



NEW ZEALAND Newsletter – Oct 2017

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

National

A MENZSHED CONFERENCE 2018 – To be held in Auckland

Friday 27th April – Sunday 29th April 2018
Host for this Conference – Howick Mens Shed

Note this date in your diary!

A Conference update was delivered by Chairman Paul Cressey of the Howick Shed at the last Region One Meeting. He has confirmed that St Kentigern College in Pakuranga Auckland will be the Conference venue and lodgings for out of towners.

Progress can now begin on organising the program for the conference weekend, keep a watch out for a conference update in November.

The MenzShed Conference 2018 is a great space for shed members to see other sheds and network too.



Rothbury Insurance broker Steve Minnis advises that sheds which have joined the scheme need to review their insurance cover to ensure that it is appropriate to present day values, to advise if changes are required and if you have a pending claim.

Lumley insurance are willing to insure trailers through our (Rothbury) small business facility, Platinum Plus. Idea of cost to insure a Trailer - valued up to \$3,000 would be \$147.71 per annum inclusive of GST and levies (that is the company minimum premium), subject to a \$500 excess; \$4,000 = \$157.37, \$6,000 = \$192.65 .

I have been unable (sadly) to negotiate a reduction in excess (I was working on a \$50 excess option), which reflects the hardened state of the insurance market at this time.

- is cover provided for any member who is using the trailer for shed business - YES
- is cover provided for any member who is using the trailer for personal use – YES, with the permission of the Menz Shed

- any requirements about storage of the trailer. – YES – Due care must be taken to ensure the Trailer is not easily able to be stolen e.g. stored in an enclosed property, ball lock in towball, padlocked and chained to a solid object etc (common sense stuff really given the number of trailers that are stolen).

If you know of any Menzsheds that would like to arrange trailer insurance please let me know.

The renewal of the Menzsheds insurance programme falls on the 14/12/2017. I will be sending an email out to each chapter shortly asking that they review their present insurance cover to ensure it is satisfactory and advise if they are aware of any events that might give rise to a potential claim against their respective insurance held.

I intend to make mention in my renewal email, the option and cost to extend cover to include Tools cover anywhere in NZ and insurance cover for trailers.

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Shed News Region 1



PAPATOETOE SKILL SHED INTRODUCTORY VISIT TO BOOMER BUSINESS

On June 26th Boomer Business had a visit from 11 retired residents of Old Papatoetoe with the aim to invite them into our Boomer workshop one morning per week. This area of South Auckland does not yet have a Mens Shed, so we are happy to accommodate them here at Boomer Business in the meantime.

We are looking at starting up this project in September. Watch this space!



Shed News Region 2

MAAATE YA JOKING

A couple of PAUANUI Sheddies recently holidayed on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland and while there, visited several Mens Sheds, swapping ideas, opinions and comparing their activities in supporting the local communities. They were allowed to photograph equipment and products made for sale.

Many items were of great interest, in fact some will be put to use except for one which floored us. Imagine building these boxes for a similar purpose in Aotearoa.

These boxes are built to encourage possum breeding and one was offered to us to bring back.



Our comment :- **MAAATE YA JOKING**

PAUANUI MENZSHED INC

We're on the move, from small beginnings in 2013 which doesn't seem that long ago,



Incorporated in 2013 with a membership of 12 Sheddies, we have grown in 5 years to over 40 at the last count. During that time Sheddies have come from all walks of life and have helped us outgrow our original premises, tripping over each other and using machinery just doesn't mix. Timber stored outside, gifts of equipment, unusable due to lack of space.

to now, just a stones throw away. Equipment is now in our new premises and at the time of going to print we are in the throes of sorting tools, building benches, fitting security and as you will see, installing a roller door, just to name a few.



An opportunity to move to the Annexe of the Pauanui Sports & Recreation Club suited our Committee just fine & although some jobs in the community are on hold until we sort our gear out, the move gives us a great workshop to develop over the next few years. Meantime a huge fundraising program is well underway.

As well as this move we are well advanced on a huge fundraising project involving the whole community, the RNZAF, all our Sheddies and sponsors alike. Selling 5,000 tickets @ \$20 each of which \$5 returns to the selling organisation, Schools, Info Centres, Sporting groups & the like. A parachutist drops on to our local airstrip, & if he lands on your spot on the grid there's \$50,000 first prize. Many other prizes will be won on the day - a huge event with huge rewards.





A shooting gallery

No not that sort, this sort



On Wednesday 11th October a film crew based itself at the Mothership to start production on two short films



about our partners **fairdinkum SHEDS** and Mens Sheds in New Zealand.

The filming included a number of interviews with locals from the community and the Henley and Greytown Mens Sheds, along with footage of a range of shed activities in action to capture some of the diversity in a shed.

Good things take time so we will all have to wait for the release of the final cut, we will keep you informed.

Shed News Region 4



122 Peel Street, Westport

The Westport Menz Shed recently held its 3rd AGM at their premise in Peel Street Westport. The Westport Menz Shed, which also includes female members, is well on the way to achieving its goal of becoming a centre for creative people to gather and work at personal and community projects.

A recent task, nearing completion, is the production of many stoat traps, to be used in predator control in the

Buller area. Machinery and tools, purchased and donated, have already enabled members to produce many of these traps in a relatively short time.

The Chairperson, Peter Doncliff, stated that it had been an eventful and successful year for the Menz Shed, and thanked members for their efforts in getting things up and running, and he also thanked the many sponsors who had contributed so generously.

The Westport Menz Shed opened its doors in July with a public open day. Many took the opportunity to view the facility with thirty expressions of interest in joining.

Early September the shed ran an induction and safety training workshop through a Buller REAP Adult Learning programme. John Bush, Henley Mens Shed, facilitated the two sessions. The Saturday session was for shed managers and trustees, focusing on shed management and governance. On the Sunday twenty-four attended the induction session. It was a fantastic opportunity for everyone to get to know each other, share expectations and discuss shed safety.



We are now open every Wednesday morning and members have been working on building more stoat traps, shed improvements, sorting donated tools and their own projects. When the whitebait season finishes we hope to add Sunday afternoons. The Westport Menz Shed looks forward to growing and expanding its place in the community.



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International News



Australian Men's Shed Association
SHOULDER TO SHOULDER

The Australian Mens Shed Association Conference was held in Surfers Paradise from 29th Sept to 1st Oct attended by a great number from Australian Mens Sheds along with a delegation from Ireland and a Kiwi.

Site visits to Mens Sheds and other workshop sites of interest were impressive. This was followed by some great interactive workshop sessions with a clear focus on Governance, management, future proofing and shed safety.

Want to read more about the conference go here - [AMSA national-mens-shed-conferences 2017](#)

As usual the informal chats between sheddies revealed so much and many a connection made to build on into the future via the internet, sharing ideas, solutions and general good fellowship. Of note was an interest from maybe a dozen good Ozzy blokes to come on over to the Mens Shed Conference in Auckland next year, and of course they want to get out and see some Kiwi Sheds, so if you are in Auckland, they are coming so get ready.

Help if you can

I am planning to make a classical guitar out of New Zealand timbers as a Mens Shed project.

Do you know of a member who has experience of building musical instruments with a view to sourcing suitable NZ timber and getting advice on how best to proceed?

If so, please refer them to me at my email address boeing17@gmail.com

Thanks and regards

Kevin Hansby MENS SHED in Auckland East.

Did you know?

Have a look at this company and the tools they have created. <https://www.arbortechtools.com/au>
CarbaTec are agents for some of their tools in NZ



TURBO Range



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