

SUNBURY

Women build support

Meeting to help get Men's Shed for ladies off the ground alongside backing from male counterpart

Barry Kennedy

A MEETING this week could lay the foundations for a Sunbury Women's Shed group.

The inaugural meeting seeking office holders would build on fledgling efforts to set up the shed in town.

Sunbury resident Margaret Cassidy said about eight women had been trying to build momentum for a shed.

Meetings and events coinciding with events such as Mother's Day have been held at the Goonawarra Neighbourhood House and Sunbury Bunnings.

"A lot of people have expressed an interest and we are trying to get a shed to base ourselves," Ms Cassidy said.

"There are a lot of women who would like to learn new skills, whether it's carpentry

or hand tools and eventually power tools.

"Men's sheds have been great places for men to catch up and get valuable community projects off the ground.

"We'd like to do the same."

Already the group has committed to projects such as putting up signs and sprucing up the garden at Goonawarra Neighbourhood House.

Support for the project has

come from the Sunbury (Hume) Men's Shed.

Dieter Jankovic from the Men's Shed said he was first aware of the interest in such a space when group members did demonstrations for interested women two years ago.

"There was a real enthusiasm about learning more about the tools, so there was an expressions of interest process," he said.

A shed group for indigenous women, Pernaperna, already operates in the town and is supported by Sunbury Community Health.

The inaugural Sunbury Women's Shed meeting is at noon on Thursday at Goonawarra Neighbourhood House.

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