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# **\$7000 CLP grant for Katherine's Men's Shed**

## **Joint Media Release with Minister For Health The Hon Greg Hunt MP and Country Liberals Candidate for Lingiari Jacinta Nampijinpa Price**

The Katherine Men's Shed has been awarded a grant of \$7000 from the Coalition Government for first aid kits, CPR training and tools under round 17 of the Government's National Shed Development Programme.

Country Liberals Senator for the Northern Territory, Nigel Scullion, and CLP Candidate for Lingiari, Jacinta Nampijinpa Price, congratulated the Katherine Men's Shed for its successful application for the grant.

Senator Scullion said Katherine Men's Shed will use its CLP grant to purchase a first Aid kit, defibrillator, fire safety equipment and signage, CPR training, PPE; tools and equipment including laptops, software, and laptop bags.

"The Men's Shed in Katherine has only been established in recent months and renovation works on their shed at the Rotary Club on Rapide Street are going well thanks to the support of the community and their shed is expected to open by end of the year.

"Members are already doing some great work for the community by building 30 bird nests for the upcoming Katherine Bird Festival, which starts this week," Senator Scullion said.

Ms Price said like similar sheds across Australia, the Katherine shed offers support to any local men who need a bit of space and some friendly, easy-going company.

"Men are often the last ones to make their health and wellbeing a priority. It's imperative that we do what we can to ensure they get the support they need and deserve.

"The CLP recognises these benefits and is investing a total of \$5.1 million over three years to the national men's sheds movement. It is fitting to announce this grant during Men's Shed Week and I look forward to seeing how the Katherine Men's Shed is going next time I visit Katherine."

"Men are talking about their health more and more, and the men's shed provides a safe and friendly environment for them to do so. Men's sheds are integral to the community and the benefits to men's health are widely acknowledged," Ms Price said.

Katherine Men's Shed chairman Dr Cameron Smith said Katherine Men's Shed was very grateful to receive this grant from the Australian Government National Shed Development Programme through the Australian Men's Shed Association.

“This grant will go a long way to fitting out our refurbished shed with key health, fire and personal safety equipment, as well as laptops and projector to help facilitate health literacy, education and social media networking. With generous support from local, territory, federal government and Katherine Businesses and community we look on track to be “open for business” at the end of this year,” Dr Smith said.

Heath Minister Greg Hunt said feeling part of a social group is important to our emotional and mental health.

“Every day Men’s Sheds across Australia and in the Katherine region provide men with an opportunity for companionship and support within their community,” Minister Hunt said.

The Men’s Shed grants programme provides funding for health improvement activities, the purchase of tools and equipment, community projects and training, and for building maintenance and development.