



## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

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### **LOWER MURRAY WATER SUPPORTS THE SHED**

Lower Murray Water today announced its support of the creation of a Men's Shed in Red Cliffs with the handover of a \$1,000 donation to the Red Cliffs Community Resource Centre Inc (RCCRC).

Member of the RCCRC Committee of Management, Andrew Graham said "We are grateful for the terrific support we are receiving in relation to establishing the Men's Shed. We have budgeted the build to cost approximately \$90,000 and through the support of foundation members and contributors such as Lower Murray Water, it adds to grant funds received in 2016 to see this project become a reality."

Senior Manager Customer & Stakeholder, Mr Owen Russell said "It's great to see the proposal for the community shed which will provide a great facility for locals to use their skills."

"When completed the shed will provide a welcoming environment for men from Red Cliffs and surrounds from all walks of life to enjoy a wide range of activities and socialisation," RCCRC Co-ordinator Joanne Farrell said.

Through the creation of a workshop and meeting rooms as part of the Men's Shed development, Joanne sees enhancement of health and wellbeing of individual members and the wider community by reducing social isolation. It is envisaged meeting rooms will be available for use for a variety of purposes by the general community. A community kitchen will also be developed within the Men's Shed complex.

"The Shed will provide a safe and socially inclusive space to meet, chat, create and share skills,"

"There are over 300 Men's Sheds operating in Victoria and we are excited to be adding to that number." Joanne said.

For those interested in learning more about the Red Cliffs Men's Shed, please contact Joanne on 50243455 or 0428 242993 or via email at [rcresource@smartchat.net.au](mailto:rcresource@smartchat.net.au)

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For further information please contact Owen Russell on 50513400

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**Image:**

Left to right: Andrew Graham (RCCRC's Committee of Management; and Red Cliffs Men's Shed infrastructure committee), Joanne Farrell (RCCRC's Centre Co-ordinator) accepting the donation cheque from Owen Russell (LMW Senior Manager – Customer & Stakeholder)