



MEDIA RELEASE

Hawker Men's Shed Inc is celebrating the construction of its new shed with an opening ceremony and an art and craft exhibition.

Friday 2nd May 2025 - Opening Ceremony (invitation only)

Time 4.00pm to 7.00pm; Light refreshments provided

Art and Craft Show (for public exhibition)

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th May

Opening Times 9.30am to 3.30pm

Hawker Men's Shed Inc. (HMS) started several years ago in the grounds of Softball ACT in Hawker. An incorporated association, it is a registered charity with deductible gift recipient (DGR) status.

HMS was a bit like Topsy - it grew way beyond its original facilities, which involved several shipping containers and a small demountable. This opening ceremony and exhibition mark the end of nearly five years of concerted fundraising resulting in our new purpose-built shed which has been made possible due largely to support from the Snow Foundation with a grant of \$50,000 and the ACT Government.

HMS has become a key element of the Belconnen community, undertaking a range of member and charitable activities in the area including support to local schools in conjunction with Bunning's Belconnen and the Hawker community gardens. The new shed incorporates facilities which will be available to the broader community.

The Shed is well known for its marquee event - a well supported quarterly repair café where locals can bring household goods in for assessment and repair. We have to-date saved over 1,100 household items from going to landfill with a repair success rate of 87%. The repair cafes are held in conjunction with "made local" markets (currently over 25 stalls) which involve a range of stallholders offering an array of goods - from food to arts and crafts.

A list of exhibitors is attached with updates on the HMS website and facebook page.

Contacts: All Things Art – Jenny Mason on 0427 357 597

Crafts – Rob Gill on 0438 618 983

Opening ceremony and general - Jon Wells

Kind regards

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(immediate past president)