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Shed a haven for blokes

WITH older men living longer past retirement age, new approaches to lifestyle and care are creating challenges for retirement care.

Many advanced male retirees are interested in painting, cross-stich, and computers.

Others prefer the idea of gathering with men in similar situations and working with their hands.

Eve and Wendy of the special care unit at Fernhill Retirement Village sought to provide a place for men to come together and communicate.

The pair was active in funding the installation of a men's shed and tools to better meet the needs of men who live in the village.

The women wanted to create a place where men could meet and discuss projects they are interested in completing.

Tony Jackson of Caboolture Morayfield RSL sub-branch said he was approached by Fernhill staff to assist in funding the project.

He said project funding was sought and obtained from Brisbane North Regional District RSL and the Caboolture Moray-



SHED-READY: Bill Carter, Leigh Evans, Tony Jackson, Eve Wesley-Smith and Jack Mann
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field RSL sub-branch.

"Community support for RSL activities such as sausage sizzles, badge sales and other fundraising activities enabled the RSL sub branches to fund the shed for the retirees," he said.

Last Tuesday Mr Jackson met with Fernhill representatives to

donate money towards the shed.

In addition further assistance was provided by a variety of individuals who donated tools to stock the shed.

Mr Jackson said that now the funding has been passed on to Fernhill, the installation of the shed would soon begin.