

# Subiaco Community Men's Shed Frequently Asked Questions



## **When did the Subiaco Community Men's Shed open?**

The Shed opened its doors to the community in April 2010.

## **Where is the Shed located?**

The Shed is located at the rear of the Tom Dadour Community Centre, 363 Bagot Road, Subiaco (look for the green Subiaco Community Men's Shed sign).

## **Who runs the Shed?**

The Shed is operated by the Subiaco Community Men's Shed (Inc) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. To maximise the availability of the Shed to members, there are morning sessions (running from 9am-1pm), and afternoon sessions (running from 1pm-5pm) on each of these days.

The city operates the Shed on other days of the week at various times throughout the year. Participants include Home and Community Care (HACC) male clients, local residents and the wider community. The city may also run workshops throughout the year to cater for specific community groups.

## **What can I do in the Shed?**

There are various roles and tasks available for men to become involved in.

The main purpose of the Shed is to provide a space for men to gather, enjoy the company of their peers and either work on projects of their choice or become involved in assisting with a community project. No experience in woodworking or metal work is necessary, new skills can always be learnt by attending.

For innovative men, community projects are continuously being planned to help those in need and fundraising activities are often conducted to help raise additional funds to purchase new and more extensive tools.

For men who prefer to teach, the Shed is always looking for volunteers to help with facilitating city run workshops.

## **What sort of projects has the Subiaco Community Men's Shed (Inc) (SCMS) completed in the past?**

The SCMS has been involved in a variety of fantastic projects which have made a very positive impact to individuals and local community groups. Here is a sneak peek of some projects completed by Subiaco Community Men's Shed (Inc) and city run workshops:

- Construction of a contemporary, child friendly purpose built play station for young patients in the psychology waiting room at Princess Margaret Hospital along with painting of the waiting room (this also received extensive media coverage!)
- Facilitation of 20 woodworking sessions for a Subiaco community group
- Assistance with construction of 32 wooden tool boxes for Hill Crest Primary School
- constructed ramps for mobility impaired groups
- Built easels for community group painting class
- Facilitation of workshops for younger people with disabilities (has included making coasters, bread boards and most importantly has provided social support and a sense of achievement for all participants)

- Construction of dolls houses, dog kennels, wooden carts, wooden trucks, 50+ small wooden people for a youth library project and so much more!
- Hosting country patients temporarily living in the metropolitan area whilst undergoing a course of treatment.

### **How many men can the Shed accommodate at the one time?**

The Shed can safely accommodate between 8 - 12 people at any one time. Some men work in the Shed for only a couple of hours and this allows for several rotations throughout the operational days. All members get a chance to work in the shed.

Subiaco Community Men's Shed (Inc) currently has more than 30 registered members and the numbers continue to grow each year. A Shed roster is therefore on the horizon.

### **Can I have a look at the Shed?**

Absolutely! Email [subiacoshed@gmail.com](mailto:subiacoshed@gmail.com) with a couple of days notice so they know to expect you (tip: 10.15am on Mondays, Tuesdays or Thursdays is usually the best time to come to the shed for a tour. You may also want to stay for a cuppa).

### **How do I join the Shed and how much does it cost?**

To become a member of the SCMS and to enquire about costs contact John 0407 791 844 or George on 0407 196 322. Alternatively email SCMS at [subiacoshed@gmail.com](mailto:subiacoshed@gmail.com)

*NB: There is an annual subscription (currently \$50.00), which includes insurance for members. Members attending also contribute \$2.00 per week to cover the cost of tea/coffee, milk and biscuits.*

### **How do I become involved in a city run workshop?**

To find out what workshops are currently being offered, contact our Coordinator Community Programs on (08) 9237 9320 or email [adminscc@subiaco.wa.gov.au](mailto:adminscc@subiaco.wa.gov.au)

### **How do I find another Shed closer to my home?**

If you don't live within the City of Subiaco, you may wish to find a shed closer to home. Visit [www.mensshed.org](http://www.mensshed.org) to find out about other shed locations.

### **How can I volunteer in the Shed?**

Volunteers are always required to be on hand to assist and supervise city run workshops and special groups using the Shed. These volunteers are supported by a Volunteer Coordinator. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the city on 9237 9222.