

A commitment was made at the AGM in Waikanae by the executive of Menzshed NZ to be more proactive in communicating with member sheds. This is the first part of that commitment, a quarterly newsletter. The newsletter is about sheds in New Zealand and the content will cover the interesting activities that existing sheds get up to as well as identifying the establishment of new sheds.

In compiling this newsletter it was interesting to see how sheds are helping other sheds to get established.

In the North Island, Henley was very involved in the establishment of the Featherston and Greytown sheds, supporting the establishment process and also providing tools and equipment. The three sheds also participate in common activities as a right of membership.

In the South Island, the Havelock shed received tools and machinery from the Blenheim and Picton sheds as well as generous support from Havelock locals.

That team spirit came through in the Conference at Waikanae. We might have gone to the conference as representatives of our shed but it was apparent early on that we were there as “sheddies”, willing to share knowledge, experience and companionship.

It was a very good conference, our thanks again to the Kapiti shed and supporters for hosting it and to all who participated. The conference report can be found on the Menzshed NZ website [Conference report](#) and pictures from the conference can be found on the [Kapiti website](#).

Menzshed NZ Executive priorities

During the conference some priorities were established for the executive to focus on during the coming year. The higher priorities in no particular order and progress to date were:

- [Template guide for sheds on how to approach local authorities.](#)
Regional reps should be your first contact. Peter Blackler (Treasurer) is also available as a contact.
- [Guidelines for setting up a shed.](#)
A start has been made on this with a website page and links to information from Community Law. <http://menzshed.org.nz/library/setting-up-shed/>

There is also available the Australian Men's Shed Association manual that contains a lot of relevant information on setting up a shed and also Safety. You can download a copy at [AMSA](#)

A good start in where to obtain funding in NZ can be found at [Fundview](#)

- [Health and Safety](#)
See the new documents on the website <http://menzshed.org.nz/library/safety/>
- [Access to research, health and other benefits.](#)
There is some existing research on the website <http://menzshed.org.nz/library/research/>

The executive are also supporting Jenny Moore (Researcher) in her proposed research.

Member shed vs non members

Another issue raised at the AGM was access of sheds to benefits that are specific to Menzshed NZ members. This is an ongoing concern of the executive and as a first step, member sheds are now identified on the website and non member sheds are shown as “[Membership status](#), Complimentary hosting”.

Communication is a 2 way process

Menzshed NZ exists to promote the spread of men's sheds in NZ. The website provides a searchable facility where the public can look for sheds in their locality.

The shed pages on the website are for your content, please keep them up to date. You can send content changes to webmaster@menzshed.org.nz . We would also welcome your feedback or questions.

Upper North Island – Region 1

Sheds under development

Coopers Beach Men's Shed - Contact: Murray Smith, email: smithsunco@orcon.net.nz

Murray has not as yet located a suitable venue but is working on a couple. With no venue membership has not commenced but has several interested.

Warkworth Men's Shed - Contact: Terry Brady, email: bradybunch01@clear.net.nz

Still looking for a venue and has a couple of chaps interested.

Hibiscus Coast Men's Shed - Contact: Lindsay Clark, email: linz_clark_nz@hotmail.com

Lindsay is keen to get a shed going in this region. He has several interested persons ready to go and a planning meeting was held 10/04/2014.

Auckland Central Men's Shed - Contact: Jonny Bass, email bass@ocg.co.nz

Johnny is employed by an employment agency and his company suggested that they should establish a group including chaps that are seeking employment which in Auckland is proving difficult.

The company feels that a shed that would enable these likeminded men to network which would help them in their search for employment. This is just in the planning stages but could be an interesting concept.

Auckland Men's Shed - Contact: Henry Langguth, email: barbara.henrylangguth@xtra.co.nz

This is another shed under development. They have been offered two buildings in the Auckland Domain grounds and are currently in discussion with Auckland Council. We should see this Shed up and running in the very near future.

Buckland Beach Men's Shed - Contact: Jenny Carter, email: jenny@logcabin.org.nz

In planning stages by Beachlands Community Trust.

Hobsonville Point Men's Shed - Contact: Gavin Gunston, email: g.gunston@gmail.com

Gavin is a Community Co-ordinator, Chaplain and Youth Worker and would like to see a shed established in the Hobsonville area. He has a Community event scheduled for 18th May and from this the plans for a Community Hub will be presented which will include a Men's Shed.

Ranui Men's Shed - Contact: Lippy Chalmers, email: ranuicomctr@xtra.co.nz

Lippy is a community worker and would like to see a shed in her area. Council have offered a five car garage as a possible venue and she is investigating this.

Massey Community Men's Shed - Contact: Andrew Wilson, email: Andrew.wilson@kordia.co.nz

Still looking for venue with a possible site. In discussion with Waitakere Badminton club. They have been involved in many community projects with eight members and a further ten waiting for the venue to be found.

Work is underway to form a Charitable Trust.

The image is of four children that entered a competition run by MCMS to assemble toys from kits produced by Shed members. It was held during a community fun day. The competition proved very popular and the winners took the toys home.



Howick / Pakuranga Men's Shed - Contact: Campbell Butcher, email: campbellbutcher@gmail.com

Campbell is keen to get a shed running in the area and is working with five residents that share similar interests. Discussion with the Rotary club for support is in progress.

Manurewa Men's Shed - Contact: Pam French, email: pamfrench@xtra.co.nz

Pam is a community worker and visited the Men's Shed North Shore on 16th April. I hope that I will be able to encourage her to proceed with this project following her visit.

Waiheke Community Men's Shed - Contact: David Baigent, email: baigent@speed.at

David visited the North Shore Shed with two other residents and is really keen to get a shed on the Island.

Other sheds under development

Far North Men's Shed and Wellsford Men's Shed.

Established Sheds

Whangarei Men's Shed - Contact: Mike Mansel, email: mikeandrosie@clear.net.nz

Now at new venue, the former railway station. Membership now stands at 42 with an average daily attendance of 12.

North Shore Men's Shed - Contact: Ross McEwan, email: admin@mensshednorthshore.org.nz

This shed is going well with membership at 108 and an average daily attendance of 20.

Plans are underway to extend this facility from 300m² to 400m². During the first ten months open they recorded just on 9,000 hours use in the Shed with 53% community projects.

The image is of a nearly completed "Snoopy" aeroplane that was to be used in three recent Christmas parades. It involved a team effort i.e. Electronics, Engineering and Boat Building skills.



Clay Store – Devonport - Contact: Tom Murray, email: tomandlilly@vodafone.co.nz

The Shed opened some thirty years ago. They do not have a membership system but members of the public come and use equipment and pay for the time on machines.

The image is of the inside of their Shed

Henderson Men's Shed - Contact: Graeme Tearle, email: graeme.tearle@ihug.co.nz

Henderson have recently relocated to their new venue situated on the corner of Awaroa Road and Great North Road, Henderson. They are currently settling in and getting everything into the new building.



Mangere Men's Shed - Contact: Peter Sykes, email: director@mefsc.org.nz

Peter has several handicapped and Church groups using the Shed which is open five days a week 9:00 -14:00. He has between 20 to 30 chaps each day.

Peter is employed by Mangere East Family Service Centre, another community organisation and he runs the shed.

Waiuku Community Workshop – Contact: Arthur Buckland, email: wfmensshed@xtra.co.nz

Arthur is working on establishing a Charitable Trust for his new group.

Middle North Island – Region 2

Region Two has had two regional “Cluster” meetings in July and November of 2013. This picture (R) from our first one in Rotorua which had representatives from about 5 sheds attending

Rotorua

After searching for new premises, the Rotorua Menz Shed finally reopened on March 15th, 2014. Local Mayor, Steve Chadwick and MP Todd McClay did the honours for us and both were very impressed with the layout of our new shed.



We share the building with the Rotorua Central Community Centre which we run with our Menz Shed.

This has been a large undertaking and we are pleased to say we have increased our membership from 10 to 30 but plenty of room for more. Also sharing the premises are St. Vincent De Paul, Literacy Rotorua and Curtainbank, all not for profit organisations.

Hamilton

This year got off to a good start in our 6th year (March 19th) with what some might see as a contentious article in the local papers – inviting women to become involved as a part of our men's shed. In fact, half of the board are women who continue to support the core business of our shed which targets men in our community.

We have created a mixed session that allows for women who have a hankering after project work in the shed or DIY projects, to join as associate members. We acknowledge that several women also have sheds and many want the opportunity to benefit from the skills members have and equipment available in our shed. After all things considered, it is a community facility which needs to be used efficiently and effectively. In our case, women have helped rescue our shed when we could not find the right calibre of person to accept trust board responsibilities. A negative outcome from not having sufficient support is to report how our shed lost charitable status but regained it with the help of dedicated volunteers (in this case women). Not a

recommended pathway for sheds to follow but one that emerged for us when resignations occurred and critical deadlines between the cracks and the spam folders became too efficient at hiding key communications from the Charities Commission and IRD.

We have run successful windblown pipe workshops, making musical instrument workshops, wood turning experiences and a class for migrants to assist with English language and this week we will complete the 9th term of woodwork class tuition for children who are home schooled.

Projects in the community include work for the Hospice (recently visited by Kate the Duchess of Cambridge), the Waikato Potters group, Silverdale and Patricia Avenue Schools, and toys for the Salvation Army. Our most pressing project of late is to create a purpose built shed next to the existing facility in 2 Seddon Road,

In the coming term we are offering courses in small Japanese Box making and 1 ½ octave tuned wooden xylophones for school music programmes. A form of safety revision is also scheduled as well as a first aid programme.

Member Ronnie Hohaia -Grey has just completed his Master's Degree at the Wananga in Carving.



Matamata Community Men's Shed

Our region's newest shed to open and is on the move already. After just 8 months in the original shed our men realised they would soon outgrow the space. New premises were located at 3 Rewa St in Matamata with a better profile, almost 4 times larger and with a much more convenient parking area.

Our men are a busy bunch. They are handling the necessary alterations the new shed requires. A social area, a kitchen area, as well as setting up their equipment and carrying on with the tasks that they were working on before the move. They are finding there is good demand for cape cod chairs (with optional matching table), scooter racks and playground equipment - just to mention a few.

Equipment our shed needs if any shed has surplus gear is: A radial arm saw, a thicknesser (single phase) and another wood lathe. A young fellow has set up a Facebook page www.facebook.com/MMCShed

Taupo Community Men's Shed

Derrick Catley, a member of the Taupo shed writes....."At last we are able to move into our new shed at 29 AC Baths Avenue".

The end open shed is the addition we have had built to house the Lion's Food caravan and now we have the full basement which we have had wired with plenty of hot points. We also have the upstairs with a large kitchen, Bar and large room for meetings cabarets etc. or for quiet assembly of hobbies.(Model Aircraft, Boats etc.).



We can now have a membership drive with quite a few prospects just waiting to join up.

Whakatane MENZ SHED

Join the guys at Whakatane's MENZ SHED on a Wednesday morning for a cuppa and a chat and then plan and work on projects together. Casual visitors are always welcome but you may decide to join.

The Whakatane Menz Shed aims to provide a space where MEN can share skills, experiences, ideas and time whilst working on interesting and



worthwhile projects.

Te Awamutu Men's Shed

This you tube clip <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHJC2xZORyg> gives a great insight into the facilities of the Te Awamutu Community and Hamilton Community Men's sheds via the video of Martin Adlington.

The Te Awamutu Shed has a wonderful garden that is also part of the shed operations.

In the process of establishment

Gisborne, Wairoa, Napier, Morrinsville (reviewing establishment via the Morrinsville Rotary group).

Lower North Island – Region 3

Otaki Menzshed

The Otaki Menzshed got the key to the old Nurses Cottage at the Otaki Community Health Centre on the 3rd day of February this year. Since then many dedicated Sheddies have been painting, water blasting, scraping 100 year + old flaky paint, opening up dividing walls to make bigger rooms for lathes, bench saws and work benches as well as organising the electrical supply to the building.

The outside of the Shed is now freshly painted courtesy of Resene, finished before the wet weather sets in....now for the inside. Old wallpaper was stripped off to reveal superb Rimu timber milled over 120 years ago somewhere up the river. We have decided to leave it glowing with its rough cut patina of red, orange and shades of pink (untouched by borers).

We are also involved with some community work locally. We still need tools, equipment, timber, work benches and tables, phone Valdis Plato (06) 364 5636 to arrange pickup.

MenzShed Kapiti.

First a round up on the MenzShed National Conference

Although it was a very busy period last month with the lead up to and the running of the Conference, it was a very successful event that was enjoyed by all those who attended. After a few worrying periods in late February wondering whether we would have the numbers to run the event, it all came right with the last minute registrations and it was very satisfying to be involved with the overall success of the Conference. There is a surplus from the conference of around \$500 which will be made available to the organisers of the Conference in Christchurch, 2016.

Our next stage of site development. Building the tractor shed that we dismantled from the adjacent Council site, onto the end of the existing building. It will about double our shed space plus another 4m wide veranda across the front.



Tractor shed that was dismantled



Clearing the site and laying out the poles

Our latest project, the cottage front, that those who visited the Shed during the Conference will have seen, has now been completed and was installed at the local Montessori Play Centre on 15 April much to the delight of the staff and children.



Upper South Island - Region 4

Picton

After re-opening in February 2014, following the Xmas break, the Picton Men's Community Shed has been relatively busy. A significant number of public enquiries have been received and visitors passing through Picton have called in to look around.

On Waitangi Day, Picton Shed joined with the local Waikawa Marae in celebrating Waitangi Day. A great opportunity to promote the Men's Shed movement help "sell" the benefits of Shed membership to the local Maori menfolk. Our presence at the Marae was supported by a stand, from which we displayed a range of our handiwork.



Shed member Nozz, putting up native plants

On 12th March, residents from Waterlea Rest Home made their usual monthly visit, and spent the afternoon working on one of their chosen projects..



National M.P. for Kaikoura, Colin King, called to the Shed on 26th March, keen to catch up with Bill and review progress on restoration of the Montague Whaler.

Colin has been a long supporter of the Shed, and makes a point of calling in when time and his busy schedule allow. In the attached shot, Bill is showing the progress made since Colin's last visit.



Havelock

The Havelock shed is now open at Shed 67, Havelock Marina, Wednesday 10am – 1pm.

Members have the floor of the shed concreted and have built a work bench. Havelock locals have been very generous in donating machinery and tools to us, as have the Blenheim and Picton's Men's Sheds.

We are also grateful to Canterbury Community Trust for their grant to us and to Havelock Mussel Festival for their pledge, which means that we can open the Shed debt free.

Blenheim

Our shed is going well we have nearly 50 sheddies. Our AGM is on the 10th May.

Tapawera

In April we completed a purchase agreement to secure the Tapawera Scout Den. As it is sited on a domain reserve, we have to wait for Tasman District Council to notify our occupancy. We hope to have the keys during July.

Activities during 2013-2014 have included visits to local members sheds and community support by supervising car parking at three events, catering for a lunch for workers erecting a soldiers emblem on the hillside above Tapawera and bench seating for a Maori themed gateway at the community centre. We will be responsible for positioning the poles and erecting the carved gateway when completed.

Kaikoura

We have been busy building a St Ayles skiff. The kit arrived just before Christmas and now we are working on preparing to paint. We will have the moulds and the experience to maybe do another. Our skiff, so far unnamed will be a community owned boat. See

<https://www.facebook.com/kaikouramenzshed>

Rangiora

We have been busy refurbishing the outdoor furniture of the Rangiora IHC over the past three months. The chaps also made two new sturdy benches so that the IHC members can watch others playing on their new bocce court.



Kaiapoi

Grand Opening of the new shed has been confirmed as Tuesday 15th July 1pm.

We hope to have the Mayor - David Ayers there as well as the Manager of Patience and Nicholson (we are on their land), a representative from Jetstar (they gave us a \$30,000 package) and many others (approx. 70).



We are just finishing off a large deck out the front from which will have a ramp later. All machinery is in place apart from a few new items we are looking at. The storage cupboards are almost finished inside.

Here is a photo of a small project we are at work on. The toy boxes are made from school desks and will be selling them for \$30 approx. We are thinking of making wind chimes out of the tubular legs.

New Brighton

The New Brighton shed has been open for 8 months now, occupying a double garage. A carport has been built using recycled "red zone" materials to house a trailer that previously had to be stored in the garage. A few community projects have been completed and we are slowly organising ourselves to do more personal and community projects.

Rolleston

The Rolleston shed is anticipating a move to new premises later this year.

Ashburton

A meeting in March saw 20+ participants agree to establish a group to set up a shed in Ashburton. Some options have been identified already for a shed location.

Lower South Island – Region 5

Oamaru,

Has about 20 members with a regular attendance of about nine or ten members. Operating out of a small building at the local Resource Centre but at the present time they are investigating the possibility of building a larger shed at the centre.

South Dunedin

From all accounts they have plenty of work on and are going along fine.

Taieri

Busy fitting out their new shed and hope to have it opened in June. This new shed is in a bigger building alongside the present building at the Taieri airdrome.

Dunedin North East Valley

A new shed in Dunedin is starting out at North East Valley. They have been given a rather large building to go into but from all accounts it is going to take quite a bit of work to get operational.

Alexandra

Things are going along fine in Alex with about 25 members and a regular attendance of 10 or 11. They are quite busy with lots of work coming in from Kindergartens and Child Care Centres. At the present time they are working on a project with the Alex Blossom Festival to build a rather large building to house the Shed and store floats in for the festival parade.

Wanaka

The Wanaka shed has closed down and the tools that they were given were sent to the local Waste Busters.

Buy, sell and exchange

Rangiora

Items for sale. Open to sensible offers. We need to make room for a timber thicknesser, but are not giving the items away as we also need to raise funds to buy the thicknesser!

Contact Peter at Peter-C@triumph.gen.nz



Saw Ryobi



Saw Home Made



Emco Multipurpose

Blenheim - Contact Gerry at gerryrd@gmail.com

For sale - a good Makita sawbench and a heavy duty planer thicknesser, both in very good order.

Wanted - we are looking for a sliding drop saw and a shop vac.

Give away - a 3ph arc welder.

Adult Learners' Week / He Tangata M tauranga

September 8 - 14, 2014

ACE Aotearoa invites all those with an interest in adult learning to celebrate Adult Learners' Week/He Tangata M tauranga 2014. The week will be launched in Christchurch and begins with International Literacy Day on September 8.

ALW/HTM is a UNESCO initiative supported by the Tertiary Education Commission, adult and community education providers at a local level and the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO. It was established in Aotearoa in 1998.

Last year over five thousand people participated in ALW/HTM events. Many Menz Sheds throughout Aotearoa used it as an opportunity to promote the positive benefits of their sheds through displays, open days, events and promotional activities.

In 2014 two levels of funding are available for events: \$300 for one off events and \$750 for larger events like learning expos. Funding application forms can be downloaded from the website www.adultlearnersweek.org.nz Free ALW/HTM posters are also available.

For further information about how you can take part see the website or Email Mary Gavigan maryg@paradise.net.nz