

## The Men's Shed (North Shore) Trust

# Sheddies' Chatter

### The First Twelve Months

Who would believe that twelve months have passed since we officially opened the Shed in April 2013 and what a fascinating twelve months it has been, commencing with forty members and reaching one hundred and eight in February this year. During the year we have completed twenty-seven community projects and have clocked up just on nine thousand hours activity in the Shed.

My thanks go to all the Trustees that have worked so hard in the background to make this amazing community facility a success. We were sorry to receive the resignation from our Secretary John Murray who has relocated to Waterlooville in England and also to his replacement Laurie Jackson who has relocated to Dunedin, and Ian Devonshire who recently resigned due to health reasons, Ian will remain a member of the Shed.

What's coming up in the future? The Trustees are currently revising the Strategic Plan through to 2018 and will have a schedule of where we see our Shed during that time. There are more interesting activities on the horizon commencing with the extension to our building.

Chairman Ross McEwan

### AGM

Don't forget the AGM this year will be held on Sunday 27 April 2:30 pm at the Memorial Hall, Hall road, Glenfield and following this there will be afternoon tea at the Shed for those that would like to have a chat and a look around.

Thanks for those that have already paid the renewal subscriptions and those that haven't yet got round to it, it would be good to have these before the AGM to make you eligible to vote at the meeting.

### Stewart's Farewell

On Wednesday March, 13 Stewart generously shouted the meat for his farewell BBQ at the Shed. We all wish Stewart well with his move.



### Membership Continues to Grow

New members have been arriving at the rate of six per month with February having eight bringing us to 108 members a huge leap from the 40 we had when we opened in April 2013. Our new member Treanor Hartley builds Flight Simulator Cockpits and we hope to arrange a visit to his establishment to try out the units he has up and flying.

### Model Railway Anyone?

Frank Fordham has asked if there were any members interested in Model Railway. Call Frank on 022 411 2033 for details

## National Conference

Waikanae put on beautiful weather for the third conference held at El Rancho Holiday Park which was attended by representatives from seventeen sheds throughout NZ. The Mens Shed North Shore was represented by Ross McEwan and Colin Thomas. The conference was opened by the Right Honourable Jim Bolger on Friday followed by a range of guest speakers covering interesting subjects i.e. Mens Sheds in the Community, Mens Sheds can help the Community, Views and experiences with Mens Sheds in the community, Female Participation, The Law Connection, Insurance Schemes for Mens Sheds.

What a wealth of education these speakers provided. The Friday evening meal was held at the Menzshed Kapiti which included a demonstration of fire control by the local Fire Brigade (interrupted by a call out).

Saturday brought another number of very interesting speakers addressing the conference on; The Body Corporate, First Aid, and then we traveled North to Otaki to visit Jeff Fox in his Propellor workshop, his museum of restored Norton Motor bikes and lunch.



Moving South after lunch to Southwards Workshop (not the Museum) and that was something else. A little further South and we visited Steam Incorporated Workshop and this one was really "big stuff" with the restoration of steam engines and railway carriages. Back to El Rancho for Dinner and Guest Speaker Neville Jordon, Entrepreneur etc. etc. etc. . What this guy had done and received awards for in his life took about 30 mins to list he is an amazing chap and very interesting speaker.

The music provided by The Andrew London Trio on Saturday evening was so good that I purchased a CD to bring home.

On Sunday morning again we had interesting Speakers covering ; Powers of Attorney, Health and Wellbeing for you and the Community, Research on Mens Shed in New Zealand and the Menzshed National Website. After Lunch the AGM was held and among other items discussed the new Executive was elected with Ray Hall (New Brighton) as Chairman, John Renor Secretary, Peter Blackler Treasurer, Ross McEwan (North Shore) Region One Representative, Neil Bruce (Hamilton) Region 2, Gary Cameron (Dannevirke) Region 3, Allan Kissell (Waimea) Region 4, and Neil McCarther (Alexandra) Region 5. The conference concluded at 2:45pm.

What a great weekend to be with so many chaps all keen to get their sheds working well, learning from each-other and looking for new ideas. All the speakers were interesting and I'm sure we all returned to our respective sheds having gained valuable knowledge on a vast array of subjects.

Menzshed National Conferences are held every two years to help (financially) those that would like to travel to Australia during the following year and be part of the Australian conference (held bi annually) next year (2015) there will be an NZ AGM to be hosted in the Wairarapa Region with the next conference to be held in 2016 so start saving your pennies.

**Below:** Councillor Chris Darby with Geoff, Chairman Ross, and Trustee Gavin.



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34 Elliott Ave (off James St)  
Glenfield

Open: Mondays/Wednesdays & Saturdays  
9.00am - 4.00pm



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