



# SPECIAL BULLETIN

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*Emailed to a Representative of every Men's Shed in Victoria.*

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## COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

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The Victorian Men's Shed Association has taken a considered response to the COVID-19 State of Emergency.

It is the recommendation of the Victorian Men's Shed Association Committee of Management that all **Men's Sheds close on a temporary basis**. This is in line with a Nationwide recommendation by most State Associations.

This recommendation is not made lightly and was taken after careful consideration of the available information to this time.

It is critical that our vulnerable shedders and families are protected from this deadly threat. The wider Victorian community is working diligently to prevent the spread of the Virus.

It is our responsibility to work with government in managing this pandemic.

#### **Recommendations.**

1. Sheds close until further notice.
2. Shed remain in contact with shed members on a weekly basis.
3. Shed Leaders are checking guidance
  - from the Commonwealth Department of Health website.  
<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>
  - from the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services website  
[https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus?fbclid=IwAR2wTca6A2AMjfne6W\\_L4M2E5h-ImVJbLlJuyEqDHMAMiUrfRYnQbYCuPYg](https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus?fbclid=IwAR2wTca6A2AMjfne6W_L4M2E5h-ImVJbLlJuyEqDHMAMiUrfRYnQbYCuPYg)
4. Sheds should check notices on the VMSA - Public Notices Facebook Page.
  - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/376075325824722/>
5. Regular checks of VMSA website
  - [www.vmsa.org.au](http://www.vmsa.org.au)

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