

# Supporting our Men's Sheds



## A MAJORITY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT WILL:

- Invest over \$705,000 in Men's Sheds over the next three years including –
  - \$110,000 annual peak body funding for the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association; and
  - \$125,000 annual grant funding for Men's Sheds for tools, equipment and programs that benefit men



## Supporting our Men's Sheds

In 2014, the Liberals provided \$555,000 over three years to support the sustainable development of Men's Sheds in Tasmania.

At the time, there were 42 Men's Sheds and today there are 56, and growing participation with thousands of active and regular members in all parts of the State.

Men's Sheds work and are a welcome local addition to our Tasmanian communities.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will continue supporting Men's Sheds, with further investment of \$705,000 over the next three years.

### Peak body status

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will make the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association the new peak body for men's sheds around the State.

This will provide the TMSA will annual funding of \$110,000 from 2018-19, and indexation on that funding from 2019-20, delivering certainty for the organisation into the future.

### Men's Shed Grant program continues

The Hodgman Liberal Government was the first Government in Tasmania to put in place a dedicated grant program for Men's Sheds.

Over the past three years, and after five rounds of the grants program, a total of \$374,918 has been provided for 107 initiatives. These projects have included the purchase of tools and equipment, first aid member training and equipment, as well as community projects, such as the construction of community gardens. Funding has also been provided for capital works.

A re-elected Hodgman majority Liberal Government will continue the Men's Sheds Grant Program, providing further grant funding of \$125,000 per year for three years.

In consultation with the TMSA and Men's Sheds, we will expand the grant guidelines to allow Sheds to apply for funding towards men's health and wellbeing programs. Funding for larger capital works, or new Sheds, will be considered on a case by case basis.

### Labor-Green position

Labor and the Greens provided no ongoing funding for Tasmanian Men's Sheds in the past, and have made no commitment into the future.

### Cost

Total additional cost of \$375,000 over three years \*peak funding announced.

## What are Men's Sheds

Men's Sheds are a safe and friendly place where men can work on meaningful community projects at their own pace, in their own time, and in the company of other men.

Research undertaken by the Tasmanian Council of Social Service (TasCOSS) in 2016 found Tasmanian Men's Shed members are generally retired males over 65, and the primary benefit of Shed membership is friendship, social connections and improved health and wellbeing outcomes, including physical activity.

It also found Men's Sheds delivered diverse benefits for the local communities, in which they operate.