

Media Release

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KCGM Donates Safety Innovation Award Bonus to Local Men's Shed

Two winning Safety Innovation Award recipients have chosen to donate \$12,000 to the CY O'Connor Men's Shed in Kalgoorlie.

The KCGM quarterly Safety Innovation Awards are designed to improve safety culture by recognising and rewarding individuals or teams that have implemented safety innovation ideas that eliminate or minimise risks on site. The winning individual or team then nominates a local community organisation to receive a \$12,000 safety donation.

KCGM General Manager Cecile Thaxter said this quarter there were two winning teams and both chose to donate their \$6,000 donation to the Men's Shed, which is a reflection of KCGM's commitment to the local community.

"KCGM are proud to be able to support local not-for-profit organisations while also driving improvements in our safety culture. The local Men's Shed provides a welcoming and safe place and they do a fantastic job at providing activities for all members of the community," Ms Thaxter said.

"The safety of our employees is our highest priority and we were pleased to receive a number of safety innovation nominations from across the business. Congratulations to the combined winners: DDH1 Drilling Contractor Angelo Di Florio, who introduced two initiatives which have reduced the manual handling, time taken and equipment wear associated with pulling drill rods, and the Gold Room Project Team who made improvements to the dust extraction system which reduced the exposure of airborne silver, lead and mercury contaminants in the Gold Room."

Secretary of the Men's Shed Trevor Jones said the donation would contribute to safety initiatives at the Men's Shed.

"We'd like to thank the workers at KCGM responsible for this donation - it has certainly taken this organisation by surprise," Mr Jones said.

"We have decided to upgrade many items and complete projects to ensure that the overall safety risk to users of the Mens' Shed will be lowered. The other benefit of this donation is the motivation it drives to 'get things done', and thus providing the opportunity for satisfaction of achieving and belonging for our members."

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