

## Our Men's Shed 2023

A men's shed is for anyone, and that's just how we feel,  
A men's shed is there for you, and believe us, that is real,  
It started off, as a good idea, but it then grew and grew and grew,  
Now, we're proud to show the world and be here to welcome you.

We don't open just a building; our hearts are opened, too,  
We welcome all and sundry, white, Khaki, any coloured hue,  
There's 'mateship' by the bucket load, no matter what your creed,  
If you can talk or make a joke, you will be a friend indeed.

You don't need to be a "chippie", you don't need so many skills,  
If you can laugh and you can talk, you will lose all your ills,  
There's someone here who'll lend an ear and help you with your thoughts,  
Will talk with you, help you through, and the cost to you is 'naughts'.

This year's been a busy year with projects; I have lost track,  
With sanding machines, blacksmiths forge, and patios out the back,  
Kindling chipper and pallet breaker kept many men employed,  
When we counted up the cash, that is what we all enjoyed.

Now, we're intent on spending it, our biggest project yet,  
A CNC with coral draw, Laptops, Windows, and more to get  
We all must learn to use it, even though it sounds absurd,  
We'll have to learn "computer speak", I could become the oldest Nerd

So our sheds, still moving onward, won't find us looking back,  
I'm learning how to BBQ without burgers turning black,  
I haven't touched the food today; you can eat the Xmas cheer,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas and the Happiest New Year.

*Irvin Beeston 2023*