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## LOCAL MEN'S SHED OPEN DAY

Older men in the Ryde and Hunters Hill area are getting together in a spirit of fellowship to swap stories, meet new people and learn new skills thanks to the opening of a local Men's Shed.

The Hunters Hill Ryde Men's Shed is a community initiative involving the support of two local Councils, community and church groups, local business and the Men's Shed Association.

"This is a great community initiative that has seen the Hunters Hill Ryde Men's Shed become a place for retired men to socialise, exchange skills and mingle in an atmosphere of old-fashioned mateship," said City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Ivan Petch.

"It has been established by local people for local people and shows the community is taking action to create something that meets their needs.

"This hands-on approach is helping provide older men with a renewed sense of worth, helping to create a more confident, organised and able community," he said.

Men's Shed is a unique interpretation of an acknowledged Aussie pastime. It is a place where men gather in their own space or spend time in an environment akin to their backyard shed.

City of Ryde has contributed \$10,000 to the establishment of the Men's Shed and has worked closely with Hunters Hill Ryde Community Services, Hunters Hill Council and Marist Fathers.

Have a look inside the Hunters Hill Ryde Men's Shed at the official launch Open Day on Saturday 1 December 2012,10:00am - 12.00noon. Off 3 Mary Street, Hunters Hill (sandstone cottage in the grounds of Marist Fathers).

Official Opening Photos: Hunters Hill Ryde Men's Shed, Saturday 1 December 2012, 10.30am – 11.30am. Off 3 Mary Street, Hunters Hill (sandstone cottage in the grounds of Marist Fathers)

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