



# Sheddies' Chatter

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

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Went into The Shed recently for the first time in a couple of weeks. The office has been rearranged and some of the guys were busy putting in extra wiring for overhead pendant sockets so the machines won't need leads trailing across the floor. There are also plans to improve the dust extraction system

The sleigh has been delivered to Santa and new community projects are underway.

Ross Miller is currently compiling all the necessary paperwork for the resource consent application for the electronics section extension. Hopefully it won't take too long to get the approval.

Please take some time to read the section on housekeeping on page 2, there are some serious issues that need to be addressed.

Happy shedding. Roger Curl, Editor



### *New Treasurer Wanted*

Ross Miller, the Shed's Treasurer for the last 5 years, has indicated to the Board that he no longer wishes to carry on in that position after the AGM in 2017. We are therefore looking for somebody to take over this important position.

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. The Treasurer would generally be expected to be a Shed Trustee but this is not essential.

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](mailto: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:

- Restoration of a merry-go-round
- Refurbishment of a sewing box
- 3 blackboard frames for Greenwich Gardens
- 12 peg and guy rope boxes for Sunnynook Scouts
- Latch board and cubbyhole units for Totaravale Play Centre
- Tiny houses and crates for Rangitoto Kindergarten
- sets of tiny houses and 2 crates for Hobsonville Kindergarten
- 2 sets of tiny houses and 2 crates for Orewa Kindergarten
- Book tables for Long Bay College

The following projects have now been completed:

- The Kluge handles
- The Santa Sleigh
- Boxes and tiny houses for Waimnoki (sic.) Kindergarten
- Renovation of fire engine and police car for Rangitoto Kindergarten
- Refurbishment of sandpit oven for Oak Tree Kindergarten
- One set of tiny house and two crates for Torbay Kindergarten
- Three boxes for Rangitoto Kindergarten

If you would like to work on any of these, please contact Dave Wardlaw at the Shed, or contact Larry Klassen by email: [msnsadmn@gmail.com](mailto:msnsadmn@gmail.com)

Left: Mathew and Winston have been busy building storage boxes for the Torbay Kindergarten Little House project

Below: Santa finally gets to take his new sleigh out on the road for the Glenfield Santa Parade. The sleigh has received huge accolades and is a credit to all those who have worked tirelessly on it

Photo: Ross Miller



# House Keeping

## *Workshop Safety*

There have been several concerns raised recently regarding safety in the workshops.

### **Please note:**

- Eye Protection must be worn at all times when using any machinery or power tool. (squinting is not regarded as eye protection!)
- Hearing Protection must be worn when using or near noisy power tools or machinery.
- Closed toed footwear must be worn at all times - no sandals Jandals etc.
- It is also recommended that you wear protection against dust when sanding etc. (Or near any machine that is producing dust) The fibres of some timbers and MDF can be harmful when inhaled.
- Eye, Hearing and Breathing Protection is supplied for Members to use. If in doubt, ask a Trustee

If you are in any doubt as to how to use any machine safely, ask a Trustee.

It is every Member's responsibility to ensure that they follow safe practises at all time, for their own protection and the safety of others.



**Eye and Hearing Protection  
Must be Worn**

## *Shed Tools - A Reminder*

Sadly, some of the Shed tools are disappearing, while others go missing, only to turn up again a few weeks later. Other tools are being damaged due to being used inappropriately.

### **Please note:**

- All Shed tools are to be returned to their storage area when you are finished with them.
- No Shed tools are to be removed from the premises unless used for on site projects, in which case they must be returned as soon as possible.
- Damaged tools should be reported immediately to the Duty Trustee or Workshop Supervisor.
- All tools must be treated with respect and not used for any purpose other than that for which they are intended.

**Please consider your fellow Sheddies!**



**This expensive drop saw blade was recently ruined by incorrect use**



**Vice recently damaged by incorrect use**

Photo: John Sutherland



**Don't become a statistic!**



## Resene Paintwise Paint recycling Programme



Resene is offering free and discounted paints to Men's Sheds around the country through their Paintwise paint recycling programme.

They are also offering discounts to Men's Shed Members:

### **MenzShed/Mens Shed Personal projects – discount reference EC41MP**

Individual members seeking discounts for personal projects must have valid MenzShed/Mens Shed membership identification such as their shed name tag or membership card.

Upon endorsement by the local Resene ColorShop, the following discounts will apply;

20% off testpots 55ml-80ml

20% off Resene premium paint up to 4L size

10% off Resene premium paint 10L

15% off wallpaper

15% off accessories

10% off industrial products

Discounts off the normal retail, available at Resene owned ColorShops.

We look forward to helping you with your Men's Shed projects.

### *Holiday Tale*

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Auckland. Now they live in a tin box and have rocks painted green to look like grass. They ride around on their bicycles and wear name tags because they don't know who they are any more. They go to a building called a wrecked centre, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now, and do exercises there, but they don't do them very well.

There is a swimming pool too, but in it, they all jump up and down with hats on. At their gate, there is a dollhouse with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out! They go cruising in their golf carts. Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night ... early birds.

Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked centre and call it pot luck. My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out so they can visit their grandchildren.



Above Left: John successfully tests the pump he has just restored

Below Left: Trevor, Dave, Waghi and Bernard supervise Winston while he services the nail gun

Above: Ian shows off his Marvellous Marble Machine



## *Shed Maintenance-Help Needed:*

### **Friday 20th January 2017:**

A small Team of Members is required for the exterior Shed wash

### **Friday 27th January 2017:**

A Team of Members is required to help clear out the space beneath the Tennis Club

If you can assist on any of these, please contact Dave Wardlaw at the Shed, or contact Larry Klassen by email: [msnsadm@gmail.com](mailto:msnsadm@gmail.com)

## *Kaipara Coast Sculpture Gardens Preview Opening Event*

New Shed Member Bruce Hubbard is inviting Shed Members to attend this event on Sat 3rd Dec 3-5pm

There will be no charge to Shed Members

Contact Bruce Hubbard

Ph: 473 3632

Email: [bhub002@aucklanduni.ac.nz](mailto:bhub002@aucklanduni.ac.nz)

[Click here for the Website:](#)

## *The Men's Shed North Shore On-line*

Are you on Facebook? You don't need to belong to Facebook to check out our Facebook page, but do if you want to comment etc. Click on the link below to go to the page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Mens-Shed-North-Shore-214684608553333/>

Also, check out our website:

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

Send your ideas, photos, comments or contributions to: [editor@mensshednorthshore.org.nz](mailto:editor@mensshednorthshore.org.nz) see me at The Shed, or phone 027 264 1932

## *Reminder: New Shed Hours*

Mon, Wed: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Fri, Sat: 9:00am - 2:00pm

## *New Members:*

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

Brad Laver, Bruce Hubbard, Caleb McDougall, Hugh Wilson, Louis Schmidt and Ron Davis

Please make them welcome when you see them.

## *Christmas Holiday Dates*

Saturday, December 17th - clean-up day at the Shed before the break

Monday, December 19th - Shed Christmas Lunch

**The Men's Shed North Shore will close at 4:00pm Wed 21st Dec and will reopen on Mon 16th Jan 2017 at 9:00am**

## *December BBQ-All Welcome*

The December BBQ will be at 12:00pm on Wed 7th Dec.

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

## *Christmas BBQ Lunch -All Welcome*

Yes, it's that time again!

The Christmas barbeque will be at 12:00pm Mon 19th Dec. Everything provided.

Partners/guests welcome



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