

SUBJECT: MAYORAL MINUTE - NARELLAN MEN'S SHED - 10TH ANNIVERSARY
FROM: The Mayor
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Last week marked a significant milestone for an incredibly important local community organisation. The Narellan Men's Shed celebrated its 10th anniversary of operating at its location at the Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living.

Men's Shed organisations play such an important role in our communities, they provide a place for men to be socially active, form friendships, provide support for men's health and wellbeing and enable projects to be undertaken for the benefit of the whole community. Here in the Camden LGA, we are very fortunate to have both the Camden and Narellan Men's Sheds.

Narellan Men's Shed was officially opened on 5 October 2013 and has been carrying out important work ever since. Of the 82 current members, 19 have been there since its inception, and last week, those 19 members were recognised for their 10-year service at a special ceremony in which I had the absolute pleasure of attending.

The Narellan Men's Shed is self-funded and not-for-profit, with facilities including woodworking, metal working and lapidary equipment. Members can undertake their own individual projects or work as part of a team to carry out many community projects.

Members can also simply come along and have a coffee and a chat in the company of other members. In our society, many men feel less inclined to talk about their emotions and feelings, and often suffer more from isolation, loneliness and depression.

And it's not just members that benefit greatly, but also the wider Camden community. The Narellan Men's shed has provided assistance to many community groups, charities and local preschools, primary schools and high schools through countless projects and initiatives.

On behalf of Camden Council, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the Narellan Men's Shed on their 10 years of service to our community, and I look forward to seeing them go from strength to strength into the future.

RECOMMENDED

That Council write to the Narellan Men's Shed, congratulating them on their 10 years of service to the Camden community.