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**The Co-Ordinator
All Saints OpShop
PO Box 201
Rosebud Vic 3939**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the committee and members of Safety Beach-Dromana Men's Shed, I am writing to seek the financial support of All Saints Op Shop to assist our Shed in its endeavor to provide expanded activities for our growing membership.

The men's shed is an Australian idea that started in the 90's in Albury and grew rapidly around Australia with some 370 sheds now operating in Victoria and more than 1000 around Australia. The concept has since become popular in other countries, particularly Britain where there is now a similar population of Sheds in various guises.

The Safety Beach-Dromana Men's Shed has come a long way since it started in a disused shed at the Don Bosco camp in Safety Beach back in 2012. The Shed was relocated to its current address on Council property in October 2016. Since then the membership has almost doubled and is currently around 70. We plan to expand the activities of the Shed during the next year and hope to raise the necessary funds to extend the current building by 2020.

Our purpose is to give men, generally retired, a place to meet for a chat among piers, to pursue hobbies and help others in the community, often NFP groups who are in need of help with a project of some kind that fits with our skills. We also encourage members to learn new skills, drawing on the diverse and extensive knowledge and experience of fellow members.

One area that we are currently pursuing is education in computer learning, including mobile devices and the wealth of apps and websites that provide such immense opportunities for information, education, and entertainment. In this regard we would like to add two desktop computers costing around \$1,300 each to be installed in the amenities area of the Shed.

We would be most grateful if your organization was able and willing to assist us with funding the purchase of this new equipment.

You are most welcome to visit our Shed, to meet some of our members, and see the shed in operation. We are open from 8:30am to 12:00pm Tuesday to Thursday each week. For this purpose please contact the writer on 0419 822 439 or phone us at the Shed.

We look forward to hearing from you and to developing an association with All Saints Op Shop. Please let us know how we can help with the provision of goods for sale ie the types of clothing and household goods that are popular and those that you don't want. I will then encourage our members to support All Saints when disposing of goods that you stock.

Yours Sincerely,

John Whalley
Secretary
Safety Beach-Dromana Men's Shed