

On their bikes, so to speak



OLD HANDS AT MOTORBIKES – Left, Perry Park shed members Lloyd Wenham and Rolf Kotz at work at the Perry Park Bike Shed; right, Keith Hills puts his skills to good use.



FOR men who love the thrum of an engine, there's nothing like the thrill of a successful restoration.

That's the task residents from ACH Group's residential living site at Perry Park have taken on through their new motorbike-specific men's shed project.

Perry Park Bike Shed members, aged in their 60s to 90s, discovered their first project during a roadside stop at Bills Bits and Bikes – a vintage motorcycles and spares shop – en route to the National Motor Museum in Birdwood.

Now they are working to bring the 1977 Suzuki TS185 back to its former

glory. "It had been sitting in water – it was a real rust bucket," said Perry Park lifestyle co-ordinator Lynette Rann

"We sat down and worked out what we would need for our workshop, then went to Supercheap Auto at Noarlunga to source the tools and equipment.

"Not all men are into woodwork – many of this group restored motorbikes in their younger days. They enjoy coming out here and doing what they've always done."

Keith Hills, 69, and Lloyd Wenham, 91, said they were happy to be getting their hands dirty stripping back and

rubbing down the tank and frame ready to be powder-coated.

"I've worked as a mechanic and restored cars and motorbikes before, so it's something I've always done," Keith said.

A storeroom at Perry Park was emptied to make way for work benches, shelving and machinery and form a base for the project.

Once the bike has been restored, the group hopes to sell it to raise funds for their next restoration.

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