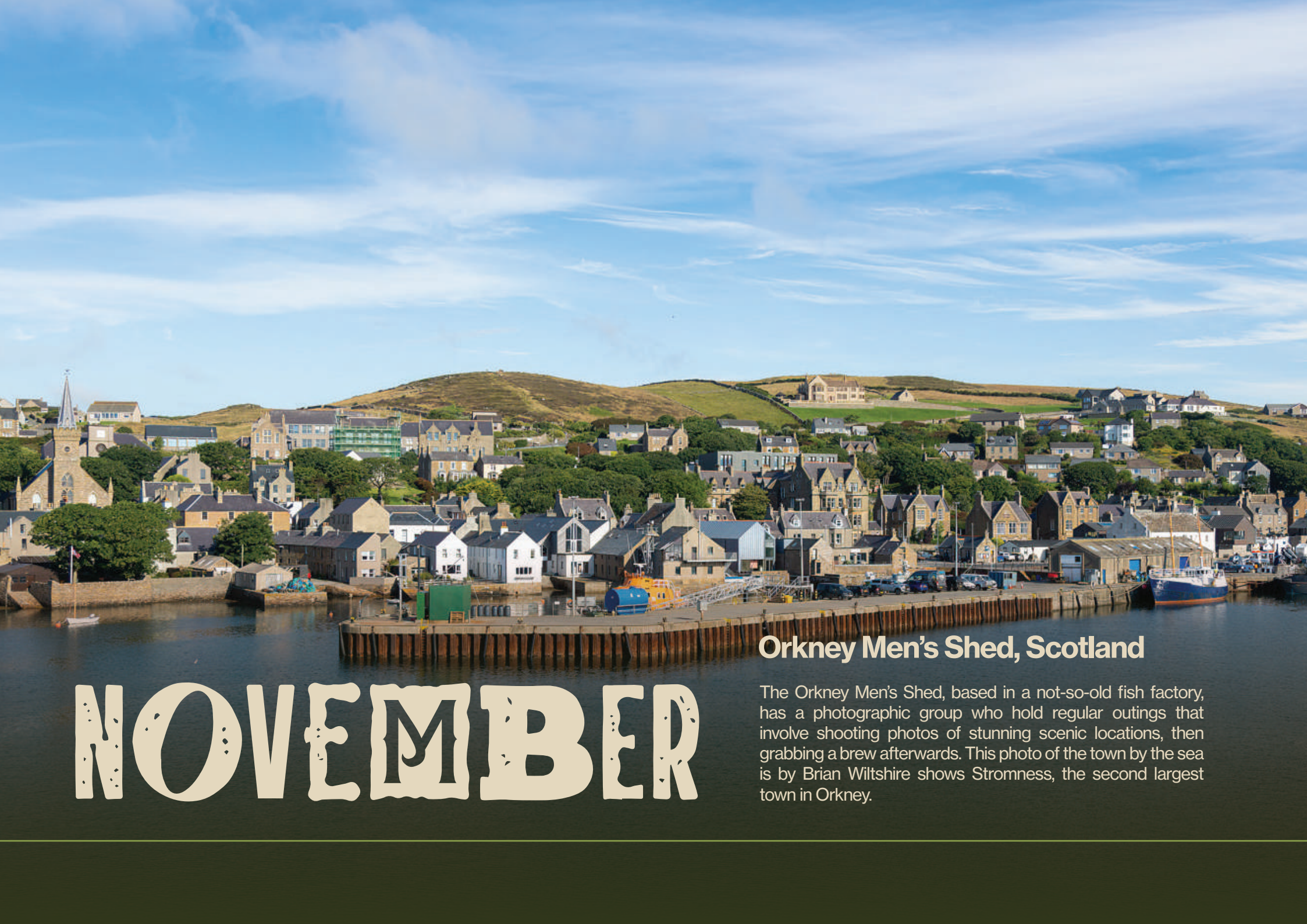
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 International Day of Older Persons	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 World Mental Health Day	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

MEN'S SHED KENYA

First shed: **2016**
 Number of sheds: **11**
 Association formed: **2022**

The Sheds are open two to three times a week – with around 15 to 20 active members for each session – offering a wide range of learning, training and activities. The shed's varied programmes include sport, music, drama, farming, woodworking, library, farming, woodworking, library and education workshops on health matters. In Kenya, we are blessed to have recognition from local government regarding the health and social benefits of Sheds.

Sheds are also seen as a life-changing path to access support into higher education.



Orkney Men's Shed, Scotland

The Orkney Men's Shed, based in a not-so-old fish factory, has a photographic group who hold regular outings that involve shooting photos of stunning scenic locations, then grabbing a brew afterwards. This photo of the town by the sea is by Brian Wiltshire shows Stromness, the second largest town in Orkney.

NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 <i>Remembrance Day</i>	12	13	14	14
16	17	18	19 <i>International Men's Day</i>	20	21	21
23	24	25	26	27	28	28
30	1	2	3	4	5	6



First shed: **2013**
 Number of sheds: **204**
 Association formed: **2015**

www.scottishmsa.org.uk

Scottish Men's Sheds Association (SMSA) now has 4,088 individual members: 3% are aged between 18 and 30, 31% aged 31 to 59 and 66% aged 60+. The proportion in the 31-39 year bracket is on the increase following continuous promotion of the 18+ model and breaking down barriers, emphasising that Men's Sheds are not just for the retired. As per the SMSA Manifesto, the charity also aims to improve the reach to the Armed Forces and Veterans community and Blue Light services. Around one quarter (23%) are Veterans or from Blue Light (emergency) Services.



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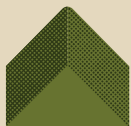


DECEMBER

An Aussie Shed Christmas

As it heats up, Sheds around Australia prepare for sunny summer Christmas. Many Sheds make and sell Christmas decorations, toys and gifts, and also participate in Christmas parades and activities.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Boxing Day	
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
			New Years Eve	New Years Day		



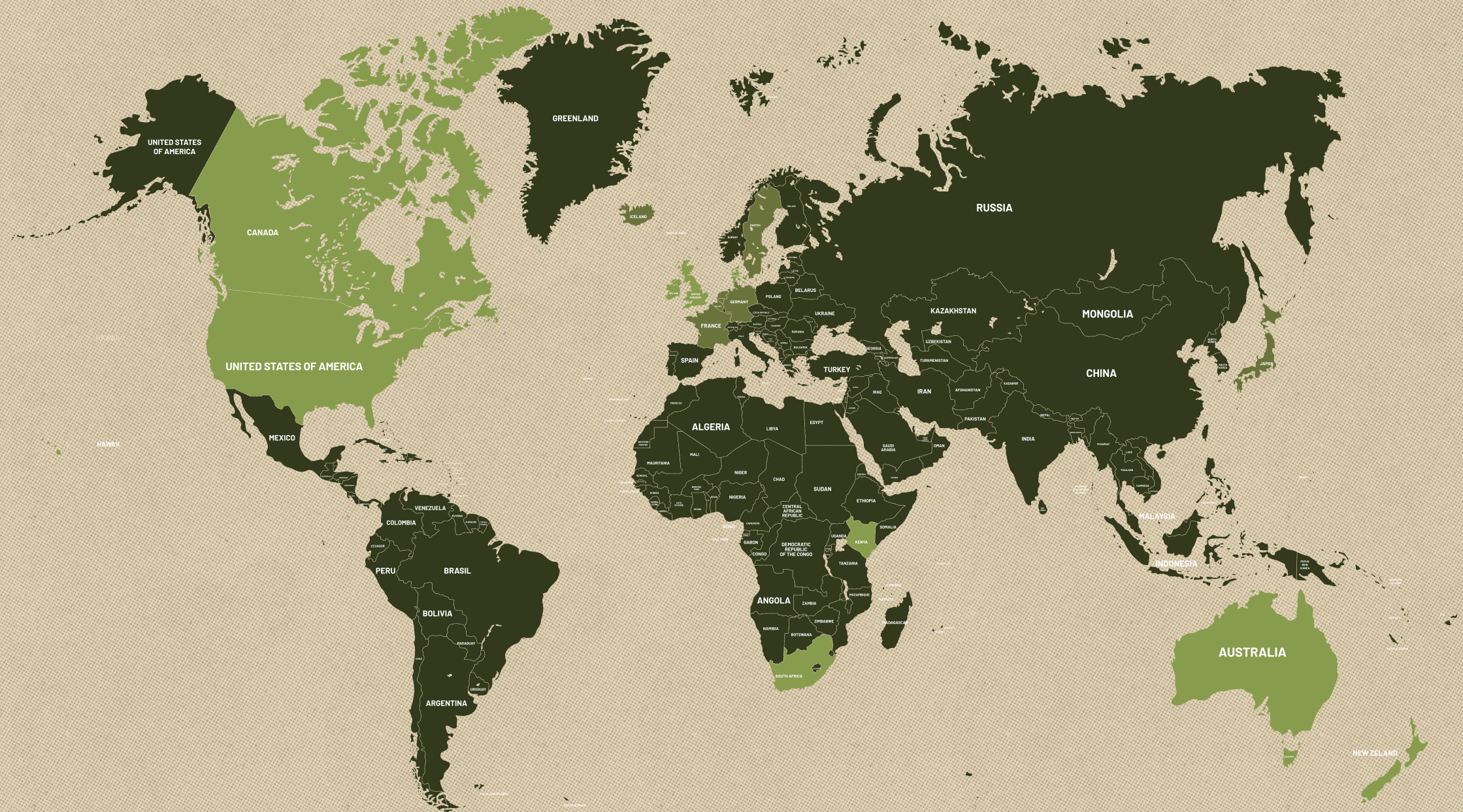
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First shed: **1993**
Number of sheds: **1,300+**
Association formed: **2007**

www.mensshed.org

Before the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) was formed, Men's Sheds had developed quite spontaneously in many different areas of Australia over a number of years. The evolution of AMSA can be attributed to key people and various groups of dedicated volunteers all of whom envisaged a national body that could bring together the Men's Shed movement. The Australian Men's Shed Association was founded in 2007 as an organisation to provide support through the sharing of information to develop the Men's Shed concept as a means of preventing social isolation amongst older Australian males.

MEN'S SHEDS AROUND THE WORLD



We are thrilled to bring to you our 2025 Shedder's Calendar, Sheds Around the World.

The Men's Shed movement is an Australian-made innovation that has been spreading its roots around the world for over 30 years, enriching men's lives as it grows. It is estimated that the number of Men's Sheds globally is approaching 3,300.

While sheds in each country may differ in their model, the way they are run and operate, all sheds share many things in common – the main one being shed members working shoulder to shoulder, decreasing isolation and loneliness, and increasing connection, community and camaraderie.

The Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) is fortunate to have funding under the Australian Federal Government's National Male Health Policy, as well as support from generous partners, supporters and donors, to support, promote and develop Men's Sheds Australia-wide. Last year we celebrated 30 years since the opening of The Shed at Goolwa Heritage Club (1993) – the seed of the international Men's Shed movement.

When AMSA was founded, it was no vision of grandeur or expectations to develop the Men's Shed movement into what it is today. Nor was there any ambition of taking this concept international. One of the great elements of the Men's Shed movement is that not one person is responsible for this great initiative, but it was a number of people and Men's Sheds who contributed and it has morphed into what it is today through these numerous contributors.

In reflection of this, I consider myself to have been very privileged to have been here from the beginning of AMSA, when it was just a conceptual idea and long before the organisation was government-funded. I have been fortunate to see Men's Sheds grow from an idea that the general public had never heard of nor understood the concept of, to where we are now with a Men's Shed in nearly every Australian town and Men's Sheds as an iconic part of Australian culture.

I've seen it grow from a handful of Men's Sheds, to thousands spread around the world. Most importantly I've seen the impact it has had on the lives of the men within the sheds. Today, over 1,300 Sheds benefit from membership of AMSA. This figure surpasses even the number of McDonald's restaurants around the country.

As the movement has grown, AMSA's small contingent of dedicated staff continues to deliver on our vision of 'connected communities for better male wellbeing and health' in new and different ways. In 2020 we launched The Shed Wireless podcast, and continue to produce monthly episodes on all things shedding, and a bit more. I see this as a great way to connect our international community, so I encourage you to check it out and get in touch if you'd like to be involved. Visit www.mensshed.org/the-shed-wireless

Enjoy this year-long tour of Sheds Around the World. It's simply incredible to think that if we were to tell a collective story from men within sheds, there would be hundreds of thousands of life-changing tales because of a simple collective idea that works - the Men's Shed.

Yours in shedding,

David Helmers

Executive Officer

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The Australian Men's Shed Association acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations Shedders.

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