



David Littleproud MP

Federal Member for Maranoa

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Warwick Men's Shed to receive \$2000: David Littleproud MP

THE Warwick Men's Shed will purchase life-saving equipment thanks to a much-needed Federal Government grant, Maranoa MP David Littleproud said.

"Under the National Shed Development Programme, the Warwick Men's Shed will receive \$2000 to purchase a defibrillator and receive training on how to use this life-saving equipment," Mr Littleproud said.

"The Warwick Men's Shed has about 30 members, who freely give their time and expertise to help the community and share skills and knowledge with anyone keen to learn wood and metal working, gardening computer work and help with community projects.

"The Men's Shed initiative plays an important role in our 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 funding was part of the \$5.1 million the Federal Government has provided to the Australian Men's Shed Association, through to 2018-19, to support this important initiative for men's health.

"This funding helps Men's Sheds to buy tools and equipment, support community projects and training, maintain or develop their buildings, or create local activities to improve men's health and I congratulate the Warwick Men's Shed for their commitment to the community," Mr Littleproud said.

Details of all successful grant recipients from this National Shed Development Program funding round are available at www.mensshed.org

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