

CASE STUDY
COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM - MAJOR
COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Coolum Men's Shed

Project: The construction of a light industrial shed to be the new home for the Coolum Men's Shed. Funding was for the second stage of the project, being the supply and installation of a metal shed.



"We now have a functional and basically equipped Men's Shed in our community, and expanded public awareness of our group."

TREVOR RYAN, TREASURER
Coolum Men's Shed

Funding: \$25,000 **Total Project Cost:** \$67,330 **Date:** February 2017 **Beneficiaries:** 65

Outcome: The opening of the Coolum Men's Shed has provided the organisation with a permanent base to carry out their programs and activities. The increased space available in this facility has enabled the group to expand its range of services to the community. An increasing number of members can work and engage in a safe environment with ample space.

Impact: The facility provides a safe place for men to be socially active and form friendships, while allowing for learning, activity and interaction in manual crafts. The site has become a community hub, with the organisation taking a leadership role in the community to support other groups. This collaboration will see other community services offered from the facility site.

Strategic Alignment: Sunshine Coast Positive Ageing Strategy 2011 - 2016

**Several partnerships helped deliver the project, including co-funding of the shed construction by the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and provision of the land by the State Government.*

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