

Media release

Men shed is a hit



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Every Tuesday you can find Crowley residents working away in the Crowley Men's Shed – a haven of “blokeness” where some great projects are realised.

From the restoration of an early 19th Century Captain's Chair, to the creation of lattice planters, to beautifully crafted timber walking sticks; no project is too daunting for the Crowley Men's Shed crew in Ballina.

The 19th Century Captain's Chair, now lovingly restored, was recently handed back to its owners Crowley Independent Living residents Mick and Marie Ronan. The much loved chair belonged to Marie's grandfather, Owen McCosker, who lived on a property at Sunnyside, west of Tenterfield.

The boys in the shed have also recently completed their first lattice planters for Crowley residents' gardens in Ballina. “We can make the height to suit our customers and orders are being taken now,” said keen “Men's Shedder” Max Heynatz.

Their timber walking sticks are custom sized and made in many different styles. They have a very reasonable asking price of between \$10 and \$25, with the more expensive versions featuring fancy brass heads.

But it's not all hard work. “We tell stories, have a laugh and it gets us out of the house” said Max Heynatz.

If anybody in the region is familiar working with wicker, the boys would like to hear from you. Contact Crowley Care Services on 02 6686 5090.

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Pictured: Byron Bartley & George Steele. For further information contact Clare Busch on 02 6686 5090 or assistant@crowley.org.au