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Media Release:

New machinery for Collie Men's Shed

Members at the Collie Men's Shed are happily woodworking, thanks to a \$3,800 donation from Premier Coal to purchase a new large panel saw.

Panel saws are valuable tools for woodwork and construction. They are beneficial in terms of precision and accuracy, versatility and safety, and can speed up the cutting process. The new panel saw will enable the Collie Men's Shed members to take on new, larger and more complicated projects.

With 52 members, the Collie Men's Shed is growing in popularity. It also welcomes women into the shed, with two mornings a week open for the 20 female members.

Bob Mcaullay, Chairperson of the Men's Shed of Collie was delighted with the new machinery.

"Our current panel saw was very old, so we recognised the need to update it to help cut and create pieces at the shed. We also saw benefits in upgrading to a larger panel saw to enable us to complete larger projects.

"We are often approached to help with projects outside of the shed, within the community. With this new panel saw we can now accept those jobs and complete works for the benefit of everyone in Collie.

"We rely on volunteers and donations from the community, so we are very thankful to Premier Coal for their funding to buy the new panel saw," said Bob.

Collie Men's Shed is a place for men and women to gather for their mental health, learn new skills, teach others and to help the Collie community. It has a space for members to do woodwork and metal work, as well as a room with a computer and printer for members to use that also facilitates smaller hobbies like leatherwork, sewing, sculpting and painting. It is located on Forrest Street, Collie and is open Monday to Friday.

Premier Coal Operations Manager, Braedon Gaske, was pleased to support the Collie Men's Shed.

"We are happy to continue to show our support of the Collie Men's Shed. They provide a vital service to the men and women in our community by establishing a space for people to connect with others, improve mental and physical health, get creative, and enjoy a sense of community.

"We hope all the members enjoy using the new panel saw and create some amazing projects," said Braedon.

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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