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Tasmanian Men's Shed celebrates 10 years of community building

ONE of the state's largest member-based community organisations reached a big milestone recently, with the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association (TMSA) celebrating its 10th birthday.

Formed in 2009, the peak body now represents more than 60 member sheds across the state with a member base of over 2,500 Tasmanians.

Aurora Energy has been a partner of the TMSA since 2015, helping to promote the work of each shed to achieve a cohesive state-wide network through the production of the *Shed News* publication.

More recently, the Tasmanian energy retailer expanded its support to include the delivery of a new micro-grants initiative that directs \$1,500 across three projects conducted by individual sheds.

"We enjoy a fantastic partnership with Aurora Energy. Not only do they provide funding for *Shed News*, they have supported today's wonderful event," said TMSA Vice President David Seen at the celebrations.

"From humble beginnings 10 years ago to 61 Member Sheds today, it's because of partners like Aurora Energy that TMSA and our member sheds go from strength to strength."

Aurora Energy CEO Rebecca Kardos praised the TMSA on the real and practical difference they make in the lives of Tasmanians.

"They play an incredibly important role in our communities," Mrs Kardos said.

"I've visited member sheds and seen first-hand how enriching these spaces can be for men and their health and well-being – old-fashioned mateship is a powerful tool."

The TMSA 10th birthday celebrations were held at their AGM in Longford on 29 August.

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