

# The Men's Shed (North Shore) Trust

## Sheddies' Chatter

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### Engineering Extension Progress

The application for building consent was lodged by TotalSpan Westgate during December, and an answer is expected around the end of January. As soon as Auckland Council approve our application siteworks will commence. Works will include drainage, construction of a retaining wall on the north-east corner, and then the floorslab. The shed kitset is due to arrive from Christchurch towards the end of February.

We have obtained funding for all the above, and applications for grants to complete the internal fit-out are underway. The Board of Trustees are currently working on the layout of the workshop floor: an additional floor space of approx. 100m<sup>2</sup> will be made available.

### 2015 AGM

The date for our 2015 AGM has been set for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Further information will be distributed as it comes to hand, in the meantime please pencil in this date in your diary.

### Special Activities

Trustee David Wardlaw has worked hard to provide several special activities over the past year and is disappointed with the very little interest shown by members in attending these functions. David would like to hear from you if you can make a suggestion on what could be of interest to fellow members for future outings/guest speakers. Please note that should there continue be little interest in these activities we may have to discontinue them.

### Shed BBQS

Our monthly BBQ's at the Mens's Shed North Shore will resume this coming Wednesday 4th February @ noon. 34 Elliott Ave, Glenfield, Auckland (Elliott reserve). Members, friends, supporters, and family are all welcome. Please bring your choice of protein to cook, some food (eg salad) to share would be welcome. This event offers a great chance to meet Shed members and to have a look around our exceptional facility, and the community projects we are working on.

### Community Projects

Members are already been busy working on several community projects. Below Barrie & Winston have made another 50 rat traps for the Okura Reserve Preservation Society volunteers:



Below - Dave Wardlaw finishing the first of several play houses for the North Auckland Kindergarden Association:



### Tools for Loan

There have been a few enquiries from members as to whether tools can be loaned/hired from the Shed. Unfortunately the Trustees have agreed that we can't provide this service at present. However we are working on a system (when more space is available) where surplus equipment will be made available for sale at very reasonable prices to members.

## **MenzShed New Zealand AGM**

The National Body AGM will be held in Masterton on the weekend of 11/12 April. There will be an opportunity to visit the sheds close by Masterton i.e. Henley, Greytown and Featherston. Discounted flights have been organized with Jet Star ( these need to be booked through the national Menz Shed office). As accommodation is rather tight due to several other conferences etc. being run in Masterton on this weekend, don't delay if you intend going. Nominations for positions on the executive will be called for, and more information on the event can be obtained from Chairman Ross.

## **Children's Tutorials**

We have received many communications from mothers who would like to find a place where their children could obtain tuition in DIY activities. To date we have been unable to help them but would like to run in the future (when we have more space) a school holiday project for a small group of children to learn the basics. If you are interested in being involved in this project contact Chairman Ross 09 959 0185 for more information.

## **2015-16 Membership Subscriptions**

It was moved and seconded at the December board meeting that the annual subscription for membership at the Shed be increased to \$90.00. This will apply from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 for new members and renewals. With the Shed being open 142 days a year this brings the cost of a member attending to a mere 0.64 per day. Membership subs go straight to the overhead account to help cover our considerable running expenses including power, insurance, telephone etc.

## **Christmas Function**

A great number of members and partners attended our Christmas BBQ. It was a beautiful sunny day and the food was just something else. Our thanks go to Chief-in-Charge Roger and his numerous assistants (the steak and snarlers were spot on). Of course we couldn't forget our friend from the northern hemisphere: Mick Looney a member of the Blarney Mens Shed in County Cork, Ireland (and yes he has kissed the famous stone).

Mick visited us several times whilst he stayed on holiday with his daughter in Birkenhead. Below - fun at the function:



During the day Men's Shed North Shore Awards were presented by Secretary Larry to:  
Roger Dallimore – Silver Blade  
Winston Garnet – Distinguished Golden Hammer  
Gwynn Lloyd-Jones – Black Spanner

Below - Winston receives his award:



See more pix on our facebook page - via the link on our website.



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