

Grant Application Summary

Required information	Applicant provided response
Project name	Storage shed for wood
Project location	34 Alma Street St Arnaud VIC 3478
Name of organisation applying for a grant	Community Menshed St.Arnaud
Brief description of the organisation applying for a grant	A VMSA-registered Men's Shed serving men in the community of the Northern Grampians Shire
Brief project summary (max 100 words)	To build an undercover storage area for the Menshed located at 34 Alma Street in St Arnaud to store timbers & furniture to repair
Maximum amount applied for	\$4000.00
Expected date of project completion	30 /6/2019

The objective of the project is to construct a timber storage shed at the side of the Men's Shed in St Arnaud. This storage shed will house both raw timber and completed woodworking projects. It will prevent stored timber, antique items for restoration, and completed projects from deterioration due to weather.

Currently, some timber is being stored inside the Men's Shed itself, reducing the availability of workspaces, and an off-site storage area is being used at a local GWM property. This off-site area is not always accessible and there are both practical and safety issues involved. The Men's Shed have been informed by the landlord of the off-site area that they should seek alternative arrangements in the future.

An on-site storage shed would dramatically reduce the workload and increase safety in all aspects of relocating, classifying and maintaining the timber stockpile. It will benefit the community by allowing the Men's Shed to undertake more woodworking projects and assist the members to perform repairs for people in the district.

The planned outcome is the completed construction of the wood storage shed by the end of June 2019. A primary measure of success will be the quantity of projects completed each year by the Men's Shed and the amount of material that can be stored on-site. An additional measure we will be monitoring is an increase in membership of the Shed which we hope to achieve by promoting to the community the availability of additional workspaces.

The main beneficiaries of the project will be the 29 members of the Men's Shed, as well as students from St Arnaud Secondary College who will be able to attend the Shed to complete projects and gain advice from experienced members, and any members of the public who desire to participate in Shed activities.

We have already obtained a grant of \$6000 towards the construction, and the Men's Shed is willing to fundraise and contribute \$3438. Combined with our grant application of \$4000 this totals \$13438, the full amount of the current quote for construction.

The project will be managed and overseen by Greg Fullarton, Treasurer and Hugh Craddock, Secretary. Construction is planned to begin March 2019 at the latest, and be completed by 30th of June 2019.

The overall cost of the project will be the cost of construction. St Arnaud Neighbourhood House Inc as landlord of the property will be applying for an exemption from the permit fee levied by the local council and has agreed to cover the cost of the fee (\$720) should the exemption be denied.