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MEDIA RELEASE

GRANT SECURES MANNUM MEN'S SHED EXPANSION

The Mid Murray Council has provided a \$20,000 grant to the Mannum Men's Shed, helping turn the facility's plans for an expansion, into reality.

The funding will help cover the cost of extensions to the shed, providing a substantial increase in work space for the positive and proactive community wellbeing group.

The Council has also secured a new lease agreement for the Men's Shed, which will give it greater security of tenure. Not being able to prove security of tenure had previously meant the Men's Shed could not apply for government grants. The new arrangement now means the organisation can make applications in future government funding rounds.

Mid Murray Mayor Dave Burgess said the Men's Shed provided an exceptionally valuable service to the community.

"The Mannum Men's Shed is a vital facility which gives men in our region a place to meet, socialise, learn new skills and apply them for the benefit of the wider community," Mayor Burgess says.

"It is a proactive group of members and the Council is proud to support their plans for the future.

"What we've seen, is that members not only forge new friendships through their involvement with the Shed, which improves their personal wellbeing and mental health; but they also work together on donating their time and delivering projects for the community.

"Further, we know that rural men are at high risk of depression and suicide. This facility plays a part in ensuring positive mental health outcomes for our local men and their families."

The money will cover the cost of a shed kit, concrete floor, flat roof and wall extensions. Extending the shed will deliver a larger space that can be used as a working area for projects.

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