

ABOUT THE PORT FAIRY MEN'S SHED

The project to establish a Men's Shed in Port Fairy evolved from an initial meeting of interested parties in 2007. This was followed by a series of public meetings in mid-2008 from which a Steering Committee was eventually selected to manage the project.

Over \$150,000 was eventually raised to build a joint facility at the Port Fairy Showgrounds. Construction of the Shed (9m x 33 metre in size) was completed in February 2010 and now provides workshop facilities, a meeting / kitchen area and storage space for the Port Fairy—Belfast Lions Club who occupy 30% of the building.

The Port Fairy Men's Shed was officially opened on 9th April 2010 and is a valuable community asset that provides workspace for members to work on personal and community projects. And a place for members to gather and share ideas.

The central meeting room houses a "Broadband for Seniors" Internet Kiosk which is used to train both Shed members and other senior citizens from the general community in the use of computers, email and the Internet. The **Port Fairy Craft Group** also use the facility for their weekly craft sessions—so ladies are welcome to join our Shed!

The Port Fairy Men's Shed has been established to promote the well-being of its members and to particularly foster men's health.

The "Port Fairy Men's Shed" is a member of the **Australian Men's Shed Association** and one of over 500+ Men's Sheds across Australia.



Port Fairy Men's Shed

OUR SUPPORTERS

The Port Fairy Men's Shed (PFMS) is grateful for the support provided by many organisations that have assisted in funding the establishment of the Shed at the Port Fairy Showgrounds. Without their generous financial assistance, the PFMS would not have become a reality.

The support provided by the following organisations is acknowledged:

- ✘ The Victorian Government (Human Services)
- ✘ The Australian Government FaHCSIA
- ✘ Department of Veterans Affairs
- ✘ Port Fairy Folk Festival Committee
- ✘ Australian Lions Foundation
- ✘ Port Fairy-Belfast Lions Club
- ✘ Uebergang Foundation
- ✘ Gardiner Foundation
- ✘ Gwen & Edna Jones Foundation
- ✘ RE Ross Trust
- ✘ Rotary Club of Port Fairy
- ✘ Port Fairy Agricultural, Pastoral & Horticultural Society
- ✘ Pacific Hydro
- ✘ The Moyne Shire Council
- ✘ Port Fairy Police
- ✘ BA Building Services
- ✘ Brookes Timber & Hardware (Port Fairy)
- ✘ Aussie Broadband
- ✘ Matthews Petroleum
- ✘ Western District Sheds

In addition, we are indebted to many other individuals from the Port Fairy community who have provided invaluable assistance.

DONATIONS to the PFMS

The Port Fairy Men's Shed has been classified by the ATO as a **Designated Gift Recipient** and therefore donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

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<http://www.portfairymensshed.org.au>

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Project requests

The members of the PFMS are available to assist on worthwhile community projects provided these projects are -

1. Approved by the Management Committee.
2. The required work can normally be carried out within the confines of the Shed.
3. The requestor agrees to meet the cost of materials and overheads on the project (*Labour charges do not normally apply on approved projects*).
4. The work required is for a genuine community-based project and not work that would normally be carried out by a local business.*

** The PFMS has established a principle of not undertaking work that would put them in conflict with or compete with local tradespersons.*

A Project Request Form can be downloaded from the Forms section on the [PFMS website](http://www.portfairymensshed.org.au) at -

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OUR FUTURE

Our Vision:

Our vision is to establish and maintain a venue where members can meet, have fun, engage on practical projects and to ensure that the Port Fairy Men's Shed develops into a valuable community facility supported by a thriving and active membership.

Our Mission:

To provide a forum and physical location where members (primarily men) can regularly assemble to share skills, make friends and network with other members with the primary purpose of supporting and enhancing their personal well being and health.

To provide a venue for members to regularly meet in a relaxed, happy and creative space and in an environment whereby members can feel useful and contribute to their community.

To draw on the collective knowledge and skills of the membership in order to support community-based projects.

Our Values:

The Port Fairy Men's Shed is committed to providing members with an opportunity to interact in a high standard, safe and social environment where all members are treated equally and encouraged to assist others and enhance the life skills and craftsmanship of all participants.

Participation and Membership:

The Port Fairy Men's Shed encourages participation by all persons in the Port Fairy and surrounding regions that, once accepted by the Committee of Management, accept and continue to uphold the values espoused above and who regularly involve themselves in Shed activities.

Although membership is primarily targeted toward the older men in the community, the participation of women and younger men in Shed activities is also encouraged.

Shed projects:

Members are involved in a variety of projects in the Shed including woodworking, metal work, welding, wood-turning and computing.. We have a large range of equipment to facilitate both metal and woodworking projects. Work on personal projects is allowed.

Social activities:

The Shed holds a special luncheon for members and guests on the first Monday of each month starting at 12 noon and costing \$5. We also hold an annual Xmas Party and the Craft Group conduct occasional social functions at the Shed. From time-to-time members can be found enjoying a game of cards or watching a video on the TV in the meeting room.

Membership

Although the Port Fairy Men's Shed currently has a healthy membership of over 90 (as of May 2015), new members are always welcome as not all registered members are active in the Shed.

The Shed has been established to promote participation by people who are still active, keen to provide volunteer work and have a vast range of skills and experience to support community activities. Such activities, recognised as one of the key benefits of the Men's Shed movement, will undoubtedly contribute to their overall health and well-being.

If you are interested in joining the Men's Shed contact the Secretary or forward the **Membership Application Form**, that can be downloaded from our website, to:

Port Fairy Men's Shed
PO Box 34, Port Fairy 3284

or email it to: pfms3284@gmail.com

The PFMS website can be found at -

<http://www.portfairymensshed.org.au>

Shed location:

Port Fairy Showgrounds
121, Hamilton-Port Fairy Rd Port Fairy

Shed hours:

Monday.....10am to 4pm
Wednesday.....10 am to 4pm
Thursday.....1.30pm to 4.30pm (Craft Group)
Other times by appointment

Contact:

Secretary 5568-2601

