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Community Men's Shed for North Gosford

With the assistance of Gosford City Council and Gosford City Rotary Club, Coast Shelter will establish a Community Men's Shed in North Gosford.

"Men's Sheds have been established all over Australia" Laurie Maher Executive Officer of Coast Shelter said, "and it's time to establish one in Gosford".

Based on the extremely successful Men's Shed at Kincumber the Gosford project will provide a workshop where men can meet, share time with one another, swap yarns and work together on community projects.

While Coast Shelter will take responsibility for the property and workshop, a Steering Committee will set out the detailed ground work of the shed and draw up initial plans of the operation.

The future and smooth running of the shed will depend on the work of the Steering Committee which will recruit enthusiastic, capable and experienced members.

"There are numerous models of Men's Shed throughout the Country" Maher said, "and it is important that our Gosford project should not limit itself to providing a program a few days a week only for men".

"Other communities have found that they have been able to accommodate both women and youth on different days and this seems to fit in perfectly with Gosford City Council's Social Inclusion Policy" Maher stated.

While the Shed will provide men with the opportunity to develop skills with power tools and make and repair small items of furniture, toys, craft items, community projects as well as their own personal projects, there will be plenty of time both for women and youth to meet on their days to engage in their own projects.

A Public Meeting will be held at Coast Shelter Offices, the rear 97 Donnison Street Gosford 4:00pm Thursday 8th January 2009.

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