

# New Werris Creek Community Shed

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Werris Creek Community Shed Inc. was presented with a \$58,216 State Government contribution towards the cost of the planned new community shed last Friday by Kevin Anderson MP, Member for Tamworth.

The funding was part of \$300,000 distributed across the electorate, including to Attunga Rodeo Association and to the Tamworth Community College for repairs and restoration works to preserve its heritage building.

Mr Anderson said there was strong competition for the available funds and a high level of interest from the community.

"I congratulate all those groups who were successful and I sincerely

encourage those who missed out on this occasion to try again next time," he said.

"I am also encouraging the community groups who have received funding to employ local construction tradesmen/businesses and buy local. If we do, we could see this money go round and round our community a couple of times," Mr Anderson said.

The Werris Creek Community Shed has gone from strength to strength since its inception in 2009 with members meeting every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 9.00am until noon in the Cusa hall building in the grounds of the former Werris Creek Catholic School. Members share skills including carpentry and

leadlighting and provide ongoing social support and friendship for each other.

The Community Shed has recently submitted their Development Application (DA) for the new Werris Creek Community Shed. The DA will be on display at The Liverpool Plains Shire Council Chambers and at the Werris Creek library until April 19 with written submissions to be submitted to LPSC prior to 5.00pm on April 19.

Shed President Peter Cunningham said construction can begin in Single Street, next to the Rural Fire Service shed, "as soon as the DA goes through and Council gives us the OK."

"We aim to get the concrete slab down,

purchase and get the steel shed erected and then we will know where we are up to with money and what we will need to fit the new shed out," Mr Cunningham said.

"We would also like to give as much work to local contractors as possible," he said.

New members are welcome, contact Peter Cunningham on 0427 664382 for more information.

Werris Creek community Shed Inc. has already received \$128,000 funding from the Shenhua Watermark Project Gunnedah and \$10,000 from GrainCorp.

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