

Media Release

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MEN'S SHED GRANTS TO SUPPORT STRONGER COMMUNITIES

The Allan Labor Government is improving the health and wellbeing of communities across the state, through the latest round of the Men's Shed Funding Program.

Minister for Carers and Volunteers Ros Spence today joined Member for Sunbury Josh Bull to announce 28 Men's Sheds will receive a grant to help them build new sheds, and fund extensions, improvements, and refurbishments.

Men's Sheds provide a welcoming place for people to connect, socialise and work on common projects together. They improve the mental health of their members by reducing social isolation and promoting inclusion, as members share their skills, learn new ones and make new mates in their local area.

Their members support local communities in many ways, including running first-aid courses, making toys for children, and making equipment for community service organisations like the Country Fire Authority.

Recipients include the Benambra Men's Shed which will receive \$100,000, and the Morwell Men's Shed which receive \$77,589, both towards the construction of new Men's Sheds.

Other grant recipients include the Badger Creek and District Men's Shed which will receive \$7,648 to replace a staircase, making it more accessible for their members, and the Point Cook Men's Shed which will receive \$50,000 to convert a building into a Men's Shed and cultural facility.

The Labor Government has proudly provided 487 grants to Men's Sheds since 2015. There are currently more than 360 communities across Victoria with men's sheds throughout Victoria.

To view the full list of grant recipients visit providers.dffh.vic.gov.au/mens-shed-program

Quotes attributable to Minister for Carers and Volunteers Ros Spence

"Men's Sheds provide a welcoming place to learn new skills, contribute to the community and improve mental health and wellbeing."

"These grants help to establish new Men's Sheds, complete repairs, and make improvements that ensure they are safe, remain fit for purpose, and are accessible to all members."

Quotes attributable to Member for Sunbury Josh Bull

"The Men's Sheds in Tullamarine and Hume provide a supportive environment for locals to learn new skills while connecting with others."

"These grants will go a long way to help these men's sheds continue their important work in the community."