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Strathalbyn Woodshed benefits from Community Donation

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Since moving to its new premises a little over two years ago, the Strathalbyn Woodshed has steadily increased its membership base and grown its reputation as a totally inclusive organisation, with a diverse group of both male and female members, spanning generations. There are currently 65 members who enjoy getting together to craft out whatever they set their minds to – learning and laughing all the way!

The woodshed management committee was recently successful in securing \$1000 through Alexandrina Council's Community Donations Program.

Strathalbyn Woodshed Treasurer, Shaun Singleton said, "The money has been earmarked for a new laptop computer that will be used exclusively for the shed and will last for quite a few years."

Alexandrina Council encourages and assists a wide range of organisations and events that provide support to the Alexandrina community. An amount of public money is budgeted each financial year to undertake this support. This assistance may be either financial, in-kind (services, equipment or goods) or a mixture of both. Information about Alexandrina Council Community Donations and Grants Programs can be found at www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au/grants

Woodshed President Eric March is appreciative of Council's support toward the facility, saying, "Council established the shed in 2003 and has nurtured the organisation since then, contributing significant funds to help build the new shed."

The Strathalbyn Woodshed is seeking new members and no skill or experience is needed. Mr March spoke encouragingly of the opportunity saying, "We have trade qualified members and many skilled hobbyists, who are very willing to show people techniques and help wherever necessary."

Alexandrina Mayor Keith Parkes is supportive of the group and recognises the benefits it brings to its members.

“The Strathalbyn Woodshed is a fantastic example of a local community group opening its doors to attract a diverse range of people who can learn new skills, hone their crafts and socialise in an environment that is creative, inclusive and inspiring. On behalf of Council, we are proud of the work they do and trust this community donation will help,” he said.



Strathalbyn Ward Councillor Rex Keily AM and Mayor Keith Parkes met with Frank Chapman, Shaun Singleton and Eric March at the Strathalbyn Woodshed on 29 June to present the Community Donation