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Media Release:

Mudgee Men's Shed are showing their artistic talent

The workshop at the Mudgee Men's Shed is producing more decorative and artistic projects thanks to a \$2,000 donation from Moolarben Coal mine for new crafting equipment.

The purchase of a Practical Twister and Scroll Former is enabling members with an artistic flare to get creative and design more intricate pieces including gates, fences, and furniture.

Jim Read, Secretary for Mudgee Men's Shed is delighted with the new workshop equipment.

"We have over 80 members and provide a location where men can gather, interact, share skills and swap ideas. We offer a relaxed, happy creative space for men from the local community to enjoy a variety of activities such as woodwork, metalwork, and car restoration.

"We expect these new crafting tools will attract new members to the workshop who are interested in creative art and design. I also know that our current members are very keen to get their hands on the new tools and let the creative juices flow and see what they can develop.

"Now more than ever, communities are coming together, and we are proud to offer an environment where anyone is welcome. Thanks to local organisations like Moolarben Coal we can continue to grow and offer new activities at the shed," said Jim.

The Mudgee Men's Shed provides and organises activities for men in the Mid-Western Shire to help improve their mental and physical health and wellbeing. It gives men the opportunity to interact and participate in meaningful programs that help benefit their self-worth and wellbeing.

Moolarben Coal General Manager, Steve Archinal said, "Mudgee Men's Shed provides an invaluable service to our community and we are pleased our funding support can help them enhance their programs.

"We want to assist initiatives that make a positive difference to the lives of people who live and work in Mudgee. It always pleases me to see the difference even a small amount can do for a community organisation," said Steve.

This funding support is part of the Yancoal Moolarben Coal Community Support Program. Since 2004, Yancoal has grown to be one of Australia's largest coal exporters: owning or operating nine producing mines across the country, employing over 4,300 Australians, contributing to the national economy, and investing in regional communities.

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