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Murgon men wrapped with their new Men's Shed

Murgon men now officially have a Men's Shed – the old railway building in the heart of town.

Deputy Premier and Member for Callide Jeff Seeney handed the keys of the old Queensland Rail freight distribution building to Murgon Men's Shed President Paul Pfeffer today.

"When I came to government, I promised to work hard for country towns and country people and today's handover of the old railway building to council for the Men's Shed is a great win for our community," Mr Seeney said.

"Rather than remain an unused government building right here in the heart of Murgon, it will now be handed over to council to become a vibrant hub for men to work on their hobbies and catch up with mates.

"I am pleased to have played a part in delivering this outcome for our community and I thank the Murgon men for their persistence and commitment to advocate for their own communal shed."

South Burnett Regional Council Mayor Wayne Kratzmann said the Men's Shed would provide a great social benefit to the town.

"Over the past five to seven years, the men have been meeting in private backyard sheds," Mayor Kratzmann said.

"To have a common place for them to meet will be great. What the Men's Shed does for these men, in building bonds with other men in their community, means so much and it is a benefit we can't even begin to quantify.

"For the broader community, it will provide a way of reliving our history – we see the way towns once were through their historical buildings, so to have this building revitalised is marvellous."

Churches of Christ Queensland Mission Action Partner Mark Wall commended the government on its support for this important cause.

"Men's Sheds are lifesaving stations in our community," Mr Wall said.

“Men are generally not social creatures, so a Men’s Shed creates an environment where socialisation is easy and experiences can be shared. This results in positive health outcomes for men.

“The growth of Men’s Sheds around Australia testifies to their benefits – according to the Australian Men’s Shed Association, there are currently 1000 sheds registered in our country.

“Here at Churches of Christ, I work with men to ensure the sustainability of their Men’s Shed. Unless we have supported premises, the Men’s Sheds can become too difficult to sustain, which is why it’s so important the government gets behind this cause.

“The Deputy Premier has been instrumental in getting a shed in Nambour too and I am so grateful of his support.”