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Media Release:

Extension for the Men's Shed of Collie

Members of the Men's Shed of Collie are enjoying more space in their workshop after construction was completed on their extension thanks to a \$5,000 donation from Premier Coal mine.

Now more than ever, community connection is important and the Men's Shed of Collie provides a space for local men to socialise, design and build projects and share skills. The donation funded building, plumbing and electrical works enabling a bigger footprint for members to work in and better organisation of their equipment.

Ian Bushell, Chairperson of the Men's Shed of Collie is thrilled with the upgrade to the centre.

"We have over 40 members here on a weekly basis and the workshop can get tight at times.

"With this extension we now have separate woodwork and metal work areas complemented by the dust free break room and office. The work areas are now much more open allowing works to be undertaken safely.

"Our members are all very excited about the enhancements to the workshop, they even lent a hand where they could. We are thankful to Premier Coal for their donation," said Ian.

The Collie Men's Shed is a community-based, non-profit, non-commercial organisation that is accessible to all men. Its primary activity is to provide a safe and friendly environment where men can work on meaningful projects at their own pace.

Acting Premier Coal Operations Manager Chris Knight said, "The Men's Shed of Collie provides an invaluable service to our community and we are pleased our funding could enable a renovation to their workshop. We hope this new extension will also help attract more members," said Chris.

The donation was part of the Premier Coal Community Support Program, which is funded by Yancoal and aims to make a positive difference in the local community and to the lives of the people who work and live in Collie.

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