

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## MEN'S SHED FOR WYNYARD

Murchison MLC Ruth Forrest has commended the hard work of Peter Massey, who on behalf of the Lighthouse Cluster of Schools prepared a submission to the Tasmanian Community Fund to fund a Mechanical Trades Workshop at Wynyard High School which has been approved with \$23760 granted to build the facility.

"I am absolutely delighted to receive this funding. This money will enable us to build this shed which will be equipped as a mechanical trades shed as well as a workshop that will be used by students from all schools within the Lighthouse Cluster of schools" said Mr Massey.

Mr Massey is planning to further expand the function and availability of this Mechanical Trades Workshop to enable the whole community access to the new facility. Mr Massey is planning community access to this facility including the development of a "Men's Shed".

"A community facility such as this will be of great benefit to the Wynyard community and the concept of a "Men's Shed" has shown to have many health benefits to the community, especially in relation to improvement in mental health, strengthening on father/son relationships and improved school attendance" Ms Forrest stated.

To expand the proposed facility to benefit the whole community, for use at all times of the day and evening, a disabled toilet and shower recess is required. This has been costed at approximately \$10,000.

Murchison MLC Ruth Forrest is pursuing other funding options to assist, but also provided monetary assistance through a donation. "I encourage community groups, service clubs and members of the community to get behind this worthwhile project that will have many benefits to the whole community as it would be a shame that a facility such as this might only be used during school hours without further funding" Ms Forrest stated.

Donations and any enquiries into the expansion of the Mechanical Trades Workshop to include a Wynyard Men's Shed can be directed to Peter Massey on 0408 351 388.

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