**Video transcript**

**Scott Slade**

**Parent**

What drew me to the Men’s Shed was it’s an opportunity for fathers of children who are on the autistic spectrum, or maybe they even suspect that their children might be on the autistic spectrum, where they can come to a non-judgemental place and interact with fathers of children on the spectrum.

With kids, fathers who have children at a young age and also at an older age as well so they can gain some insight maybe some advice, and where people can share their common stories in a place that is safe.

If I’d known about a place like the Men’s Shed, I would have taken myself down there because it would’ve been an opportunity for me to explore all these different emotions and range of emotions that I was going through with maybe someone whose son or daughter had been diagnosed a lot longer and a bit older and probably looking for some guidance there from older fathers who have been through all this before because it can be quite an emotional rollercoaster.

I hope a lot of fathers do take advantage of the shed and come down and join us, because we’re really looking forward to meeting people.