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**\$7000 FOR KEW MEN'S SHED AND HAWTHORN MEN'S SHED**

The Kew Men's Shed and Hawthorn Men's Shed has been awarded a grant of \$3500 each under the Turnbull Government's National Shed Development Programme.

I congratulate both Sheds for their successful application for the grant.

Like similar sheds across Australia, the Kew Men's Shed and Hawthorn Men's Shed offers great benefits to any local men who need a bit of space and some friendly, easy-going company.

The Turnbull Government recognises these benefits and is providing a total of \$5.1 million over three years to the national men's sheds movement.

Kew Men's Shed will use its government grant for tools, equipment, community projects and training, and Hawthorn Men's Shed will use the funding for health improvement activities.

Men are talking about their health more and more, and the men's shed provides a safe and friendly environment for them to do so. Men's sheds are integral to the community and the benefits to men's health are widely acknowledged.

In 2016, the rate of suicide among Australian males was more than three times that of females.

Although mental illness affects both men and women, men are less likely to seek help or talk about their feelings.

Feeling part of a social group is important to our emotional and mental health and every day Men's Sheds around the country provide men with an opportunity for companionship.

The grants programme provides funding for health improvement activities, the purchase of tools and equipment, community projects and training, and for building maintenance and development.

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