

HOWICK MENZSHED

Update Number 2

A Member Of MenzShed New Zealand

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Hi Shedless Men

Our second Update: time certainly flies.

Your committees have been busy over the last two months with regular meetings as we progress through the many stages of forming a Mens Shed.

As mentioned in our last Update we have an Interim Steering Group consisting of five persons which meets weekly, working its way through a multitude of tasks required to get the Shed off the ground.

This group reports back to a larger Interim Advisory Group monthly to seek their guidance and endorsement of decisions taken.

Storage space

We are starting to get offers of donations of tools and equipment and urgently require secure space where they can be stored.

If you have any surplus space or know of any space we could use for free please let us know.

Other Mens Sheds

We have undertaken a survey by way of an emailed questionnaire, of other Mens Sheds throughout New Zealand and are collating the responses.

Through analysis of the responses we can learn what works and what doesn't work in establishing sheds. This will hopefully save us a lot of time as we develop our shed.

What's been happening?

This is a work in progress and whilst some potential premises on our list are still possibilities none have yet proven to be ideal. Some would require substantial dollars to be invested in them to bring them up to what we would like and to reach standards required for compliance with regulatory bodies.

We are also investigating the option of building our own purpose built shed. Whilst this would result in more functional and appealing premises the cost is much greater and will therefore take much longer (some years) as we will have to raise significantly more funds.

In the meantime if you hear of any suitable premises (unused or underutilised buildings) please contact one of us and we can investigate it further.

Visit to North Shore Mens Shed

The Interim Steering Group visited the very successful North Shore Mens Shed at Glenfield. This was indeed an eye-opener and certainly highlighted to us the benefits of having a purpose built shed.

However, this comes at a cost (in excess of \$200,000) and took many years to build.

Unless we find suitable existing premises soon we may have no other option than to go down this path. The North Shore Shed (which is approximately 3000 sq. ft. in size) is already proving too small for them and they are about to commence a 1000 sq. ft. extension.

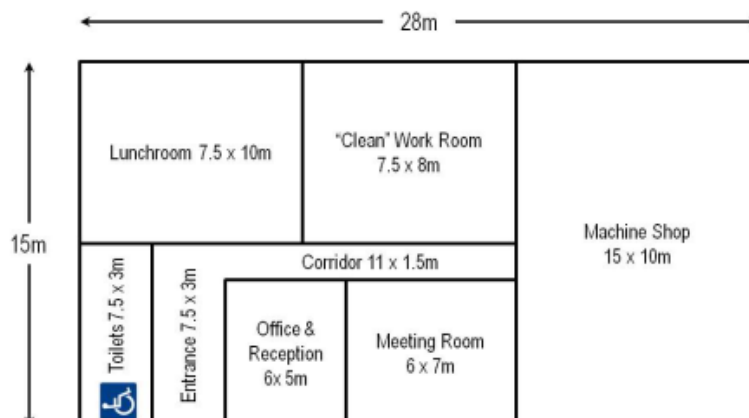
There are a couple of photos on the next page and you can see more on their website:

www.MensshednorthShore.org.nz



Left: A concept drawing from Fairdinkum Sheds.

Below: A possible purpose built shed layout. This one is around 420 sq m (4000 sq ft).



Donations

Thanks to all of those who attended the initial public meeting in July and made a gold coin donation.

As mentioned in our last Update this raised some \$155 towards our Shed. Moving forward we will need additional funds for expenditure during the establishment phase and until we form a legal entity we cannot source funds or set a subscription.

The Interim Advisory Group has agreed to call for an initial donation from prospective members. Anybody making a donation of \$25 or more will be appropriately recognised when our Shed becomes operational. As we do not have a bank account, the Rotary Club of Half Moon Bay Charitable Trust has agreed to hold & administer any funds until we form a legal entity.

Donations are voluntary and if made to the Trust will be tax deductible.

Your donation would be very much appreciated and will assist in forming our Shed.

You can make a donation in one of two ways:-

- Make an Internet banking transfer to the Trust bank account:

Rotary Club of Half Moon Bay
Charitable Trust

Westpac Howick

Account # 03-0166-0436357-00

(Please show HMS and donor's name and initials in particulars)

- Sending a cheque made out to the Rotary Club of Half Moon Bay Charitable Trust to:

Rotary Club of Half Moon Bay
Charitable Trust

P.O. Box 54 197

The Marina, Auckland 2144

(Please include donor's name and address)

- Or If the above are not practical phone Campbell Butcher on 537 1424.



Above: The North Shore Shed - this end soon to be extended!

Right: The main workshop and storage facility on the North Shore.



General

We will send another Update to you before Christmas and at this stage are planning a barbeque for everybody in February next year. This will give you a chance to mix and mingle and get to know one another.

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Name: -----

Date: -----

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All donations will be receipted.
Thank you for your support.