



Sunbury Community Health Centre's Gail Radford with Jayne Makarein, Naomi Birrer, Inta McKibbin and Deb Fink from Masters.

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At last, a women's shed

Barry Kennedy

NEW LEARNING FORUM LAUNCH ON SATURDAY

WOMEN will be able to learn the nuts and bolts at the first ever Sunbury Women's Shed meeting on Saturday.

The shed, a partnership between Sunbury Community Health Centre and Sunbury Masters, will be a new forum for women to meet and learn together.

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Health Centre Aboriginal engagement officer Gail Radford said the idea came from participants in the Sunbury Aboriginal Women's Group, which meets weekly.

"It's open to any woman and we really are inviting anyone who is keen to participate to come down," she said.

"Where the group evolves is really up to what the women want - whether it's joint projects or just getting some skills along the way."

Ms Radford said the concept was a first for Masters and possibly for Australia.

"A couple of women do go along to the Men's Shed at the Community Health Centre, so I think there is that

interest there," she said.

Masters local community manager Effie Pensa said the company was happy to support the initiative.

"At this point the shed will run monthly and empower and inspire women from all walks of life and the wider Sunbury to meet, create and give back to their wider communities and build confi-

dence in DIY and home improvement," she said.

"Long term it would be great to see local women turn safe wood into wooden toys, clocks, Christmas decorations and more, to give to those less fortunate in what is a close-knit community."

Saturday's first session is from 11am-1pm at Masters, 3 Deveny Rd, Sunbury.

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