

Project Evaluation Sheet (Report)

Community Support Levy Charitable Organisation Grants program – Small Grants 2005 – 2006 Project Evaluation Sheet

The Campbell Town Men's Shed as set out in the Grant Funding Agreement is now complete.

The direct benefits to the community that the Campbell Town Men's Shed has provided are described in the short summary below. A Financial Statement as set out in the Conditions of Grant, Section 3 is attached.

1. Provide info about your organisation and about the aim of the project

- The need for a Men's Shed was identified in a community consultation needs analysis in 2002.
- The Campbell Town Area Community Service Board obtained funding for a Men's Shed in 2006 for a part-time coordinator.
- The project aims were to address issues such as men's health and wellbeing, depression, anxiety and loneliness.

2. Describe the project's target group or target community

- The Campbell Town catchment area is older than either the Tasmanian or Australian average with fewer people in the labour force and lower socio-economic status.
- Men of all ages within the Northern Midlands district with a focus on men who are retired, unemployed or alone/socially isolated.
- Men who are socially isolated due to distance and transport.
- Men with chronic conditions and/or physical impairment.

3. How do you know if the project made a difference or change?

- Consistent attendance despite temporary premises and basic tools.
- The development of social networks within the group.
- Positive comments from participants about the shed and the enthusiasm, persistence and active participation from participants in finding a permanent shed location.
- The development of a committee to guide the future of the Men's Shed.

4. How did the target community get involved?

The community were involved through:

- Advertising and promotion through local media and flyers.
- Actively promoted through established groups and networks within the community.
- Formal written and informal verbal invitations to attend.
- Referrals from the Primary Health Care Worker at CTHCS.

The community got involved by:

- Sourcing potential projects in the community.
- Donating equipment and materials for small projects.
- Physically cleaning and repairing temporary shed sites including installing new cupboards and floor coverings for the Girl Guide Hall.
- Participating in committee meetings, participating in meetings with the Northern Midlands Council and actively promoting the Men's Shed through community networks.
- Completing the Rural Co-Pilots training and working with young men from the school.

5. How can the target community continue to support or maintain the project's results?

- Develop relationship with other Men's Sheds in the North and North East of Tasmania.
- Give management responsibilities to active participants.
- Continue to promote the Men's Shed through the media and other local community groups.
- Establish permanent location for the Men's Shed.
- Actively encourage participation in the planning and development of projects
- Maintain links with Campbell Town District High School (Co-Pilots Program).
- Strive to become self – sufficient.