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Mr Mark Shelton MP  
Liberal Member for Lyons  
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Dear Mr Shelton

Thank you for your Constituency Question on 6 May 2026 and your continued interest in our much-loved Men's Sheds.

The Tasmanian Government values the vital role our 74 Men's Sheds play in local communities, providing a safe place for members to connect and share information, while working on community projects.

We work closely with the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association (TMSA) and in the 2026/27 State Budget we will fund the peak body \$660,500 over the Forward Estimates.

The Government provides a range of initiatives including:

- A \$1 million capital investment program offered across two grant rounds; and
- The TMSA Grants Program of \$175,000 in 2024-25 and 2025-26.
  - And I had the absolute pleasure to announce \$171,631 in the latest round of grants in April, with 25 Men's Sheds set to receive funding ranging in value from \$830 to \$12,910.
- Additionally, we committed to fund individual Sheds, including:
  - \$550,000 for a new facility for the Sorell Men's Shed;
  - \$220,000 to relocate the Westbury Men's Shed;
  - \$30,000 as a further contribution for the Lilydale Men's Shed;
  - \$12,000 for new equipment at the Dorset Men's Shed; and
  - \$15,000 towards the purchase of the site for the Longford Men's Shed, which you recently visited with the Premier to celebrate their 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Ogilvie", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hon Madeleine Ogilvie MP  
**Minister for Community and Multicultural Affairs**