

New Activities for Sheds

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"What new activities can we do to interest and extend our Shedders?"

Remember when planning activities:-

**What is done in the Shed is the EXCUSE
for going – not the REASON for going.**

In this workshop we will assess:-

- **What are other Sheds doing?**
- **New ideas from a “Brainstorming” session**
- **Discussion & Analysis of ideas**

Woodwork

Metalwork

Gardening

Repairing things

Handicrafts

Training

Socialising

Mentoring

Men's Health

Miscellaneous

Woodwork

Techniques

Wood turning

Wood carving

Scroll saw work

Pyrography

Basic use of tools

Making Things

Making and painting toys

In house furniture

Disability ramps

Boatbuilding

Building Coracles

Outdoor furniture

Picture framing

Wheelchair production

Repairs

Furniture

Toys

Metal Work

Basic Mechanics

Metal fabrication

Metalwork

Welding

Gardening

Community garden

Gardening

Landscaping

Repairing Things

Bicycle rebuilding/repairs

Computer Recycling

Home maintenance

Preserving railway heritage and running tourist railway

Repair Lawnmowers

Restoring Agricultural Machinery

Skateboard making/ repairs

Small engine repairs

Vintage car restoration.

Vintage engines

Repairing Antique Clocks

Handicrafts

Art Painting & Drawing

Arts & Crafts

Stained Glass/Lead lighting

Leatherwork

Pottery

Upholstery

Bookbinding

Traditional Aboriginal objects making

Training

Computer training

Cooking

Literacy, numeracy training

Power tool training for young people

Skills & Trade Training

Work for the Dole

Working with local high school kids who struggle academically

Socialising

BBQ's

Billiards

Boche/ Cards

Chess group

Discussion group - topical issues

General conversation

Movie viewing

Older Men:New Ideas Group

Outings/fishing trips

Pool/Table Tennis

Social Gatherings and Outings

TV and DVD

Walking Group

Men's Health

Men's Health information

Support and promote Men's health

Vietnam Veterans & older Veterans.

Mentoring

Mentoring for kids

Older men with problems

Miscellaneous

Environmental activism

Focus group weblog

Mobile shed

Running a Farmers Market (investigating)

Tool borrowing service

Breeding meat rabbits

Small animal husbandry

“Brainstorming”

Based on ideas thrown up quickly by a group without critical assessment.

Aim is to be relevant but no idea is too silly.

Relies on suggestions triggering modifications or different ideas from other people.

Let your imagination run free

Rules for “Brainstorming”

- Give idea as a brief title without long description or expansion
- 10 to 15 seconds per suggestion
- No discussion at this time – it breaks up the flow & leads to side tracks
- No criticism or “put downs’ as this discourages further “off beat” suggestions

Discussion & Analysis of ideas

- **Any experience relating to new ideas?**
- **Experiences good & bad of existing activities**
- **Should Sheds have one activity or a number of different ones?**
- **Any other activities?**

