



# Men's Sheds - Hunter Cluster Inc

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## Monthly Newsletter

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### Next Meeting

17 December 2014  
Cessnock Men's Shed

The Shed is via Calvary  
Aged Care Facility, off  
Wine Country Drive  
Nulkaba @ 10 30am

### President's Spiel

Stephen Wall welcomed the members present and thanked the committee and members from the Stroud Men's Shed for hosting the Men's Sheds Hunter Cluster November 2014 gathering. Again we had an excellent attendance with 10 Men's Sheds present and over 30 from the Sheds. There was no formal presenter; instead we had some very valued input from the sheds represented.

**Wangi Men's Shed** kicked the ball off with the announcement that their shed was progressing well and they are having their official opening on the 28th February 2015

**Newcastle Men's Shed** is in the progress of moving tools and equipment into the Old BHP Administration building at Port Waratah.

**Gloucester Men's Shed** has been involved with the Tidy Town Organisation.

Gloucester Advocate -  
Wednesday November 12,  
2014

Gloucester was named the overall winner of the prestigious title at the Keep NSW Beautiful Tidy Towns Awards in Nundle on Sunday.

"We thought it would be pretty close, but we managed to take it out," said an ecstatic

town mayor, John Rosenbaum, who attended the presentation.

Being named the state's tidiest town is, it turns out, more than just about being tidy, with the Keep NSW Beautiful awards campaign taking a more holistic sustainable approach in their criteria.

Gloucester's generosity of spirit, and its sustainable and economic approach to future challenges were listed as key



factors in its win.

Gloucester's Men's Shed and Barrington's irrigators were given a special mention thanks to their contribution towards the town's well-being.

Gloucester Advocate -  
Wednesday November 19,  
2014

The judge was also impressed by the high level of partnerships between Drifta and other local organisations and groups, such as the Men's Shed and Gloucester High School.

**Cessnock Men's Shed** members spoke about the shed and how it interacts with the local

communities. After some debate it was suggested that it be left to the individual Men's Shed to determine their role. The shed are required to demonstrate a duty of care to their members in carrying out activities.

**Belmont Men's Shed** expressed their concern over the situation of being auspice by other bodies and the confusion of not knowing the working rules. This can be overcome by working together and having good communications and working together to a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding).

**Stuart Torrance** was then given 10 minutes to discuss the programs he has been work on between Men's Sheds and Alzheimer's Australia. More to come and details to be made available in 2015.

During the discussion a number of issues were identified and the committee are to endeavour to arrange guest speaker during 2015.

The two subjects discussed were:-

**CenterLink** - Volunteers Time and How can we work better together.

**NSW Fair Trading** - Constitution and reporting requirements.

### Gathering Items for Clarification.



**Branxton Greta Men's Shed** - Throughout this year, Stephen and Kevin have come each week and worked with many students making great wooden projects. At the end of year assembly, Stephen and Kevin were presented with Appreciation Certificates. The Greta Public School are looking forward to the program

continuing in 2015.

### Next Gathering

December Gathering is to be held at Cessnock Men's Shed and members are reminded to RSVP to the MSHC Secretary on the date required, but at least before the Friday of the week before the Gathering.