

MEDIA RELEASE

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LEWIS COURT FUND HAS POSITIVE IMPACT FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN GLENELG SHIRE

The legacy of Lewis Court Home for the Aged continues into its third year with two organisations receiving an allocation of funds for projects.

Grants totaling close to \$10,000 will help and enhance social inclusion while alleviating social isolation.

The grants are the result of the establishment of the United Way Glenelg Lewis Court Fund, set up in 2012 with the disbursement of funds from the sale of the Lewis Court Home for the Aged.

Nicole Angelino, Executive Officer United Way Glenelg is delighted to see the legacy of Lewis Court play a fundamental role in the lives of older people.

“Older people have a wealth of skills and experiences and can continue to be active participants in the community. Sometimes additional support is required to ensure older people are able to lead active, healthy and productive lives,” concluded Ms Angelino.

Portland Men’s Shed will receive funds to purchase a chainsaw and a hydraulic wood splitter to assist the members to cut wood for sale.

Glenelg and Southern Grampians Local Learning Employment Network will deliver in partnership with Portland Aluminium and United Way Glenelg, Generations UNITED, a project connecting the strengths of older adults living in aged care facilities and young people in making a difference to each other’s lives through three intergenerational projects.

The United Way Glenelg Lewis Court Fund is open to accept applications for funding in August every year. Further information can be obtained by contacting Nicole Angelino on 0410 513 305.

PORTLAND MEN’S SHED A CUT ABOVE THE REST

Portland Men’s Shed will receive funds to purchase a chainsaw and a hydraulic wood splitter to assist the members to cut wood.

The men currently rely on “borrowed” equipment and the purchase of the new equipment will ensure the equipment is well maintained to OHS standards and is more suitable for the task.

The Men’s Shed carries out wood cutting and clearing jobs for private residents and organisations in and around Portland, using the wood for raffles, small sales packs including kindling and heating the Portland Men’s Shed recreational fireplace.

Mr Gerry Leonard, Coordinator of Portland Men’s Shed said the men are thrilled to receive the funds.

“To have our own equipment means we are flexible on when and where we can clear trees from properties.

“We’ve been approached by Portland Golf Club to remove dead trees from around the course. This will provide supplementary income for the Men’s Shed while utilizing the skills of our members,” said Mr Leonard.

United Way Glenelg Executive Officer Nicole Angelino said the Mens Shed was making a real difference in the lives of retired men.

“One of the aims of the Lewis Court Fund is to support community based recreational, social, and physical activities that support good health and alleviate social isolation.

“It’s a place where they can go, relax, and have a chat and cuppa.

“The Lewis Court Fund is set up as a perpetual fund and will continue to be an ongoing source of revenue for projects in the Glenelg Shire,” concluded Ms Angelino.

Portland Men’s Shed is located at 14 Hedditch Street Portland and opening hours is Tuesday – Friday 10.00am – 1.00pm.

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