

The Men's Shed (North Shore) Trust

Sheddies' Chatter



New Milling Machine

Below: Gwynn inspects our new milling machine:



The engineering department is growing, and there is lots of equipment coming very soon!



Grant Money

Once again we have been supported by Birkenhead Licensing Trust receiving a new Grant of \$26,600 which will enable us to purchase some important items of machinery and accessories for the Shed.

Our shopping list is large and includes our very much needed hose and connection pieces for the Dust Extractor unit as well as two large Air Filters that when activated will filter almost 100% of particles 5 microns or larger and around 85% of particles up to 1 micron. These units are also fitted with a diffuser on the exhaust side that provides a more even spread of clean air.

This we hope will filter the dust from MDF which is hazardous and it is classified by the World Health Organization as causing cancer to humans.

Our sincere thanks have been passed on to Chairman of the Trust, Mr Bill Plunket for his continued support we are deeply indebted to them.



Trustee Vacancy

We are still looking for someone to fill the shoes of our Secretary John Murray who will be returning to the UK permanently next month. Please, if you would like to give us a hand, speak to Chairman Ross McEwan 09 959 0185 to find out more about this position, you will be entitled to receive the same salary as the rest of the trustees, - a smile and a thank you.

Some interesting Statistics from Membership

Director Dave Whiting:

Membership is continuing to increase we now have 94 members from:

Devonport Takapuna Area Board 3%

Hibiscus and Bays Area Board 31%

Kaipatiki Area Board 45%

Upper Harbour Area Board 17%

Others 4%

Average daily attendance has risen to 16.4

Personal project hours total April - August 1,617

Community project hours April - August 1,692

Community projects completed - 9

Community projects underway - 7

Gaston Monge-Grassi, Sales Manager from

Silex tools Nelson visited the Shed to demonstrate some new tools:

Kanzawa : Gadgets and specialized circle cutters from Japan

Shapton : Ceramic Glass waterstones from Japan

Keiba : Pliers from Japan

The evening commenced at 5:00pm when we fired up the BBQ so that all attendees could have a full stomach and were delighted to have Andrew and John from Massey Community Men's Shed join with us for the evening. The demonstration of the new water stones was very interesting and they have been put on our "Wish list" members had the opportunity to try the tools (something you

can't do in a Retail store) so we had a very informative evening.
www.silextools.co.nz

Xmas Break Dates

Please note on your calendars that the MSNS will be closing for the Xmas break on Wednesday 18th December 2013 at 4pm, and reopening on Monday 20th January 2014 at 10am. Weds the 18th will be a clean-up day at the Shed with a BBQ afterwards.

Guest Speaker for October:

Saturday October 19th, 11.00am at The Shed. Mr. Bob Stirk ex Boatbuilder will give a presentation on Vacuum Bagging - a process as used in building the America Cup Boats. The demonstration, plus questions could take the best part of an hour so bring some lunch and have a tea or coffee afterwards.

MenzShed National Body Now Incorporated

The national organisation "MenzShed New Zealand" received registration as an incorporated body on 3rd September 2013. This is another big step towards the completion of its establishment. This national body that we as a Shed are members of, provide support in many ways not only to existing Sheds but those going through the establishment stages. Our Chairman Ross is on their executive as the region one representative covering from the far North to just below Pukekohe in the South and is currently working with five groups in this area that are in the process of setting up their new sheds.

Gutter Protection

The Board of Trustees thank our new member Andy Spierer for the support he has given the Shed. Andy owns the business ABC Gutters and has generously donated and fitted the Shed with Gutter protection which not only has saved our scarce funds but will extend the life of our gutters considerably. Thank you Andy, we do hope you enjoy your time in the Shed. If any members have a Gutter problem just give Andy a call on 0800 420 222 and we are sure he will give you a very good deal.

Another Community Project Completed

Northcote Point Community Creche were very pleased to collect the toys which had been refurbished at the MSNS.



Biplane Progress

The biplane is receiving its final touches and will soon be delivered to the Kaipatiki Community Board for use in the Xmas parade. Below Gwynn, Laurie, Geoff and other members discuss the finer points of aviation engineering:



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Open: Mondays/Wednesdays & Saturdays
10.00am - 4.00pm



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