



BUILT — ON — PURPOSE

AUSTRALIA'S MEN'S & COMMUNITY SHEDS
NATIONAL IMPACT SNAPSHOT
2026



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MEN'S SHED
ASSOCIATION**

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NATIONAL IMPACT SNAPSHOT

1,379

Men's & Community Sheds across every Australian state and territory.

60,000+

More than 60,000 Australians participate in the Men's Shed movement.

Across Australia, Men's & Community Sheds are helping people stay connected, active, skilled and purposeful. And what happens for one shedder can ripple far beyond the shed doors.



I have learnt many new skills, gained friendships and feel useful.

85%

say their **quality of life has improved** since joining their shed.

96%

are **more likely to learn or share skills** since joining the shed.

99%

of shedders say they feel **more connected to others**.

96%

feel **more able to contribute** to their community.

I am more actively involved in the community and using my skills for a purpose.

THE RIPPLE EFFECT

A man finds somewhere he belongs, keeps his skills and experience in circulation, builds connections and finds opportunities to contribute. Communities benefit from what happens next.

Belonging keeps men connected. Creating keeps experience alive.

BELONG

A place to go.
A reason to come back.

88% of 2026 shedder responses attend their shed at least weekly.

83% regard their shed as a support network.

69% said banter and humour makes them happy at the shed - and almost the same proportion said a cuppa and chat.

MORE THAN SUPPORT

Friendship and mateship was the number one reason sheds said members keep coming back. The strongest story in the data is not crisis; it is connection, routine, laughter, usefulness and having somewhere to belong.

CREATE

Skills don't retire at the Men's Shed.

86% of responding sheds had members teaching skills.

84% had members learning new skills.

78% of responding sheds were mentoring new members.

70% were sharing trade or professional knowledge.

35% of responding sheds reported passing skills to younger generations.



"I'm still learning and creating"

A simple shedder comment captures the two-way exchange at the heart of a shed: learning something new while making sure valuable knowledge and experience are not lost.

THE IMPACT TRAVELS BEYOND THE SHED

Connection becomes contribution.

CONNECT

Sheds are woven into the fabric of local communities.

2,000+

community organisations and groups benefited from the work reported by participating Men's Sheds.

Schools & preschools

Aged care

Disability organisations

Sporting clubs

Veterans groups

Local councils

Emergency services

Community events

Environmental projects



Sources: AMSA National Impact Snapshot 2026 and AMSA Shedder Survey research. Percentages relate to respondents answering each relevant question. Community totals are based on participating sheds and have not been extrapolated nationally. The 2026 research included responses from 234 Men's Sheds and 494 shedders. The earlier 2024 Shedder Survey included 1,167 responses from shedders.

I am able to help neighbours, friends and the community overall, and myself.

CONTRIBUTE

Purpose in action.

200,000+

volunteer hours reported by participating Men's Sheds in the past year.

3,300+

community projects and activities reported by participating Men's Sheds in the past year.

91%

of responding sheds repaired items for community members.

79%

created items for community organisations.

GIVING BACK GIVES BACK

AMSA research found 61% of shedders came in part to give something back to their community, while 59% said contributing and giving back was something that made them happy.