

Xstrata and Cloncurry PCYC tackle men's health in outback

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Men in Cloncurry and surrounding areas will come together in 2013 to yarn, build friendships and share projects thanks to an exciting initiative from the Cloncurry PCYC.

The Curry Men's Shed, located at Mary Kathleen Memorial Park, will provide the region's men with a sense of belonging and purpose by providing a link between men of different backgrounds and age groups.

With a focus on men's health and well-being, the Curry Men's Shed, funded by Ernest Henry Mining through the Xstrata Community Program North Queensland is the first of its kind for the Cloncurry community.

Cloncurry PCYC Branch Manager, Sergeant Mick Maguire, said he was looking forward to the project as his first in the town.

"This is a unique take on the Australia wide Men's Shed initiative. It will be locals helping locals develop new skills and encouraging each other to take an interest in their health and well-being," Sergeant Maguire said.

"We will run programs involving practical skills, as well as group discussions and forums. These can be as informal as cups of tea or a barbecue where members feel comfortable enough to discuss issues, which have previously been taboo."

The Australian Men's Shed Association was established in 2007 and prioritises the well-being of all men by providing a safe, friendly and welcoming environment for men to work on meaningful projects and contribute to the wider community.

Ernest Henry Mining General Manager, Myles Johnston, said supporting the Curry Men's Shed was a step in the right direction towards enhancing the health of the Cloncurry community.

"The need for more health facilities and services was raised in our most recent Community Attitude Survey, with a significant number of community members indicating the town is lacking these essential services," Mr Johnston said.

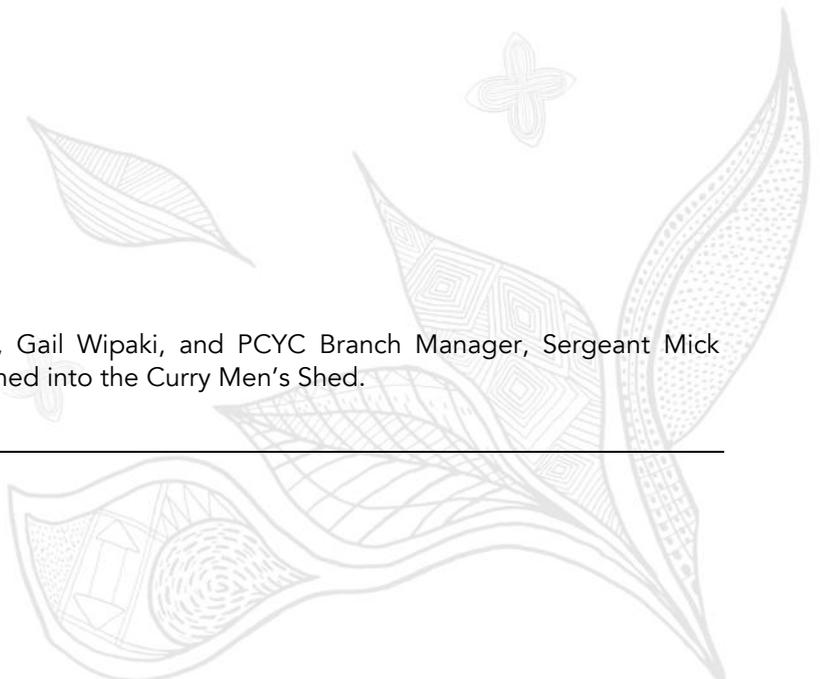
"The Cloncurry PCYC has previously been successful in implementing many programs aimed at disengaged youth and we are proud to support an initiative which demonstrates their commitment to the wider community."

The Curry Men's Shed is expected to officially open in May, with the first programs taking place from June. Targeted women's projects will also be run during 2013.



Caption: Mary Kathleen Memorial Park Manager, Gail Wipaki, and PCYC Branch Manager, Sergeant Mick Maguire, inspect the premises soon to be transformed into the Curry Men's Shed.

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Funding for the program is part of Xstrata plc's commitment to Corporate Social Involvement (CSI). The company contributes at least one percent of its pre-tax profit to community initiatives.

The program addresses the six key areas of enterprise and job creation, education, environment, social and community development, health, and arts and culture.

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