

## Post National AGM 2015 and Shedders Ramble in Wairarapa

The weekend of 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015 was kind to us weather wise, and saw an inward migration of 42 blokes representing 18 sheds from North Shore to Kaiapoi, to attend the Menzshed New Zealand AGM and a Shedders Ramble hosted by local Sheds Wairarapa style.

Comprising a social evening on the Friday night with plenty of chatter on the common theme, Mens Sheds and how the blokes make a difference in the community, along with pizza straight from the oven the scene was set for a productive two days to follow.

Saturday started with a visit firstly to Magoo's Street Rods, followed by a tour of The Vintage Aviator workshop, both places a haven for blokes seeing what is skilfully crafted at two very unique places of interest.



Lunch was served at REAP House the venue for the AGM (REAP House was also the venue for the first Mens Shed gathering in NZ in 2010) and with the election of officers and general business over quick smart, (you will find the minutes of the AGM on the website).

Then it was on to a panel discussion responding to burning questions from Sheds on operational issues. (Panelists L~R are Richard Burgess-*Featherston*, Ray Hall- *New Brighton*, Archie Kerr-*NaeNae*, Mike Flower- *Moore Stephens Markhams*)



A sponsored dinner held at Masterton Motor Lodge kept the questions coming and responses shared to and from the participants over the dinner table in another social setting accompanied by an excellent buffet meal.

Sunday was a tour of Sheds in the Wairarapa, commencing at MenzShed Featherston to view the newly relocated building in the main street and the renovations underway.

**MENZSHED**  
**FEATHERSTON**



Followed by a tour of Greytown Menz Shed with the official opening by the Mayor of South Wairarapa Adrienne Staples, and morning tea.



Then on to Henley Mens Shed in Masterton aka The Mother Ship, to be inspired by one of the most extensive Sheds in New Zealand with its many facets that cater for the diverse activities of the more than 130 blokes who do so much, In the Community for the Community.



We now look forward to the next national gathering in Christchurch 2016.