

Media Release

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MOUNT BEAUTY MENS SHED SET FOR EXPANSION

More men in Mount Beauty will be building new friendships, skills and community connections, thanks to a Victorian Government grant for the expansion of the men's shed.

Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes announced the Mount Beauty Men's Shed would receive \$60,000 towards a 12m x 9m extension to the main shed.

Across Victoria, new men's sheds will be constructed in eight communities, while 15 other sheds will be refurbished across Victoria, thanks to \$879,000 in grants from the Victorian Government.

Men's sheds are safe and productive spaces for men to work on common projects, and actively participate in their local community.

They also help improve the health and wellbeing of participants by promoting social inclusion.

There are more than 1,000 sheds across the country, with over 360 in Victoria.

The Victorian Government is a proud supporter of men's sheds and recognises the important role they play in bringing the community together.

For more information, please visit <http://providers.dhhs.vic.gov.au/mens-shed-program>.

Quotes attributable to Member for Northern Victoria Jaclyn Symes

"Congratulations to the Mount Beauty shedders who can now start work on building their bigger shed".

"Men's sheds are vitally important spaces for men in our area to socialise, have a cuppa, learn new skills and give back to the community. I am delighted this funding will help more people and look forward to hearing about the results of this project in the months to come."

Quote attributable to Victorian Men's Shed Association Executive Officer Ric Blackburn

"These grants have huge benefit to each area, helping build capacity, strengthen support networks and contributing to communities in an extraordinary way."

