

# Media Release

## The Hon Ros Spence MP

Minister for Agriculture  
Minister for Treaty and First Peoples  
Minister for Community Sport  
Minister for Carers and Volunteers



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## WOODWORK AND COMMUNITY: LABOR BACKS MEN'S SHEDS

What happens in Victoria's Men's Sheds goes well beyond woodwork and a cuppa.

That's why the Allan Labor Government is investing in Men's Sheds to make sure they can grow and expand.

Minister Spence joined Member for Ashwood Matt Fregon at Alamein Men's Shed to announce that a new round of funding is open.

Grants of up to \$100,000 will help Men's Sheds buy new or update equipment, expand their sheds and upgrade their facilities or build a new shed to improve community access.

For many, their shed is more than a workshop – it's where they find routine, friendship and community.

Alamein Men's Shed has been delivering exactly that for more than 20 years, helping locals get stuck into woodwork, share skills and look out for each other.

Last year they received a grant to upgrade their machinery, install a water heater and expand their shed.

Newstead Men's Shed used their funding to upgrade their kitchen, fencing and driveway.

More than 360 Men's Sheds now operate across Victoria, with Labor delivering more than 600 grants to sheds across the state.

This is in addition to Labor's ongoing support for the Victorian Men's Shed Association.

Keeping men connected and part of their community isn't just good policy – it can save lives.

Applications for the 2026-27 Men's Shed Funding Program are now open at [dffh.vic.gov.au/mens-shed-program](https://dffh.vic.gov.au/mens-shed-program).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Carers and Volunteers Ros Spence

*"A shed isn't just a room – for a lot of men, it's where they build a community and find support."*

*"This is about more than just tools and timber – we're proud to support the incredible work Men's Sheds do in local communities across Victoria helping men stay connected, healthy and supported."*

### Quotes attributable to Member for Ashwood Matt Fregon

*"Walk into the Alamein shed on any given day and you'll see exactly why this program matters for building a community."*

*"The Alamein Men's Shed has been looking after the community for 20 years – Labor is proud to back them."*