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Golfers raise \$41,500 for local charities

Every Monday, the YellowBridge Men's Shed is abuzz with the sound of hammers, saws and sanders as men of all ages work on their eclectic creations.

The Toowoomba not-for-profit enterprise works exclusively with people with a disability, helping them learn new manual arts skills and build friendships.

Matthew Ollier is busy making garden planters from recycled timber crates while Mikey Jones and Chris O'Shea have helped build upcycled occasional tables.

The materials, tools and technical support are all provided by YellowBridge QLD, which will receive a welcome boost thanks to the Heritage Bank Charity Golf Day.

YellowBridge QLD is one of eight local charities to share in \$41,500 worth of grants raised from the annual event in December last year.

Heritage Bank will present the charities with their funds at a special ceremony on Thursday 23 February at the YellowBridge Men's Shed in Station Street.

The charities include Emerikus Land Foundation, Essilor Vision Foundation, Food Assist Toowoomba, Oakey Girl Guides, Oakey Pony Club, PCYC, St Stephens Toowoomba Meals on Wheels, Toowoomba and District Multiple Birth Association.

"We were so surprised and thrilled to be chosen by the Charity Golf Day Committee this year as one of its eight grant recipients," YellowBridge QLD Chief Executive Officer Penny Hamilton said.

"This donation will make a huge difference to what we can offer our clients in the Men's Shed," she said.

"It is going to help us install a much-needed dust extractor, ceiling fans and buy essential tools and equipment."

During its 19-year history, the charity event has raised \$661,200 for local charities. It is organised by Heritage Bank staff members who volunteer their time and efforts to make it a success.

According to Heritage Bank CEO Peter Lock, the funds raised each year have helped many local organisations to continue their important work and service.

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“At Heritage, we’re passionate about helping people. That’s not just through the banking services we offer, but by working to make our community stronger and more connected,” Mr Lock said.

“Our Charity Golf Day raises much-needed funds for organisations which work behind the scenes to make our community a better place.”

“Supporting our customers and our community is what Heritage is all about.”

MEDIA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESENTATION

WHEN: Thursday 23 February at 10.00am

WHERE: YellowBridge QLD, Collectables Shed, 2 Station Street (opposite The Sauce Kitchen)

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YellowBridge QLD is a local, independent, not-for-profit organisation that provides housing, disability support and home services across the greater Toowoomba region.