

The History of Camden Community Centre

Camden is one of the oldest of the many Community Centres in the Adelaide metropolitan area.

It began back in 1975 when a planning committee was formed to look at the way to best utilise, for community use, the old Camden Primary School site after its relocation.

As a result of much determination by the group of very committed community minded people the Centre commenced operations in a two roomed transportable school building owned by and on the grounds of the Camden Branch, Brighton Technical and Further Education College. In 1978 Camden Community Centre became Incorporated with a free-hold title.

“With love, sweat, generosity and hard work we have come to where we are today.”

We continue to be proudly owned and operated by the community through our membership [not government or council].

The Centre is managed by an elected volunteer Board of Management and a General Manager.

The Centre is supported by Government grants, funding from the City of West Torrens, fundraising events and public donations for which we are most grateful. Over 65 volunteers play a major role in assisting our devoted and skilled staff with the day to day operation of our modern multipurpose facilities.

Working in a community

The Camden Community Centre is a keen supporter of various work agencies. We also assist participants from CentreLink schemes working at the Centre in various programs at any one time.

The Centre has various groups using the facilities on a regular basis.

The Centre hosts a wide variety of activities covering all ages for people from all walks of life.

Our aim is to provide innovative, quality services that encourage participation in community life for individuals thus enriching their lives and the lives of others.

Programs are available from the Centre office, website or we can mail a program to you

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday / Wednesday / Thursday / Friday
9:30am - 2:30pm

*Have you any skills that you would like to share?
If you do then we would be pleased to hear from you to discuss any idea's you may have.*

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Men's Shed Woodwork

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Men's Sheds

Men's sheds are everywhere these days. Their activities are as varied as the people who volunteer in them and the places they can be found.

The sheds serve many purposes. They provide an opportunity for men who have retired (fully or partly) to socialise, to share their skills and to support each other. They contribute to their communities in the most practical and useful ways and they also contribute greatly to men's health.

The value of men sharing and working together is best described by the saying - *"men don't talk to each other face to face, they talk shoulder to shoulder"*.

The Camden Community Centre's Men's Shed is a member of the Australian Men's Shed Association which has over 650 member sheds around the country.

Sample of products made



Monday

9:30am - 1:30pm

Tuesday

9:30am - 1:30pm

Wednesday

9:30am - 1:30pm

Thursday

9:30am - 1:30pm

Friday

Closed

Further Enquiries

Contact: Centre Office
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The Camden Shed

The Camden Community Centre's Men's Shed is a timber framed single room that was formerly a school classroom.

It opened in September 2004 and has been operating continuously since then, currently at four days per week. It is a volunteer program of the Camden Community Centre.

We have a work area with several benches and equipment, including a wide range of modern machinery. A covered pergola area and small annex are used for relaxation over lunch or a cuppa.

The men produce items for sale, such as cutting boards, bowls and many other products to support the community Centre. These are all made from recycled, mostly Australian timbers.

The men also support the Centre by attending to the Community Centre's general repairs and maintenance. This means they share a wide variety of activities.

The more experienced volunteers share their skills and mentor the newer men and all of the men enjoy the company and contribute meaningfully to our community.