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Guy Barnett, Liberal Member for Lyons

Kentish Men's Shed

I was delighted to attend the 10th birthday celebrations of the Kentish Men's Shed and the official naming of Bannon's Forge Blacksmith Shop. The Forge was named after Railton blacksmith Lyle Bannon. Following Lyle's passing, his wife Dawn donated many of his blacksmith tools to the Men's Shed and was on hand to cut the ribbon with President of the Men's Shed, Terry Hughes.

Men's Sheds play an important role in the community, bringing together people with a desire to pass on or learn new skills, helping to reduce social isolation, and acting as a space to speak openly about preventable health issues.

The Blacksmith's Forge was assisted by a grant from the Hodgman Liberal Government for \$10,000. The Hodgman Liberal Government is committed to supporting all Tasmanians and we recognise the very important role that Tasmania's Men's Sheds play in their local communities.