

MENZSHED NZ Blue Skies Conference
Kaipoi 15 – 17 April 2016
Diversity, Collaboration and Health
15 January 2016

Only 3 months to go to the conference and registration is now open.

Registration

The preferred method of registration is by using the online form, one form per person.

<http://goo.gl/forms/4L1ktrJplm>

If registering and paying as a group, use the same booking reference on each booking.

Alternatively the form [Conference Delegate Registration](#) can be printed, completed and sent to:

Ray Hall, 10 Halsey Street, South New Brighton, Christchurch 8062, New Zealand.

Payment

If registering and paying as a group, use the same booking reference on each booking.

Add up the cost of registration, breakfasts and accommodation that use the same booking reference. To help you keep track of an individual or group booking cost, one of the following documents will help: [Conference cost calculator PDF](#) or [Conference cost calculator Excel](#)

Make payments by direct bank transfer to;

MENZSHED NZ Inc., 38-9014-0191718-01, quoting your Booking reference in the Particulars field and your Surname in the Reference field.

Alternatively, Cheques should be made payable to MENZSHED NZ Inc. and sent to;

Ray Hall, 10 Halsey Street, South New Brighton, Christchurch 8062, New Zealand..

No booking will be finalised until the correct payment is received.

“Our shed in a shoebox” exhibition

The social get together on Friday will include the opening of the “Our shed in a shoebox” exhibition. This is not a competition but a way of sharing ideas and demonstrating what your shed can produce or the activities that your shed participates in.

The only criteria is that the exhibit or exhibits must fit into a shoebox for transportation to the event, a level playing field for all. At the event, it can be assembled if needed and opened up for display. Do not bank on having wall space for your exhibit, if it needs a stand, the box or contents thereof may be your best option.

Multiple shoeboxes from sheds are permitted.

There is no other criteria; gadgets, toys, tools, musical instruments, posters, models, games, art, wood, metal, stone, electronic etc.. are just some of the options.

We are not intending to award prizes as we anticipate a wide variety of exhibits but there will be some donated product to be drawn in a free raffle for each shed that participates. Carba-Tec, Mitre10 and Bunnings have already donated \$1000 of product.

The theme for the conference is “Diversity, Collaboration and Health”.

- Diversity – recognising the variety of sheds, solutions employed and issues affecting operations
- Collaboration – working with the community, other charities and sheds
- Health – achieving improvements in men's health

Timetable overview (see [Conference schedule](#) for more detail)

Friday 15 April	11am – 12:30pm 12:30 pm - 5pm 5pm until late	Registration and lunch Welcome followed by internal and external sessions Social get together, “Our shed in a shoebox” exhibition and Carba-Tec bbq dinner
Saturday 16 April	9am – 5:30pm 6pm until late	Official opening and conference sessions Fairdinkum Sheds Conference dinner at the Kaiapoi Golf Club
Sunday 17 April	9am – 12pm	Q&A session, AGM and conference conclusion.

Accommodation

The accommodation available onsite at Blue Skies is in the Youth Lodge and the Conference Centre (see maps <http://www.blueskies.org.nz/>).

NOTE All bookings for accommodation and camp sites at Blue Skies must be done through the registration process, Blue Skies will not be accepting any bookings made direct for the conference weekend.

All rooms are with shared facilities and the special Conference rates are:

- single rooms - \$120 per room per 2 nights including linen,
- twin rooms - \$180 per room per 2 nights including linen and
- bunk rooms - \$20 per person per night + \$15 linen hire if wanted. Bunks have a clean pillow and pillow case and you can take your own bedding, sleeping bag etc..
Note that the bunk rooms will not be used to their maximum capacity to provide extra space for the more mature occupants.

Camp sites are also available:

- powered - \$35.00 per 2 Adults (\$22 single), \$8.00 per Child, per night and
- non powered - \$13.00 per Adult, \$6.50 per Child, per night.

A continental breakfast will be available at Blue Skies for \$13. Tea and coffee etc. will be available throughout the day with a light snack for morning and afternoon breaks. Wifi is available onsite.

There is a motel at the entrance to Blue Skies <http://www.kaiapoionwilliams.co.nz/> and other motels approx 6kms north and south. See below for other motel, hotel and holiday park options.

Partner programme

The partner programme will include a trip to the private Northbrook Colonial Museum, Rangiora <http://rossburnreceptions.co.nz/4Museum.html> on Friday afternoon and on Saturday a tour of Christchurch. The tour will include plenty of time to look around the CBD attractions as well as a tour of the suburbs. There will be no partner programme on the Sunday.

Feedback is welcomed

If you have any questions or comments, please send an email to conference@menzshed.nz or call Ray Hall on 03 3887 277.

Venue

MENZSHED NZ is supporting Scouts NZ through the use of the Youth Lodge at the Blue Skies Conference and Training Centre <http://www.blueskies.org.nz/>. Blue Skies is 17km from Christchurch International Airport and the heart of Christchurch, Cathedral Square.

Blue Line buses service Christchurch Central, Northlands Shopping Centre, Kaiapoi and Rangiora. The buses stop outside Blue Skies and run approximately every 30 minutes Friday and Saturday, hourly on Sunday. See timetable

<http://www.metroinfo.co.nz/timetables/Pages/Timetable.aspx?routeid=B>

Supporters of the conference

[FairDinkum Sheds](#), [Carba-Tec](#), [Rothbury](#) and the [Cancer Society](#) are supporting the conference.



Donations or offers of support have also been received from; [Progressive Financial Planning](#), [New World Kaiapoi Supermarket](#), [3M](#), [Blackwoods Protector](#), [Mitre10](#), [Bunnings](#) and [GoBus](#).



Other accommodation options

There is a motel at the entrance to Blue Skies <http://www.kaiapoionwilliams.co.nz/> (red arrow) and other motels approx 6kms north and south.

A search for nearby hotel, motel or holiday parks in Google Maps or looking at the map in hotel booking sites such as <http://www.booking.com/> will show many other motel, hotel and holiday park options.

The planning committee is working hard to provide an informative and enjoyable weekend. We look forward to seeing you there, renewing friendships and showing you some of what Canterbury has to offer.

Ray Hall

Chairman, MENZSHED New Zealand

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