



Sheddies' Chatter

The Men's Shed (North Shore) Trust

Welcome to the February 2017 Edition of Sheddies' Chatter.

Hope your Christmas/New Year was all you hoped for, in spite of the rubbish weather.

It was a real treat to walk back into The Shed after the holidays and be greeted by such a warm friendly bunch of Guys. Once again, it looks like another busy year. New projects are coming in, our membership is increasing and hopefully, the electronics extension will be underway soon.

We are always looking to increase our membership, and we can all be ambassadors for The Shed. If you can promote The Shed in any way, or invite friends to come in and have a look round, please feel free to do so. Guest are always welcome at the barbecues too.

We now have new leaflets to complement the recently printed brochures. We invite members to take a few and see if they can be placed on your local community notice board, hardware store, CAB, place of work, club, etc. etc. Let the Editor know where you have placed them so we can keep a bit of a record

Also, we are forever looking for interesting stuff to go in the newsletter and Facebook page. We'd really welcome your comments, contributions, photos etc. See the back page for details.

Happy shedding. Roger Curl, Editor



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Help! - New Treasurer Needed

To date, there has been no one to fill this position. As advertised in the last newsletter, current Treasurer Ross Miller wishes to step down, but has kindly offered to fill in for another year if needed.

If anyone is interested, Ross will work with them for the next financial year to show them the ropes and ease them into it. The new Treasurer would generally be expected to be a Shed Trustee but this is not essential. They could be a member or a member's spouse

The duties include keeping the financial records, invoicing and banking monies, reporting to the board each month on the financial position of the shed and raising money as required, usually by applying for grants.

An accounting background is not necessary but a certain level of computer skills is required as the Shed uses the Xero financial package for its main records. If you are interested in taking on this interesting and important role, please contact Ross for more information.

Ph 443 1511, ross-miller@slingshot.co.nz or see Ross at the shed.

Community Projects - Help Wanted

We are accumulating a backlog of community projects to work on, and we need some help.

Projects include:

- Tiny houses for Rangitoto Kindergarten
- Pram dinghy renovation.
- Taiaotea Kindergarten – crates and penholder

If you would like to work on any of these or other projects, please contact Dave Wardlaw at the Shed, or contact Larry Klassen by email: msnsadm@gmail.com

Recently Completed Projects:

- Tent peg and guy rope boxes for Sunnynook Scouts
- Chair refurbishment for Patricia Abgesen
- Sewing box refurbishment for Margaret Paladin
- Hobsonville P.E.L.C – repairs to toy diggers
- Hobsonville P.E.L.C – Tiny houses and shelves
- Totoravale Play Centre – latch board and cubby hole shelves
- Dulux – Cut up sheets
- Greenwich Gardens – blackboard frames
- Kaipatiki Project – build potting table

Shed Research

Those who were members during 2012 and 2013 when the fit out of the shed was taking place will remember David Anstiss working along side us and the fact that he was using his experiences and observations at the shed as material towards his degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology.

I am sure many will be pleased to know that David is now Dr Anstiss after having successfully completed his research.

Some of you may have met David again at the Christmas function when he donated a copy of his thesis to the shed. It is available in the office for anybody wanting to take a look at it.

He was particularly interested in how men respond to the challenges of retirement and the role our shed plays in that, and it is not too bad a read. Some of the material in the thesis may be very useful to us when seeking funding as we now have some authoritative material to back up our claims of the importance of Sheds to general health and wellbeing of us older men.

Ross Miller, Treasurer

Left:

Master boat builders Jim and Laurie assess the refurbishment of a pram dinghy

Below left:

Electrician Lin has now installed droppers for each machine, so we no longer need extension leads draped across the floor.

Below right:

One of two book tables created for Long Bay College from their redundant set of Encyclopaedias Britannica.



Regional Menzshed Meeting

A meeting of Region 1 of Menzshed New Zealand was held at the Whangarei Shed last Tuesday 14th Feb.

Ross Miller attended on behalf of our shed. 26 Sheddies from 8 sheds from sheds from Otahuhu to Kaitiāia attended. Many of these sheds are still in the formative stage, but still out doing the odd community job. Of the sheds represented, our shed was the oldest and biggest by way of membership.

The Whangarei shed is of interest; they have taken over the old Whangarei Railway Station, a listed heritage building, from the council, and have raised over \$1,000,000 to restore it to its original condition. The restoration work is being done by contractors arranged and paid for by the shed. The building has been re-blocked and largely re-roofed.

During the meeting, contractors were working on the roof over the platform and painting the supports. The next major task will be restoring all the sash windows and demolishing some more recent additions. Their normal shed activities are still taking place in one end of the shed and they are carrying on with personal and community projects. Once finished the shed will be a great asset to their Trust and the Whangarei community and may even include a café.

Our Shed has offered to host the next regional meeting in June.

Ross Miller

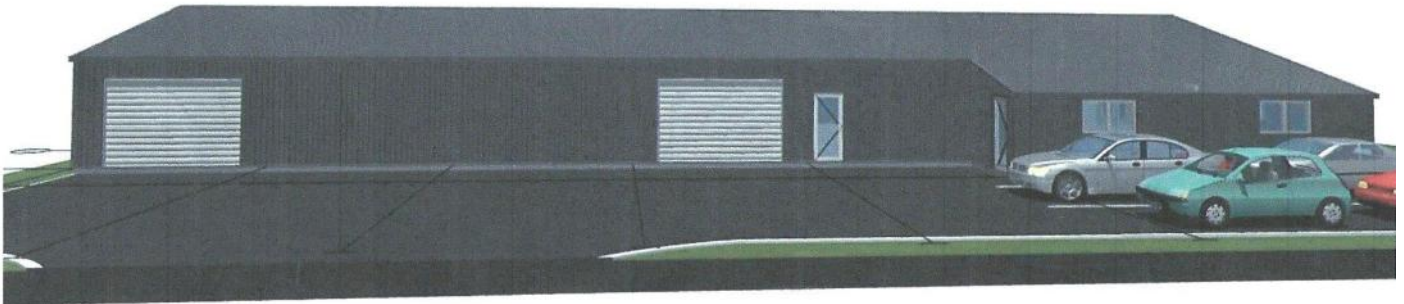
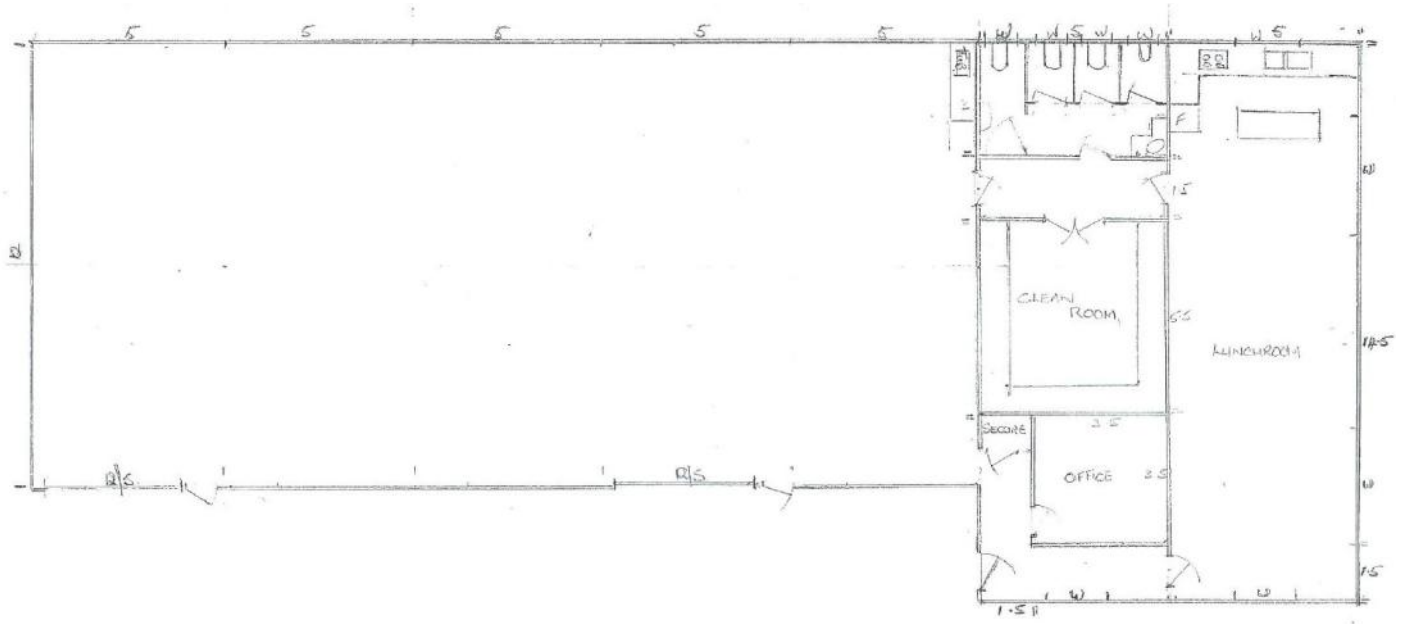
Electronics Extension

Good news! The resource consent has been approved. Next step is to get some quotes in and apply for funding.

Watch this space.

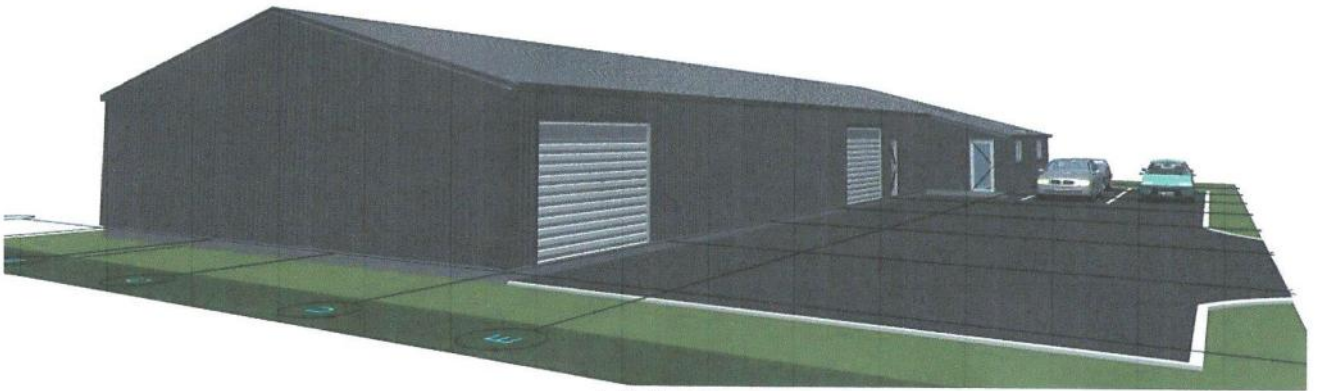


Hibiscus Men's Shed - Neighbouring Shed Moves Ahead



Eastern Perspective

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South East Perspective

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The Hibiscus Men's Shed is continuing their work towards establishing their Shed in Silverdale. (almost next door to Bunning's) The resource consent is underway as is the big job of raising funds for this project. The Shed will be similar to the North Shore Shed, being built by Fairdinkum Sheds. It will be a 450 m² structure with a further 450m² dedicated to parking.

They hold Coffee Club meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at the Silverdale RSA and have a variety of interesting guest speakers to entertain them whilst they enjoy freshly cooked scones complete with cream and strawberry jam. Their database of potential members from these meetings has risen to 159.

Several small jobs are being worked on, however with no workshop that is creating one or two problems.

Many thanks to Ross McEwan for supplying this update. Check out the Hibiscus Men's Shed Website:

<http://www.hibiscusmensshed.co.nz/>

Bad News for Wellington City MenzShed

Below is their February Newsletter

Here's hoping the Guys manage to find a new home quickly. Check out the Wellington MenzShed's website:

<http://www.citymenzshed.org.nz/>



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from the Shed
Sunday 5 February, 2017

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All Working Well And Nowhere to Go

If you read the Saturday's DomPost or accessed Stuff's pages you will have seen the news that the City MenzShed is having to vacate its home of the past four years. And we've nowhere to go!

The reason for all this is the change in the legislation that now makes the building owner responsible for the health and safety of the occupants.

Our building was yellow stickered as earthquake prone and we would sign in each day acknowledging that we were responsible for our own safety. The legislative change meant that this acceptance of our own safety no longer meant anything, and the building owner was now responsible. That was an unacceptable position for the landlord and he asked us to vacate. We would have done the same in his position.

For the past five years we have built from a small group of six sheddies and a few hand tools to a fully functioning Menzshed with a well equipped workshop and a book full of jobs for community groups and commercial customers.

This is now about to disappear because the capital city of New Zealand can't find a home for a Charitable Trust that cares for its more vulnerable citizens.

Policies on Positive Ageing

Let's start with the position of central government what does their policy of Positive Ageing say?

Creating a society in which people can age positively requires more than government action.

Achieving this vision depends on the involvement of central and local government, business, non-government and community sectors. Everyone has a part to play.

Most people want to continue to contribute to society. There is a role for central and local government to work with communities to enable this to happen. There is much debate to take place on how this will best be achieved, and this debate needs to take place at the local level.

How does this match with the Wellington City Council's Policy on Positive Ageing?

supporting older people's recreation, employment, community services, volunteering, life-long learning and use of technology.

promoting and supporting the diversity of the local population and the contributions made by older people

*supporting community resilience through neighbourhood programmes and support networks
facilitating community collaboration and mobilisation of resources available for older people's needs.*

Despite all the fine words and noble visions we are still without a home. Your Board of Trustees is continuing the search. If we cannot find one by the end of this month the doors of the Old Mission Building will close.

What next? The support we give to older people is too important to give up, so too is the work we do for the community. We'll probably meet in our backyard sheds.

We might be old and frail, but we're stubborn too!



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Shed Membership Subscriptions 2017

Shed Membership Subscription for 2017-2018 year

At its January meeting the trust board approved a budget for the coming financial year.

It foresees an expenditure of nearly \$19,000 excluding the machinery we are looking to replace and the electronics room extension. It is proposed these two items will be funded through grants. It should be noted that to fully fund the budgeted expenditure only by subscriptions would require a subscription of about \$170 assuming a similar level of membership to that which we have now.

However, the Board has decided to keep the subscription at the current \$90 for the coming year. It is proposed that the rest of the income required to meet the budget will come from community projects, sponsorship, sale of surplus equipment, donations and grants.

All members, other than those that have joined this year, will be invoiced for their 2017/2018 subscriptions by email in early March, payable by the 31st March. Prompt payment of the subscription would be appreciated.

If you decide you do not want to renew your membership it would be appreciated if you could advise the membership director, Dave Whiting (pam.dave.whiting@xtra.co.nz).

If you do not receive your invoice, please advise Ross Miller (ross-miller@slingshot.co.nz) Those without email will have invoices posted or they can be collected from the Shed.

Ross Miller, Treasurer.

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Send your ideas, photos, comments or contributions to:

editor@mensshednorthshore.org.nz see me at The Shed, or phone 027 264 1932



New Barbeque Dates for 2017:

This year, all the Men's Shed barbeques will be held on the **first** Wednesday of each month unless advised otherwise.

March BBQ Lunch -All Welcome

The March Barbeque will be at 12:00pm on Wed 1st March

Sausages and bread will be provided. Feel free to bring your own salads, desserts etc. to share. Guests welcome!

Don't forget to bring your gold coin donation to cover costs and put it in the appropriate dish.

New Members:

Welcome to the following new members who have joined the North Shore Men's Shed since the last edition of Sheddies' Chatter:

Gerald Sharrock, Graham Mitchell, Graham Barnes, Marcus Lewis-Stevenson, John Highland, Jon Gulbransen, Geoffrey Hoare, Noel Eyre, Rod Wooller, Ron Davis, Eugene Yoon, Cameron Williams.

Please extend them a warm Sheddies' welcome when you meet them.



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