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 **Community**

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Boost for male domain

FREMANTLE Men's Community Shed is to expand the range of activities it offers after receiving a \$4500 grant from Chevron Australia's community grants program.

Fremanshed provides a workshop for men of all ages to work on individual or community projects.

It has more than 70 members and also runs community service initiatives like toy-making workshops, computer literacy programs for seniors, and support visits for members of the MS Society.

Alby de Groot, a process technician on Barrow Island, has worked for Chevron for 18 years and is also a passionate supporter of Fremanshed.

He secured the funding from

Chevron's community grants program to help the non-profit organisation reach out to more people.

Mr de Groot said the shed linked men in the community to services and support structures to enhance their health and wellbeing.

"The grant from Chevron will help (to) provide three-phase electricity to a new metalwork area and the necessary equipment and materials, allowing Fremanshed to expand its offerings from just woodwork activities," he said.

He added that youth at risk would now be able to take part.

Men play, talk and support one another in the Fremanshed.

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