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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### GOSFORD CITY TO OPEN MEN'S SHED

A unique partnership between Gosford City Council, Coast Shelter and Gosford City Rotary Club will give Gosford CBD its first Men's Shed.

Supported by the Central Coast Hotels Association, Gosford City Rotary Club has provided funds necessary to equip Gosford City's first Men's Shed right in the middle of Gosford Central Business District.

"These days many men no longer have the opportunity enjoy to carry on their hobbies in their shed 'down the back' and so a shed within close proximity to transport and residential areas will give our men a wonderful opportunity to meet, 'chew the rag', carry on their hobbies and impart their skills and knowledge to others" Laurie Maher, Executive Officer of Coast Shelter said.



A Committee chaired by Diana Hanks of Gosford City Rotary Club has established a framework for the management and governance of the Shed.

"We are looking forward to the men of our community to take over the running of the Shed" Diana said.

"All we need now is the men" she stated.

In the meantime, Gosford City Rotary Club and Coast Shelter will combine to make sure everything is ready for the men to take ownership and add the finishing touches.

The Men's Shed movement is growing at quite a remarkable rate and by the end of the year, it is expected that there will be ten Sheds up and running on the Central Coast.

"There is obviously a definite need for Men's Sheds and the Gosford project will fill an important gap in the Central Coast demographic" John Roberts from the Central Coast Cluster of Men's Sheds stated.

Further information can be obtained from the Men's Shed website [www.mensshed.org](http://www.mensshed.org) or by telephoning Laurie Maher 0408 439 179.

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