

Media release

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Murray Irrigation

One shed's trash is a Men's Shed treasure!

Leftover materials from Murray Irrigation's recent upgrades will be turned into bird nesting boxes after being donated to the Deniliquin Men's Shed.

Surplus timber and form ply set to be discarded has received a new lease on life after being donated to the Deniliquin Men's Shed. The donation by Murray Irrigation and construction partners, Ertech, will allow the not-for-profit organisation to make bird nesting boxes for local Landcare groups as well as other furniture repair jobs around town.

Deniliquin Men's Shed Secretary Ian Roberts said members enjoy working on community projects and they are significantly easier to achieve with donations from local businesses.

"Form ply is the perfect material to build bird boxes for local wildlife because it stands up well in the natural environment," Mr Roberts said.

"The donation also allows local Landcare groups to purchase the timber nesting boxes minus the cost of materials."

Murray Irrigation Executive General Manager Major Engineering Projects Warren Jose was delighted that the remaining materials could be repurposed.

"The material could not be used for any upcoming Murray Irrigation works and would have been thrown away; now the creative team at the Deniliquin Men's Shed can use it to fix furniture and help local wildlife by building nesting boxes," said Mr. Jose.

Local Men's sheds play a vital role in providing old-fashioned mateship and a safe environment for many local men while also reinforcing positive strategies in support of men's mental health in small communities.

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