



Sheddies' Chatter

The Men's Shed (North Shore) Trust

Welcome to the June 2016 Edition of Sheddies' Chatter.

Another busy month with the main thrust being on setting up the engineering workshop and re-arranging the woodworking shop. It's really starting to take shape.

It never fails to amaze me how much has been achieved between my visits to The Shed.

Are you on Facebook? If so check out our Facebook page.

If you 'Like' the page, you should receive notifications of updates. Feel free to add relevant comments or photos, but note that the page is monitored, so it may take a while for your post to appear. If you invite your friends to like the page, it will help promote the Shed.

Click on the link below to go to the page:

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

Please note, you don't need to have a Facebook account to look at the page, but you won't be able to 'like' it or comment.

Also, check out our website:

<http://www.mensshednorthshore.org.nz/> for more photos, info and past newsletters. The website still needs a lot of work, but hopefully that will happen soon.

Anything you feel should be included in the Sheddies' Chatter, our website or our Facebook page, send your ideas, photos, comments or contributions to:

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

Happy shedding. Roger Curl, Editor

Extra Shed Opening Day

On 12th June, the Men's Shed started opening on Fridays. This will be for a 3 month trial period to see if it will be patronised.

To date, the Fridays have been well supported and it is hoped that this will continue.

It will be made permanent if it is well supported by Members.

Use it or lose it guys!

The Shed is now open:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Around the Country

Check out the Wellington Shed's website:

www.citymenzshed.org.nz

Community Projects

Some community projects are underway or being negotiated. Once the workshop refurbishment is complete, more focus will be placed on them. See Dave Wardlaw if you are interested in becoming involved in projects in the future.

The Resene sealant display boards are now complete.

The Glenfield Library has asked for its loco to be done up and made to look like Thomas the Tank Engine.

It will involve stripping and painting, removing the cowcatcher so kids can't trip over it, adding perspex windows so kids can't get their heads stuck in the holes and locking the wheels so it can't be dragged around the library. (Basically taking all the fun out of it really!)

It'll keep Laurie out of trouble for a while!

Below: The Loco before stripping

Bottom: Apprentice Locomotive Engineers, Larry & Laurie start the restoration process.



Ross McEwan

Ross McEwan has been the Chairman of Men's Shed North Shore since its inception nine years ago.

After nine years as Chairman he has decided to retire this year and make room for others to take the reins.

Ross' involvement with the Shed commenced when he answered an advertisement in the North Shore Times (Sept 2007) for residents on the North Shore to attend a Public meeting to discuss the setting up of a Blokes Shed on the Shore. It was at this meeting that he raised his hand and took on the position of Chairman.

He had done a lot of research on the Sheds in Australia (where the movement started) and realised that this was a good idea and he could be part of the setup team.

It took five years of hard work by the small group of guys to design the workshop, identify a suitable building site, negotiate with North Shore Council and then Auckland Council before the site at Elliot Ave was located and a lease signed.

The next challenge was to raise the \$200,000 to cover the cost of the build. The Trustees obtained quotations from four companies for supplying and erecting the shed and chose TotalSpan Westgate.

During 2013, once the building was up, the members and prospective members worked for twelve months completing the internal fit out.

It was in April 2013 that the building was officially opened by Lindsay Waugh (Chairman for the Glenfield Community Board) who cut the ribbon (a 180x25x1,800 piece of R/S timber) with a chainsaw and the Shed was opened for business.

The membership has grown each year with the figures at the 2016 AGM showing 121 members. The Men's Shed North Shore has the only purpose built shed in the North Island, North of Masterton (Henley Men's Shed) and provides the residents of the North Shore with a very valuable and well needed facility.



Ross has also been very involved with six Sheds in the Auckland area and the last of these should be all up and running very shortly bringing the number of active Sheds in the Auckland area to ten.

It is due to Ross' tireless efforts and those of the Trustees that The Shed is what it is today. Ross has also donated tools and machinery to The Shed.

Ross was surprised and extremely thankful when presented at the 2016 AGM with a well-deserved Life Membership certificate.

He was lost for words but assures us he will not disappear and will continue his support for the Shed in the future.

During this time Ross also held the position for three years as Region One Representative for MenzShed New Zealand involving him with the responsibility of support to other existing Sheds and establishing Sheds from the far North to Waiuku in the South.

Ross wishes to pass on his sincere thanks to Jill Nerheny, (Kaipatiki Community Facilities Coordinator), Lindsay Waugh, (Chairman Community Board) and Kay McIntyre, (Chairman Kaipatiki Local board) and their Board Members, not to forget our very own hard working Trust Board Members for the support they have given him during these years, He couldn't have done it without your support.



In the Beginning



Opening Ceremony April 2013



Lathe, Compressor and Bench



New Steel Rack

Extension Fit Out Update

There has been a huge amount of effort gone into setting up the new engineering workshop and also re-arranging the woodworking shop.

The engineering shop is almost there, with a new welding bay and steel rack. The lathe and milling machine are up and running and the next project is to clean up and refit the work bench and add some shelves to it. It will also have power points installed for easy access.



Above: Drill Press, Bench and Milling Machine
Left: Welding Bay



A lot of work has also gone into getting rid of surplus timber and other items from the woodworking shop.

A flash new shelving unit has been completed and all the fasteners neatly stored .

The large shelves will be re-arranged with extra storage and new work benches will be installed.

There is also to be built a small wall to support the shelving and partly isolate the work benches from the machinery.



New Fastener Storage

Tools Wanted

Does anyone have any of the following surplus tools ?

- Woodworking gouges
- Hatchets
- Mallets
- Old Engine Hoist

If so, please contact Roger Curl: 027 264 1932

Or email: editor@mensshednorthshore.org.nz



Tormek Sharpening Machine

Are there any Members interested in learning to use our Tormek Grinder?

The Shed has a Swedish made Tormek T7 Whetstone Grinder. It's quite a sophisticated piece of kit which can sharpen knives, chisels, plane blades, gouges, woodturning chisels and scissors etc. The tools end up so sharp, it's terrifying!

There are currently 4 members trained to use the grinder, but we could do with a couple more.

Full training will be given, but you must be prepared to help keep the Shed tools sharp and sharpen items for other members from time to time.

Interested? Contact a Trustee or the Editor



Second Hand Tools For Sale

The Men's Shed North Shore has a collection of second hand tools and items that are surplus to requirements.

- Chop Saw
- Gate
- Nails/Staples
- Rangehood
- Truck
- Fluoro Tubes
- Workmates
- Cutoff Blades

If you or someone you know is interested, contact Dave Wardlaw and make an offer.

Any items not required by members will be sold on TradeMe



Around the Shed

Top Right:

Jason, Winston and Laurie inspect the new saw

Right:

Eddie turning a set of jewellery boxes

Below Right:

Neville working on his ute box

Below:

In the event of an alien invasion, our members are well-protected!



Bench (Table) Saw

We now have a brand new HolyTek Bench Saw to replace the old one that was past its use-by.

Jason has been busy making jigs to increase the safety and versatility of the saw.

In order to prevent personal injury and/or damage to the saw, it has been decided that all members will need to be briefed on its care and use before using it.

If you have not used it before, make sure you check with a Trustee beforehand.



The Ocean View Restaurant

A group of guys, all in their 40s, discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the waitresses there were gorgeous, with tight skirts and long lean legs.

Ten years later, in their 50s, the friends once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the food and service were good and the wine selection was excellent.

Another ten years passed, and in their 60s, the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would again meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because they could dine in peace and quiet and the restaurant had a beautiful view of the ocean.

Ten years later, in their 70s, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and had a lift.

Ten years later, in their 80s, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because they had never been there before and heard it was quite good.



**Eye and Hearing Protection
Must be Worn**

New Members

We welcome the following new members who have joined the North Shore Men's Shed since the May edition of Sheddies' Chatter:

Roger Broomfield, Andrew Fieldsend, Gavin Jessup,
Chris Owen, Chris Farmer

Please make them welcome when you see them.



July Barbeque - All Welcome

The July barbeque will be at 12:00pm on Wed 13th July.

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

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



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