

# Howick Mens Shed Update Number One

## Hi Shedless Men

This update is being sent to those of you who attended the public meeting we held on 2 July and also to those unable to attend the meeting but who have contacted us directly to express an interest in the formation of a Mens Shed in this area.

Firstly many thanks for attending the meeting and especially to those who kindly made a gold coin donation which resulted in excess of \$155 dollars being collected. This is our first income and will be put to use to cover some of the costs which we will inevitably incur as we launch our organisation.

About 80 people attended the meeting well in excess of our most optimistic expectations. More than 20 people put their names forward to go on an initial committee, once again exceeding expectations.

An initial meeting of this group was held on 15 July at The Highland Park Community House. Whilst it is extremely pleasing to have such a large number of people willing to commit the extra time and effort to be on a committee we felt that in the early stages we need to need to have a smaller group to drive the project forward more quickly.

To this end we have put in place an Interim Executive Committee of about 5 or 6 people who will meet at least weekly, reporting back to the wider group (Interim Advisory Committee) each month or so.

Both of these committees are interim only and once we have formed a Trust or Incorporated Society a Special General Meeting will be called and a permanent committee elected.

## Premises

We have commenced a search for existing premises for the Shed and have a number of possibilities on our list. These include the old Howick Police Station, the old Library building and some possibilities at Lloyd Elsmore Park. If you hear of any other premises which you think maybe suitable please let us know. We want to cast the net far and wide within the area so that we end up with the best possible premises we can have.

## Donations of Tools and Equipment

Please keep an eye out for any of these as well as somewhere to store them in the meantime. Just contact us if you hear of any and we can handle the rest. More of this in the next update.

## Visit to The North Shore Mens Shed.

The Interim Executive Committee will visit the North Shore Shed this week and sit down with their Chairman to learn as much as possible from their experience of setting up a Shed as well as having a close look at their premises.

## Interesting website addresses

You may wish to view some of the following addresses to learn more about Mens Sheds:-

<http://menzshed.org.nz/>

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

<http://www.mensshed.org/what-is-a-men%27s-shed/.aspx>

<http://www.mensheds.org.au/mens-shed-story>

## Name of Shed

We decided that once up and running we will call ourselves the Howick Mens Shed. This sounded better than trying to include the names of Pakuranga and Botany in our title and makes us consistent with the name of the Howick Local Council which covers the Botany, Howick and Pakuranga Wards.

## Future Updates

We will send out future Updates by email every month or so to keep you informed of progress. If you don't want to receive these please let us know by return email.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or wish to make any suggestions re the establishment of the Howick Mens Shed.

**Well, we have started on a major journey and have a long way to go however, having so many enthusiastic people wanting to be part of this and such a large number willing to participate in the interim committees augers well for a successful shed for this area.**

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Interim Executive Committee**

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