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Australian Telecommunications Users Group (ATUG) have awarded Mensheds Australia a National Broadband Award: Highly Commended for Health, at the recent 24th ATUG Excellence Awards at the 2008 ATUG Gala Dinner attended by over 350 people from industry and end user organisations.

The Award was presented to Mensheds Australia for the implementation of a variety of uses of broadband to develop a framework for support and facilitation for mens health.

“The Award recognises some of the best use of technology and communication in the Health Field. Specifically, Mensheds Australia website: www.mensheds.com.au which the judging panel felt was exceptionally good” said, Rosemary Sinclair, Managing Director of ATUG.

“Receiving the award is a great achievement particularly as Mensheds is struggling to meet the demand from men for support, and to deliver much needed services to remote and rural men, who desperately need access to resources. At Mensheds Australia we view national broadband as a valuable method to deliver basic health essentials information, and to meet the needs of all Australian men”, said Mensheds Australia CEO, Russell Workman.

Other recipients are:

iinet; ISPhone; Unwired; AMCOM; Wireless@Beaumont; OPTUS;Internode; Queensland Health; Department of Industry and Resources; Western Australia; Clever Communications Australia; Hutchinson (3); TransACT; Vanco Australia; Neal.IT; Gilgandra Shire Council; TC Communications; ECHONET; CSIRO and Department of Health and Human Services, Tasmania; Hospira MedNet, Greater Southern Area Health Service, NSW; South West Alliance of Rural Health, Victoria; Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia; Department of Education and Training, Western Australia; Department of Industry and Resources, Western Australia.

ABOUT MENSHEADS AUSTRALIA

A men's shed is about providing a local “community meeting place” for men to come together, to make things together, to serve their community together, to socialise together, to share and learn new skills together, and to have someone to talk to. Men's health, isolation, loneliness and depression are now looming as major issues in Australia. Men's sheds can play a significant and practical role in addressing these and other men's issues, for all Australian men from both Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, and act as a catalyst in stimulating their community's services, communication, development and even economic activities.

Mensheds Australia Ltd is a not-for-profit Australian Public Company, dedicated to developing Men's Sheds across Australia, a registered Health Promotion Charity, and is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient. It operates by seeking funding from a variety of sources including the Corporate sector and Governments to fund its activities. During the past five years Mensheds Australia has been working with communities across Australia and has supported the establishment of more than 100 men's sheds that undertake a diverse range of activities.

Thank you