

MS20-001264



Australian Government

**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development and Communications**

To: The Hon Michael McCormack MP (for decision)

cc: Mr Simon Atkinson, Secretary

cc: Dr Rachel Bacon, Deputy Secretary

cc: Ms Marisa Purvis-Smith, Executive Director

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS – KENMORE MENS SHED UPGRADE,
KENMORE HILLS, QLD (2019 GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT)**

Action required by: 7 September 2020

Recommendation	
1. That you agree to a change of grantee for the Kenmore Men's Shed Upgrade project from Shed West Community Men's Shed Inc. to Brisbane City Council.	<u>Agreed</u> / Not Agreed
2. That you sign the attached letters to Shed West Community Men's Shed, Brisbane City Council and Mr Julian Simmonds MP, Member for Ryan, advising of your decision at <u>Attachment B</u> .	<u>Signed</u> / Not Signed
<p><i>m. McCormack</i> <i>20/8/2020</i></p> <p>The Hon Michael McCormack MP Date:</p> <p>Comments:</p>	

Key Points:

1. On 23 August 2019 you confirmed a \$1.5 million commitment to Shed West Community Men's Shed Inc. (Shed West) towards the Kenmore Men's Shed Upgrade project.
2. Shed West has advised the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Cities that the project will construct a new men's shed on land owned by the Brookfield Recreation Reserve Trust (Brookfield Showground) and also upgrade facilities at the grantee's current Council-owned site at 98 Brookfield Road, Kenmore Hills, Queensland.
3. Brisbane City Council has offered to take on the grant and use it to redevelop the 98 Brookfield Road site for the benefit of Shed West and two other tenants, the Kenmore Bridge Club and eWaste Connection.
4. The Council has advised that, as the owner of the land at 98 Brookfield Road, it is best placed to undertake the project and manage its planning, approvals and implementation.
5. The Department has been advised that Mr Julian Simmonds MP, Member for Ryan, is supportive of this change of grantee.

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Financial impacts:

6. If you approve this request, there will be no change to the \$1.5 million (GST exclusive) funding contribution from the Australian Government.

Consultation:

7. Brisbane City Council has advised that it has consulted with the three tenants of 98 Brookfield Road, Kenmore Hills.
8. No consultation or correspondence has been undertaken by the Department in relation to this matter, with Shed West.

Stakeholder Implications:

9. The Department understands that Shed West has been reluctant to accept Council's proposed management of this grant. Brisbane City Council will need to work with Shed West to develop a mutually acceptable project implementation plan should you agree to this change.

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Date: 13 August 2020

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Attachments

- A: Initial Correspondence to Shed West
- B: Letters advising of your decision



The Hon Michael McCormack MP

**Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development
Leader of The Nationals
Federal Member for Riverina**

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20 AUG 2020

Mr Gerald Barber
President
Shed West Community Men's Shed
PO Box 391
KENMORE QLD 4069

Dear Mr Barber

I am writing to advise that you that I have accepted Brisbane City Council's offer to manage the delivery of the Kenmore Men's Shed Upgrade project. In light of the number of stakeholders involved in this project, I recognise Council's ability to manage the planning, approvals and implementation of the project, particularly in light of their role as owners of the land at 98 Brookfield Road, Kenmore Hills.

I have written to Brisbane City Council advising of this decision and have requested that Council contact you shortly to discuss this project. I have been assured that Council is committed to work closely with Shed West and will continue to ensure you and your members have a meaningful role in the project delivery.

I have also written to Mr Julian Simmonds MP, Member for Ryan, advising of the change of grantee for this project.

I look forward to the completion of this project and wish you every success in its delivery.

Yours sincerely

Michael McCormack



The Hon Michael McCormack MP

**Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development
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20 AUG 2020

Cr Adrian Schinnerer
Lord Mayor
Brisbane City Council
GPO Box 1434
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Adrian
Dear Mayor

I am pleased to advise that I have approved Brisbane City Council's offer to take over the management of the Australian Government's commitment of \$1.5 million to the Kenmore Men's Shed Upgrade project. This is in recognition of Council's ability to manage the planning, approvals and implementation of the project as the owner of land at 98 Brookfield Road, Kenmore Hills.

This commitment will be administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications through the Community Development Grants Programme (CDG).

A Departmental Officer will contact you shortly to discuss the next steps. You will be required to provide sufficient information for the Department to undertake an assessment of the project before final funding approval and negotiation of a Deed of Agreement. Whilst this letter confirms the commitment to your project, funding of \$1.5 million is contingent upon the execution of a Deed of Agreement.

I recommend that you do not enter into financial commitments or begin work on the project until such time as a Deed of Agreement has been signed with the Australian Government. Please note that the contents of this letter should be kept confidential until a Deed of Agreement is signed with the Australian Government. Notwithstanding this, you should discuss the change of project grantee with Shed West Community Mens Shed.

The Hon Michael McCormack MP

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I have written to Shed West Community Mens Shed and Mr Julian Simmonds MP, Member for Ryan, advising of this decision.

I wish you every success with the Kenmore Men's Shed Upgrade project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael McCormack', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael McCormack



The Hon Michael McCormack MP

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Mr Julian Simmonds MP
Member for Ryan
PO Box 704
INDOOROOPIILLY QLD 4068

Julian
Dear Mr Simmonds

I am writing to advise that I have accepted Brisbane City Council's offer to take ownership of the Kenmore Men's Shed Upgrade project, a 2019 Australian Government commitment in your electorate. This is in recognition of the Council's ability to manage the planning, approvals and implementation of the project as the owner of land at 98 Brookfield Road, Kenmore Hills and occasions a change of grantee from the Shed West Community Mens Shed Inc.

Provision of funding is dependent on the preparation and execution by both parties of an Agreement that sets out the terms and conditions under which the funding is provided. The Community Development Grants Programme is administered by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications which will contact Brisbane City Council shortly to discuss the details of the Agreement.

My office will contact you in the future should media or event opportunities arise for this project.

I enclose details of the project for your information.

Yours sincerely

Michael McCormack

Michael McCormack

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Community Development Grants Programme – Approved Project

Project ID: CDG1512

Project Title: Kenmore Men's Shed Upgrade

Project Description: The project will upgrade the Kenmore Men's Shed and other buildings at 98 Brookfield Road, Kenmore Hills Queensland.

Grantee/Organisation Name: Brisbane City Council

Grantee/Organisation Type: Local Government Entity

Project Location: 98 Brookfield Road, Kenmore Hills, QLD

Primary Electorate: Ryan

Total Cash Project Value: \$1.5 million (GST exclusive)

Funding Cash Commitment: \$1.5 million (GST exclusive)

Project Contact:

Name: Greg Aldermann

Position: Councillor, Brisbane City Council

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