



## NEW ZEALAND Newsletter – July 2017

Welcome to the latest round up of Shed related items from the Executive, and around the country.

### *National*

#### **Shed Equipment - Buy, Sell, Swap**

Our website has a buy, sell and swap section, but it is unfortunately seldom used. The page is located [here](#). To advertise, please contact [webmaster@menzshed.nz](mailto:webmaster@menzshed.nz).

Probably a better option is to contact your Regional Representative who will be aware of nearby sheds that may be able to assist with your requirements.

Another opportunity for sheds to dispose of surplus gear is to use TradeMe. If your shed is registered with Charities Services, you could set up your shed as business page on TradeMe, then apply for a rebate of 50% of the success fee. More information [here](#).

#### **Seeking advice from MENZSHED NZ?**

Periodically we are asked to advise about setting up the organisational structure for a shed - whether an Incorporated Society or a Trust, and Charities Services registration. Inevitably Health and Safety matters arise too, and the further implications if a shed has a paid supervisor or coordinator, when the shed then becomes a PCBU - a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking.

The MENZSHED NZ team are volunteers and while we have varying levels of experience of shed establishment and may have on-the-job knowledge of H&S matters from work experience or attending seminars, we are not experts.

There is no "one size fits all" for shed structures and rules. Sheds and their members will have differing requirements on how they will manage themselves. Providing a template solution may hinder lateral thinking or leave us open to criticism if something goes awry.

The best we can do is provide some examples on our [website](#). More recent or other examples can be requested direct from sheds or downloaded from the [Societies website](#). That website also has information about establishing a [Society](#) or a [Trust](#). Other useful resources are available at [CommunityNet Aotearoa](#).

Registering with Charities Services may be an advantage when applying for financial grants, but there are compliance aspects. Learn more about that [here](#).

Our website has some information about Health and Safety matters [here](#). Or check this WorkSafe [guide](#).

Sheds are welcome to contact the MENZSHED NZ team, we are here to help. Alternatively, contact the appropriate organisation; you will usually find their staff are supportive and willing to assist.,

### Charities Services

Many sheds are registered with Charities Services. Their latest webinar 25 May 2017 gives a very good overview of Tier 3 and 4 reporting standards. The webinar takes just 30 minutes and is recommended viewing by your Treasurer, Reviewer and other committee members responsible for shed financial matters. Watch it by clicking [this link](#).

You can also find the link to the handout [here](#).

CS have also provided links to all the relevant information in the webinar for you to read, print and share [here](#).

### Need Funding?

Generosity New Zealand could be the place to search for funders that may support your needs. A web based form allows you complete particulars about your organisation and the funding purpose, press Search and you will have a list of funders that may consider an application. That's the easy part of course!

Check [Website](#) and [YouTube](#).

The website refers to a subscription to access the service. If you are a library member, you should be able to use your library card for free access from home, or simply use a computer at your local library

## Shed News Region 1

Send us some news for the next edition

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## Shed News Region 2

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## Shed News Region 3

We might look it, but we're not past it.



When John Bush asked me to write about the loss of our shed and being homeless my first thought was to back away from the idea. There are many families in New Zealand homeless and living in cars and garages. Our situation paled into insignificance, but then I thought again. The City Menzshed is a family.

Often Menzsheds are described as places for men to get together and have fun. There's nothing wrong with that description, but as far as the City Menzshed is concerned that it only tells part of the story.

Our purpose is to care for the older and often isolated men in our city. There are those who have lost touch with families and live alone and isolated. There are those who retire and despite their skills and experience find the world thinks they're past it and have no further value. Because of the changing nature of employment we now include women too.

The way in which we care for our members is to provide a place where they can find companionship. It's a place and where they can revive old skills and learn new skills. We make and repair toys and furniture for child care centres, schools, hospitals and community groups. It's working together in the shed on these projects that keeps people socialised and gainfully occupied. This in turn staves off the early onset of geriatric health problems

Our shed was a yellow stickered, earthquake risk building and our friendly landlord allowed us to use it. There were two conditions. One was that we signed in each day acknowledging we were there at our risk. We were happy to do this. We also had to keep searching for a new and safer home.

Then the legislation was changed which made the landlord responsible for anyone in his building. He could not opt out by saying we accepted the risk. Given this he had no option but to ask us to leave. That was January.

We had been looking for a new home for five years. We made approaches to every empty building we could find in the city without success. There just wasn't the spare space, or it was way beyond our means. Unlike the country we don't have odd parcels of land, or paddocks with old hay barns.

Being made homeless, the first problem was where to store all our tools, timber paint etc. We didn't think we had much until it came time to move. We hired one of the largest units at a commercial store, 4m x 3.5m x 2.8m at a cost of \$310/month. Everything had to fit in there.

We furiously culled the many old screwdrivers, cheap chisels, broken tools we meant to fix, and a vast collection of mugs and plates. The Sallys came and took our furniture but we still couldn't fit. In the end, with almost tears in our eyes, we hired a big skip and dumped our wood store.

Next problem, how to keep the group together until a home is found. We have done our best for our five months of homelessness by meeting once a month in each other's homes. That has had limited success because coffee and a natter is not the same as working together on project.

We've missed Stuart's cheese scones, the vigorous discussions around a project on the best way to join this to that, Katrina's concerns about everyone's health, John's harrumphs as he ponders an idea. It's the people and their contribution to the shed's life that makes it all work. The lack of the shed and its facilities has resulted in some people drifting off to find other means of meeting their needs.

During those five months we've had many requests for our help with community work and some commercial jobs, but we've had to turn them all away because we had no shed.

The cost of storage each month meant we were haemorrhaging our small reserves. It was all very depressing. We been searching for new home for five years and now had been homeless of five months. The situation seemed hopeless.

Then came a response to one of the many pleas we'd made. This one from a Director the Capital Coast District Health Board. They were keen to find some space for us on the Wellington Regional Hospital site. At the time of

writing we have just signed a letter of intent and are about to move our tools and gear into an old hospital ward that's been unused for many years and has been vandalised over that time. In coming weeks we will negotiate a licence to occupy.

Given today's concerns about buildings, especially in Wellington, the Hospital Executive leadership team has taken great care to ensure that the building is structurally sound, the electrical circuits are in good order and the building is safe for us to use. The vandalism is mainly cosmetic and in time the City Menzshed will repair the damaged doors, broken cupboards and cover up the graffiti. The derelict ward will become our new home.

We are overjoyed. The place is a bit like us – old, with years of experience, but certainly not past it. Together we'll be able to continue our work of helping others.

Thank you for reading this.

John Shrapnell,

Secretary City Menzshed



The [Otaki MenzShed](#) celebrated it's 3rd anniversary with an afternoon tea.

Founding members and some partners attended the function.

President Ian Futter said it was wonderful to see so many there.

Founder of the MenzShed [Valdis Plato](#) acknowledged the wonderful contribution the members make to the local community. He also said it was great to see so much happen in the first three years of the Shed.



# Menzshed does a power of good in the local community

Menzshed continue to be very active in the local community. So much so, that the list of jobs to do has created a bit of a waiting list. It's amazing how the word gets out. Whether it's the guys going out into the community to do odd jobs, or repairs and renovation work in the shed, there's an ever growing list and it gets longer especially with the wet weather that we've had.

But that's what Taumarunui Menzshed is all about. As retired minister from St Pauls Cooperating Parish, Jack Roper said at a recent gathering to honour the Menzshed: "The Menzshed had a vision of doing things in the community, using their skills and talents to build a better community through care

and service."

Currently there are 114 sheds around New Zealand, 81 of which are affiliated to Menzshed NZ as is Taumarunui.

What is a shed? It is often asked what a Menzshed is, and the answer can be long! (a bit like a man's fishing story)

But to put it in a rather large nutshell, a Menzshed brings men together in one community space to share their skills, have a good laugh, and work on practical tasks individually (personal projects) or as a group (for the Shed or community).

The Menzshed is a great place for blokes to learn new skills from each other, or with each other.

The sort of projects a Shed tackles is entirely up to the Shed concerned,



Members of the Taumarunui Menzshed pose for a picture outside their headquarters.

however most Sheds around New Zealand take on community projects, the focus which includes helping those less well off and the older members of our

communities as does the Taumarunui Shed.

Also many couples find that after retirement, the shock of suddenly being with each other every waking (and sleeping) hour can cause friction, so the Menzshed is a great place to escape the stresses of the "underfoot syndrome", and the result is that women are among the most ardent supporters of Sheds. Guess why??

Although there are some Menzsheds that have women members.

It is well known that men have smaller circles of friends than women, so the Shed offers opportunities

to foster new friendships outside the social circles their partners establish.

One Sheddie once stated, after 10 months of development of his local Shed with a membership of more than 50; "Ten months ago none of us knew each other, but now it feels like we all went to kindergarten together!"

In Taumarunui the goal is: To promote and encourage men's wellbeing and health; to build self-confidence and values with a community contribution.

What they will do: - Wood working; Metalwork; Mechanics; Hobbies; Gardening; Home Projects; Fellowship and Community projects - the later two being their main focus at this stage.

They meet at the Old Croquet Club on Tutaki St. (Next to the Bowling Club) from 10am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (excluding public holidays).

Menzshed is very grateful to the Taumarunui Bowling club who allow us to use their old premises at little cost in recompense for help around the bowling facilities. And they are also grateful to the many people who have donated and given machinery and

tools to help build the Menzshed.

Bruce Scott, Operations and Safety manager says: "It's about comradeship and somewhere for superannuitants and other men to meet rather than sitting around deteriorating. It's all about having a purpose in life and putting something back into the community."

One guy drives all the way in from Ohangaro every get together just for the comradeship alone.

If you have any jobs wanting done please ring Bruce on 895-7554.

Many jobs have been completed so far this year and they include - trimming trees and hedges and taking the greenery to the dump. Fixing mailboxes, chairs, clotheslines, dining room table, curtain rod holder, casters on a bed and many other things. Building a linen cupboard and footstools for the ambulances at St Johns. Replacing rotten timber steps, beams and other restorative work and painting these and other things. Sprayed weeds, cleaned guttering, sprayed ivy, installed blinds, delivered beds to needy families, helped at the St John's book fair, pulled up

crosses for the RSA and many, many other things.

One of the big jobs that is in progress is conjunction with the Bowling Club is the creation of a Petanque Court for the public. Taking a leaf out of our Aussie counterparts it was decided to use artificial grass as a base for the two rink court. Burnings Targo were very generous in providing three rolls of grass at a third of the price as well as the joining tape and glue for nothing. It should be up and running by the new season.

Menzshed is also pro-active with other Menzshed around the country having visited Motamata early on this year and also the Feilding Field Days. The Menzshed are thankful to the RSA for allowing them the use one of their vans to get to these out of towners. These are a lot of fun and great days out.

At the recent gathering at St Paul's the Menzshed were presented with a plaque to show the thanks of the community which has been served. A thanks for a great job that the Menzshed is doing, voluntarily offering themselves for service to the community at no cost to themselves.



**Taumarunui RSA.**  
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## Shed News Region 4

The Rowley Shed was running a slot on Tuesday mornings that was not being used by the blokes... so the lasses grabbed the opportunity ...we now have a really dynamic group of folks in the shed (including one bloke who seems very happy with his group!) and these laddies and lasses are very much enjoying learning a range of skills and tools... to date we have repaired a few items around the center, re-mounted a heater on a different wall and built a range of small portable garden boxes.

If anyone was interested in popping by to have a look we are open on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 (except in school holidays). We share our space with other user groups (of which most of our shed members are part of some of them also) such as; the garden group, a stone carving group, an art group and a soon to be established cooking group. For a little shed we are pretty busy and enjoy a good crowd of locals.

The groups are funded often via Hagley funding so our focus is on teaching while doing and, due to our situation (small space & residential zoning area) this seems to work well.

We have the awesome Halswell Menzshed just up the road, so I encourage blokes to sign up there as well. They are also starting a ladies night on Wednesdays, so if you have anyone interested please contact them directly.

Cheers all,

Good luck with your projects!

Sven Christensen (Rowley Shed Coordinator)

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## What is a Men's Shed?

About ten weeks ago my wife showed me an advertisement for a job supervising a men's shed and doing community work at the Linwood Resource Centre. The job applications closed the day I saw the advert so I quickly rushed off an application and sent it. To cut a long story short, I got the job and found myself the new Community Development Worker for Linwood Men's Shed, due to start Tuesday the coming week.

On a whim, I decided to look up the shed information on the internet. Imagine my surprise when I saw the picture to the right. I remember telling my wife that I have just taken on the role as CDW of men without a shed.

Feeling a bit nervous, I arrived on my first day of work and got met by a bunch of really friendly people. They introduced themselves, then took me around the grounds to see the community gardens, the LRC house, the toy library and also, to my great relief, the Men's Shed pictured below, which had



been built in 2015



The LMS shed is a small one – 3m x 3m (or 10 foot by 10 foot if you are of that generation). It was built that size so no council resource consent was required and is an ideal place to put tools, store a bit of wood and have a couple of benches for maintaining tools. There is now a lean-to to the right of it covering the outside work bench and most importantly a veranda to the left, with plenty of room for a brew and a scone. The marquee is still used for rainy days if required.



Prior to my coming much of the work done was building type work – raised gardens, picnic tables, the shed itself. My background is 8 years visiting my mates shed every Tuesday and learning joinery, carving and wood turning. We were often joined by others who rolled in to do a project then left to their own lives again. It isn't a Men's Shed, but was certainly a men's shed. To me the centre of a shed is the saw bench – something we now have, along with a lathe, scroll saw etc. They need more than 3m squared to use, thus the dreams of a bigger shed but until then we are building mobile work benches that can be used under the veranda or rolled onto the lawn.



With the introduction of new tools and skills I'm finding we are getting requests from community groups to make use of the shed, to come in and learn new skills. We have teenagers from a local school, kids from a pre-school are going to help build their own cabinets, and Methodist Mission spent 90 minutes with one of their courses making tool boxes. In effect the shed is a community resource. As for the ladies from the community garden, they already staged a coup a year or so ago and built a pergola – with the willing help of the men.

So what is a Men's Shed? Well it's not a building – LMS have shown me that. For me the answer is that old saying: It's the people, it's the people, it's the people. Blokes doing stuff together. The shed itself will be used by the community and LMS (part of NZ Menz Sheds) but LMS itself is the people.

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## ***Shed News Region 5***

The Otago area has lost a valued shed member in the passing of the late Bob Biggart.

Bob has been the main driver in establishing Blokes--Mens sheds round the Dunedin area.

In 2007--08 he was the foundation member in establishing the Taieri Blokes Shed, with the Kings Shed following soon after.

Bob led the Taieri Shed for the first few years as president and stayed on the committee for another 3 years. he was excellent in drafting the sheds rules and regulations, including our constitution.

A man with plenty of vision, accepting all challenges as this was a new concept to the Otago area.

Over the ensuing years, Bob supported the establishment of the Alexandra Mens Shed. A few years later he was the driving force in starting a shed in North East Valley in Dunedin until ill health affected his input and amount work he could achieve. This was a difficult time for Bob as his health kept slipping but the mind was still willing. They are now established and up and running.

While doing this Bob still kept in touch with the two sheds he first established.

His passing has left a big gap in the Shed movement in the Otago Area. We as sheddies will continue his work and develop further in our region.

Thank-you Bob, for your initiative and enthusiasm in establishing our sheds to what they are today.

Bob is survived by his wife Nyhra, 2 daughters and families

Regards Ian Miller  
President, Taieri Blokes Shed

## North Dunedin Shed Society Inc

### **MENZSHED NZ status: Member**

Contacts: Paul Nelson, President 021 1458531 [madnel@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:madnel@vodafone.co.nz)

Our shed is located 35 Bonnington Street (just over the little bridge) off Norwood Street, North East Valley.

We meet Saturday and Wednesday mornings from 9.30.

We have the use of a large old farm shed which we have had to do a lot of work to before we could set it up as a workshop. In the last three years we have cleaned out an enormous pile of rubbish, old timbers (cut up and sold as firewood), laid down a gravel base to bring us up out of the mud and puddles and lay down a concrete floor.

We moved a transportable office building partly under the main roof and extended the electric power to this. Then we built end walls on the original structure including a roller door and incorporated two lockable containers as part of the rear wall.

Finally, we had it to a lock up stage. Now we are ready to start fitting it out as a workshop, obtain tools and machinery and finish running electric power to all areas. We have had some financial help from grant providers but need to apply for more.

Over the last three years we have had a number of people come and go with just a small, but very dedicated group, putting in a huge amount of work to get it to this stage. We are very keen to attract extra members and are continuing with publicity to achieve this.

Before



After



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### **Shed News Region 6**

The Westport Menz Shed is now operational after a big effort transforming a dilapidated shed into a workshop. Westport Menz Shed trustees wouldn't have been able to do it without the help from our sponsors, businesses and the community.

Following a community meeting to gauge interest, an inaugural committee was formed in August 2015. The Westport Menz Shed Trust was established and became affiliated to the National Menz Shed body.





It may not have happened without the Buller District Council providing an unused building at the old Peel Street works site and Community Grant funding to get the shed started.

Council property managers co-operation made the chore of getting the dilapidated shed operational much easier.

We started with a shed full of junk in an abandoned yard. No power, it leaked like a sieve, we had no money or equipment! But the community said a Menz Shed was needed. Workers were getting laid off at the mines, the cement works were closing, retirees were shifting to the district and people needed a place to meet, socialise and work on something positive.

Our major sponsors were Westport Mitre10 who provided paint, signage and discounted equipment; Electro Services/Buller Electricity who sponsored rewiring; Holcim NZ who donated workshop equipment and safety gear from the disestablished cement works maintenance workshop, and Coastal Construction providing replacement roofing iron. We have also been supported by the Trust Charitable Foundation, Holcim Grant, West Coast Community Trust, and the Lend a Hand Foundation.

Also appreciated has been the help from the community and businesses in donation of tools and materials.

Lastly the trustees who have put in considerable hours renovating and outfitting the shed while still fitting in some community projects.

Finally, we are opened our doors on Sunday afternoon the 9th July, 2017.

The Westport Shed is for men and women. *There are a lot of practical women on the Coast.* Our goal is a place where members can share their knowledge and skills applicable to practical projects. It aims to meet the educational and social needs of members, in doing so, improve the psychological wellbeing of its members.

As with most Menz Sheds, we want to uphold the tradition of getting involved in community projects. On the open day we made stoat traps for Predator Free 2050. Forthcoming projects are making seating and signs for the Kawatiri River Trail. Of course, members will also be encouraged to work on their own projects as well.

Opening day was about new members telling us what they want to get from joining the Shed, projects they want to do and when they want it to be open. Over sixty attended and thirty new participants expressed interest in being involved with the shed. Most were keen to work on community projects. Many also arrived with tools to donate to the shed.



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## ***Mens Sheds in the news thanks to LOTTO***

Lotteries did a great job with the feature that played on national television in what is probably the prime viewing time of the week, if you missed it here is the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZwjWNNVZRA> The featured shed is the Rotorua Community Menz Shed.



Here's the story on our website, also with a link to the video <https://mylotto.co.nz/community-winners/lotto-players-help-fund-menz-shed>

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## *International News*

# **Community Kitchens**

## **Frankston Men's Shed**

### **VIC. AUSTRALIA**

## **Recipe Book**



The Frankston Men's Shed VIC has been involved in the Community Kitchen Project for some time now. They have now produced their own recipe book. This recipe book includes some of the recipes that the Frankston Men's Shed Community Kitchen have tried, tested and recommend.

Go to <http://communitykitchens.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/FMS-recipe-book-2017.-FINAL.pdf>

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## *Research*

# **In the company of men – ‘sheddiess’ enjoy good health**

**Monday, 1 May 2017, 1:32 pm**  
**Press Release: Massey University**

**Monday, May 1, 2017**

## **In the company of men – ‘sheddiess’ enjoy good health**

According to urban myth, blokes just want to retreat into solitary ‘man caves’ or backyard sheds. But new research on the growing popularity of community sheds reveals older men relish the chance to collaborate over projects and socialise – and by doing so their health is benefitting.

“Men might discuss the results of cancer diagnoses and other health issues, the rugby, or arrival of a new grandchild whilst undertaking practical projects, from woodwork to computer programming,” says Dr David Anstiss, who graduated last week with a PhD in psychology from Massey University’s Auckland campus.

Making, fixing and building things in a shared shed are a backdrop for making new friendships that can help men navigate a significant life change. This companionship fostered through shared activity also improves mental and physical health, helping protect men from depression, loss of identity, loneliness, and even suicide, Dr Anstiss says.

‘Sheddies’ also gain satisfaction from contributing to their communities through projects they get involved in. Some wish their working lives had featured more camaraderie than cutthroat competition.

Dr Anstiss spent several months in the company of ‘sheddie’ – retirees of the Men’s Shed North Shore, one of over 30 such community spaces in New Zealand where men share their passion for fixing and making things, as well as passing on their skills and knowledge. They find companionship in what amounts to a “blurring of labour and leisure.”

His research highlights the value of the Men’s Shed movement in helping participants to stay physically and mentally well through supporting each other at a time when they often struggle to find purpose and meaning after adult lives centred on being the family breadwinner.

He hopes his research will demonstrate how men can relate to each other in positive ways that don’t fit the traditional narrative – of men as closed off, emotionally stunted beings. There is a dearth of research on “men’s need and ability to create spaces for care and positive social relationships,” he says.

“Retirement can bring about significant disruption for men who spend a large amount of their lives in paid employment,” he says in his thesis. “When leaving paid employment, men also leave places where they have developed a sense of self, secured resources, found meaning, participated in social networks, and engaged in practices of health and gender.”

The Men’s Shed concept underscores a key aspect of being male – the tendency to form bonds through productive activity – “shoulder to shoulder, rather than face to face”, as women tend to do.

In his literature research, he traces this behaviour back to our colonial roots, when mate-ship was forged around rugged practical aspects of survival and hard physical labour on the land.

Dr Anstiss experienced ‘sheddie’ culture first hand as part of his research at the Men’s Shed North Shore, which opened four years ago. He learned how to hold a hammer properly and to use a bandsaw safely, writing about his experiences, conversations and observations in a journal at the end of each day. He also interviewed 12 men individually or in a group about their experiences and reflections.

As one Sheddie told him: *“We were here sorting out nuts and bolts and washers and screws with people, which was a boring, boring job, but it was made interesting by the conversation and the relationships that developed through that.”*

In Australia more than 500 community men’s sheds have arisen over the last decade with the help of government funding and policy initiatives – something Dr Anstiss would like to see happen in New Zealand, where the development of Men’s Sheds is a grass roots response to local community needs.

### **Men’s Shed philosophy:**

Sheds do not treat men like clients, customers, or patients. They do not treat age as a deficit; there is no ageism. Sheds are a place where older men can rekindle their passion for life, where they can take advantage of



opportunities, where they can make friends and share their experiences and where, ultimately, they can be happy (Men's Shed North Shore, 2013)

Read Dr Anstiss's thesis [here](#).

<http://menzshed.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/David-Anstiss-Reconstructing-selves-Emplaced-socio-material-practice-at-the-Mens-Shed-North-Shore.pdf>

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/watch-gives-people-purpose-mens-health-revolution-born-in-kiwi-shed>

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## *Do you brand products produced in your shed?*

Thank you - We have had a few responses to this question in the last newsletter, some are included here which we hope will help;

### **1**

Hi

Re your request in the newsletter.

This is the system we use for branding, I drew the "Menzshed Bishopdale" in Illustrator then reflected it to get the mirror image.

It is then printed on a laser printer (it doesn't work with an inkjet printed sheet).

Spray a brand (printed side) with a fine spray of mineral turps.

Place it on the piece to be branded - it needs to be a planed surface - printed side down and rub it firmly with the head of a hammer

This leaves a stencil in the correct orientation which someone then goes over with the poker work machine

It's not fast (each one takes 5 - 10 minutes depending on how experienced the operator is) but then Menzshed is not about getting things done in a hurry and it does provide a task for those who are less skilled in other things. The guys like the rustic appearance of the finished brand.

We did look at getting a brand made and it was around \$300 for the brand and about the same for the heating attachment whether electric or gas.

The poker work machine is about \$240 and of course can be used for other things.

These can be obtained from;

Peter Dyne

Golding's Craft Supplies / Little Tom Clothing for Prems

Ph/ Fax 0800-555-585

<http://www.goldingcraft.com>

<http://www.littletom.co.nz>



## 2

And sourcing the tools to do hot branding varies, from the self contained branding handpiece connected to a Butane bottle (\$500~\$600), or the hand made iron (approx \$150) The price you pay also seems to be related to the quality of impression your tool will create.

Here are some examples:



## 3

And then there is the do it yourself stencil.  
Drilled and filed from a sheet of aluminium and used with a paint spray can.

