



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

Media statement

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Dalby Men's Shed receives \$4000 Federal Government grant

The Dalby Men's Shed is a hub of activity in need of an update and, thanks to \$4000 in Federal Government funding, volunteers can continue with their fantastic community work, Maranoa MP David Littleproud announced today.

"The Dalby Men's Shed was successful in securing \$4000 in much-needed funding – under the National Shed Development Programme – to update the building, increase security and add lighting," Mr Littleproud said.

"Men's Shed is a popular way for men to connect with their community — whether it's through a building project by sharing skills in woodworking or welding or a first aid workshop — that's why I encourage our local blokes to give a shed a go.

"The Men's Shed initiative play an important role in our rural community as it provides practical and social benefits for members and the broader community.

"Men's Shed provides a welcoming environment where men – of all ages – can learn new skills, make friends, be involved in volunteer work, or you can just drop in for a cuppa and a yarn.

"Research suggests many men from the bush don't feel comfortable using structured health and support services, so Men's Shed helps them connect with local services to improve mental and general health as well as being involved in the community."

This grant is part of \$400,000 in national funding which will be distributed to 93 community Men's Sheds across Australia. Men's Shed grants support the purchase of tools, equipment, community projects, training, building maintenance and development, and health improvement activities.

The Federal Government has provided \$5.1 million (from 2016-17 to 2018-19) to the Australian Men's Sheds Association (AMSA) to provide support and resources to new and existing Men's Sheds and to manage the National Shed Development Programme.

Further rounds of funding will be available for Men's Sheds and details can be found at www.mensshed.org

For information on the application process, please email AMSA on amsa@mensshed.net or phone 1300 550 009.

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