

# Media Release



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## Grants of up to \$60,000 to build new Men's Sheds

Communities across Victoria can now apply for grants to build a new Men's Shed following the release of \$750,000 in funding by the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Families and Children, Jenny Mikakos today announced the release of the funds at a visit to the Banyule Men's Shed with local MP Anthony Carbines.

Men's sheds are places where men can meet, share common projects and make friends.

Grants of up to \$60,000 are available to help build new sheds, especially where there is a high level of community need and where communities face infrastructure challenges.

Funds may be used to:

- construct a new Men's Shed
- redevelop an existing building into a Men's Shed or
- co-locate a Men's Shed in a multifunction community facility or hub

The Victorian Men's Shed Association president, Phil Keily welcomed the announcement and said the funding was a great opportunity to expand the Men's Sheds program into new communities across the state.

Applications that demonstrate significant partnerships and support from relevant community groups such as the local council, neighbourhood house or adult-learning providers are particularly encouraged to apply.

Applications for the grants close on 19 June 2015. More information is available at:

<http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/for-business-and-community/community-involvement/men-in-the-community>

### Quotes attributable to Minister Jenny Mikakos

*"We are proud to support Men's Sheds and recognise the role they play in bringing Victorian communities together."*

*"I am delighted to announce that the Labor Government is releasing a new round of funding that will provide \$750,000 to support the construction of new Men's Sheds throughout Victoria."*

*"Men's Sheds are great for the health and wellbeing of men in our communities."*

### Quotes attributable to member for Ivanhoe, Anthony Carbines

*"By encouraging local men to roll their sleeves up, the Banyule Men's Shed has seen them build friendships and serve the local community."*

### Quotes attributable to Men's Shed Association president, Phil Keily

*"Demand for Men's Sheds continues to grow in both regional and metropolitan areas."*