**Online sites for social connection:**

**Meetup** <https://www.meetup.com/en-AU/>

Meetup is a service used to organize online groups that host in-person events for people with similar interests. Meetup events are usually face to face but for the time being all groups are going virtual due to COVID 19 restrictions on gatherings.

Meetup, there are a range of special interest groups that meet regularly based on common interests e.g. local coffee club, music, film, food, cooking/recipes, arts, social, hobbies and crafts, spport & fitness, tech, book clubs etc.

**Men’s Shed/The AMSA Shed Online** <http://mensshed.org/theshedonline/>

The goal of The AMSA Shed Online is help people connect in the same way they do at the shed. The goal is to share information, ideas and make connections with fellow shedders around the world. The focus is largely on men though they promote that it is open to all.

Anyone can contribute comments to the blog posts and participate in conversations on the discussion forums. People need to register to join the site before joining the discussion forums and there are user guidelines and community values. Topics include staying active during a pandemic, tools to stay connected with shed mates, staying positive/wheel of wellbeing.