

## Achievements

- We have made many improvements to our shed (Awaba Community Hall) including upgraded security, new 3 phase power supply and fitted glass and shutters to all the windows.
- Our current membership is around 50 active members with up to 20 attending each day we are open.
- The shed is very much involved with the local community including, The Toronto Senior Citizens, The Lake Macquarie Historical Society, Toronto Girl Guides and Toronto Public School to name a few.
- We now have a large range of modern equipment including wood and metal lathes, a full range of welding gear, 20" heavy duty wood planer and various saws, sanding and finishing equipment.
- There are various functions for members including monthly BBQ lunches at the shed, quarterly meetings where members can voice their opinions and suggestions and we hold our annual Christmas Party for all members and their partners.



## Toronto Men's Shed

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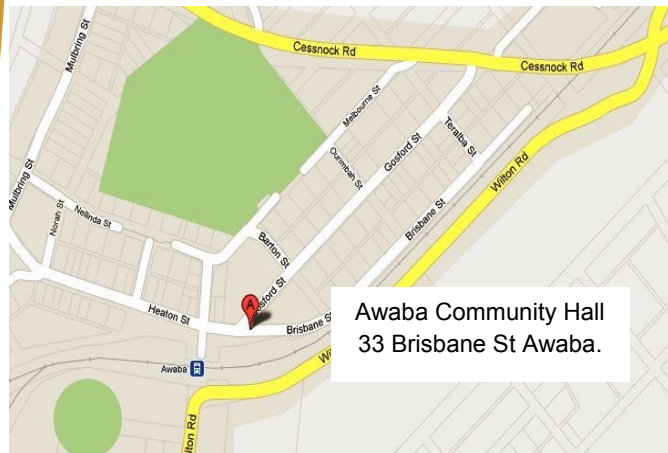
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## Toronto Men's Shed

*A meeting place for men of all ages*

*The Toronto Men's Shed is a community based, not-for-profit organisation providing a safe place in which men of all ages are able to meet for fellowship, social interaction and manual pursuits*



We meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 9am to 3pm at the  
Awaba Community Hall  
33 Brisbane Street, Awaba

*Drop in any day for a visit and a cuppa*

# The Australian Men's Shed Association

The Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) was established in 2007 and recognizes a Men's Shed as any community based, non-profit, non-commercial organization that is accessible to all men and whose primary activity is the provision of a safe, friendly environment where men are able to work on projects at their own pace in their own time. A major objective is to advance the well-being and health of their members and to encourage social inclusion. There are now over 1000 men's sheds representing an estimated 175,000 individuals. Toronto Men's Shed is a full member of AMSA and receives ongoing support and assistance from the association.

Activities within the sheds are many and varied encompassing metal work, woodworking, restoration of old cars and boats, repairs to tools and gardening equipment right through to computer training, playing card and board games or just relaxing with a tea or coffee and reading the paper or a magazine.

The common theme in all sheds is about men feeling useful and contributing to their community, learning and sharing skills, making new friends, networking and availing themselves of health information programmes and opportunities.



Whether you are retired, unemployed or just have some spare time to fill in there is sure to be a shed to suit you somewhere in your area.

## Some of the activities of the Toronto Men's Shed . . .

- **Woodwork and wood turning.**
- **Metalwork and welding.**
- **Repairs to motor mowers and petrol line trimmers.**
- **Fund raising BBQ's at various locations and local events.**
- **Grounds maintenance at the Lake Macquarie Historical Society (Toronto Station) and the Toronto Girl Guides hall.**
- **Building items for local organisations such as C.A.L.M., Birban Public school and Barnsley Preschool.**
- **Repairs & maintenance for needy members of the community.**
- **Development of ongoing relationships with other local community groups.**



## Plans for the future . . .

The shed is presently located in the old Community Hall at Awaba which is now proving too small for our needs. We are currently arranging extra storage space for timber, metal and spare equipment. This will hopefully give us more floor space to increase the scope of activities. Our longer term plan is to acquire/build a larger shed in the area us with a much increased range of activities and facilities for members

## Benefits of belonging to a shed

### For members . . .

- \* A place to be yourself and do what you want when you want.
- \* Meet other men you can relate to.
- \* Exchange ideas.
- \* Learn new skills.
- \* Teach others your skills.
- \* Bring your own project.
- \* Help somebody with their project.
- \* Talk to other members who will listen, understand and not judge.

### For the community . . .

- \* Utilise skills that may have been hidden and unused.
- \* Construct community projects that may have been otherwise unaffordable.



- \* Assist with issues that men in the area may require help in dealing with.
- \* Provide a safe meeting place for men of all ages.
- \* Develop relationships with other community organisations for the common good of the region and its inhabitants.

*A Men's Shed is not for everyone but we encourage you to come along for a day or two, have a cuppa with us, talk with other members and participate in a few activities.*