

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

#### *Shed News Region 1*

The September 2016 **Region one meeting** was hosted by Boomer Business in Manurewa and chaired by Anita Curlett. Sheds attending were North Shore, Auckland East, Massey, Whangarei, Boomer Business, Gribblehurst and Howick.

**East Auckland** - This shed is working closely with their Local Board towards finding a suitable site on which to build their Shed. Terry explained that Auckland Council had changed the method of obtaining Leases for Council land and was to meet with their Community Lease Advisor Ron Johnson to discuss available sites. Their members are busy working on a large project for the Ellerslie Fairy Festival.

**Massey** - Andrew reported that they still have not found a suitable venue for their permanent home and despite not having a shed the members are active within the community on a variety of projects.

**Whangarei** - Jack Freeman and Mike Collins represented this shed, they have a membership of 75 and are open three days per week with regular attendance. Their Shed has a Historic two rating and their major project is the restoration of this large 700m<sup>2</sup> building with the big job of raising in the vicinity of \$1,000,000.00 to cover the costs. They do have a tenant at one end which helps funding but they have given notice of terminating their lease.

**Gribblehurst** - Patrick informed the meeting that Auckland Council had completed the removal of Asbestos material, rewired and lined the building. The lease was still to be signed and it is expected that their opening will not be too far away. They have a database of 100 potential members.

**Boomer Business** - This shed acts under the Manukau Beautification Charitable Trust and is open 4 days each week providing facilities for both Males and Females by offering cooking, sewing, computer classes as well as the woodwork, engineering, electronics.

**Howick** Still looking for a suitable site with the help of the Local Board. They have a setup committee of nine members, 30 financial members and a database of 130 potential members. Regular Coffee mornings are held with attendance of 20 which keeps the members up to date with progress. Active with several small community projects in keeping the intent of the residents.

"Following an initial request to MenzShed NZ from **Newell Brands Australia/New Zealand**, representatives of Boomer Business and Howick Mens Shed met at Newell Brands to find a large pile of boxes of surplus tools, including driver bits, drill bits, saw blades, hole saws, a wooden bench with a steel top and vice, and items of stationery they are also agents for.

Newell wished to offer these to Mens Sheds and it was agreed we would distribute them across the network of Auckland Sheds.

After collection the contents of the boxes were sorted into a number of piles and repackaged for distribution.

At the Regional meeting in September an assortment of Newell's products were presented to:

Whangarei Community Men's Shed

Massey Community Men's Shed  
Auckland Central Community Shed  
Hibiscus Mens Shed Trust  
Auckland East Men's Shed  
Howick Community MenzShed Inc  
Manurewa Boomer Business

The bench is being currently stored in Howicks container.  
All the sheds were very appreciative of the donation and supplied additional letters of appreciation.

Thank you NewellRubbermaid for your support. The tools are greatly appreciated and will be put to good use.  
In particular thanks Pat Ryan, Priya Bhardwaj and Narelle Leader for your help."

**Donations** - Discussion on sheds with surplus equipment and methods of sharing these surplus items with other sheds was had. The meeting was reminded that the National website has a page for this and sheds that would like to use this should contact - [webmaster@menzshed.nz](mailto:webmaster@menzshed.nz)

### **NorthShore**

The original Locomotive (Green) arrived at the Men's Shed North Shore from a local Library in a state of disrepair and the request for the Shed to brighten it up for Children to play on. The unit was stripped down and completely rebuilt. The face was carved from three layers laminated of MDF board. The project took many hours and now is the joy for many

North Shore Children when they visit the Library.



## Shed News Region 2

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## Shed News Region 3

**Martinborough Mens Shed** was just an idea 18 months ago but with strong community support and help from other Wairarapa Sheds, not only is the Shed up and running there were too many spare tools. As a fundraiser, an auction was planned a few months ago and the public invited to make donations of saleable items from their sheds, homes and garages. Two months of collecting items resulted in 171 auction lots which raised nearly \$4000.

An auction of this size takes a lot of organising by a dedicated team and a big turnout of members in the 4 days around the event to raise tents in case of rain (it didn't), organise and record the lots, be marshals for the sale and clean up afterwards. Many hands made light work as the turnout of members was impressive.

Will it be an annual event? Jury's out on that question as the main problem to solve is having a space to store the donated items and hold the auction. The Martinborough Shed is happy to share their experience and tips if interested.



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### Eketahuna MenzShed

Wednesday 26th October was a significant step for this newly formed Shed, the sign went up over the workshop door, and the Chairman of the Henley Mens Shed handed over the certificate of membership of the national body.

Eketahuna MenzShed operates as an outreach of the Henley Mens Shed and in partnership with the Eketahuna Health Centre.

Its all about blokes health and wellbeing, with the Nurses making cups of tea and fresh baking every Shed day.





## National news

**By now member Sheds will have received advice by email on how to access the latest benefit of being a member of the national body.**

### **The offer - up to 10 litres of Cabot's product**

Cabot's is now a major sponsor of MENZSHED New Zealand Inc.. As part of their support, they are offering sheds that are members of MENZSHED New Zealand up to 10 litres of Cabot's product from the interior and exterior product range delivered free to your shed.



**This offer is only for sheds that are current members and have registered with MENZSHED New Zealand prior to 1 October 2016.**

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## Shed News Region 4

### **Rolleston Mens Shed**

It has been a big month for all the guys at the shed finishing off most of the jobs ready for our opening on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. A good crowd attended the 2pm opening with the ribbon cut by the Mayor, Mr Kelvin Coe. Mr Coe had some nice words to say about our group and felt it was a great fit for the area. All the visitors had some connection with the financing, construction or supply of materials for the project. There was a great representation from Selwyn District Council who supported us all the way, so nice to see them. Everyone was able to have a look through and then try some of the beautiful food provided by the member's wives. A great spread was had by all. The weather held off for us after a foggy start but by the afternoon it was much better. Members from other Canterbury Men's Sheds visited and by the comments they seemed to think it was Ok.

On the following day we had an open day for those who could not attend on Friday and helped clean up the food.

We have a woodworking area of 70m<sup>2</sup>, engineering of 70m<sup>2</sup> and our meeting room/computer training with kitchen and toilets of 50m<sup>2</sup>. The meeting room has been hired out twice in the last week for local community meetings. The land is council owned but we own all the buildings and equipment. We await another engineering lathe and large drill press which is coming from Blenheim in the next few weeks. There is a vertical slotting machine also coming shortly.

We now have 42 paid up members and open 3 days per week, Monday, Wednesday & Saturday 9am till midday. We may have to extend the days shortly if membership keeps growing.

We also had a fundraising BBQ at Bunnings in Tower Junction on Saturday. This was the first one we had ever done and the boys tell me they want more help next time as they were busy, busy, busy and that showed in the takings.

On the next page is the cutting of the ribbon by Mayor Kelvin Coe assisted by Neil Bennett. The cake and the complex.



### **Canterbury Men's Shed Hub Meetings**

The hub meetings have been ongoing since 2008 and are open to all sheds in Canterbury. Initiated by the [Canterbury Men's Centre](#) (CMC) with the intention of fostering the development of sheds in Canterbury, the meetings are held every 2nd month at different sheds. A loss of funding meant the CMC could no longer organise the meetings and the organisation was taken up by a local shed. CMC has however continued to support sheds with the production of shed flyers and promotion in their publications *Blokes Book* and *Fun for Men*.

The latest meeting was held on 22 September at the new Bishopdale MeNZ Shed <https://www.facebook.com/BishopdaleMenzShed/>

A doctor gave a talk on men's health, the need for regular checks and the use of defibs. That was followed by a talk from [Evolocity](#) on their [competition for schools](#) building and racing electric vehicles, [power tool drag racing](#) and [FESTT](#), Nov 27, A & P Showgrounds, Christchurch.

Volunteers to help with the latter would be appreciated. [Check it out here - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5XqtdVjugC0&authuser=0](#)

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## Shed News Region 6

### Menz Shed Waimea

The last month has been a fantastic month at our shed and this has mainly been due to you our members who have actively got involved and supported projects at the shed.

A lot has happened during the last month with internal walls being removed to create a large open plan area. Kitchen has been rearranged, interior linings have been removed and insulation installed. A wheelchair accessible ramp has been built and a large deck outside the front door which will be great for sitting outside on hot days for smokos.

Jimu added a touch of class to this deck by inserting a herring bone design immediately in front of entrance door and Terry used router to carve MENZ SHED Waimea into some of the decking.

We are very grateful to Carter Holt Harvey in Eves Valley for their generous donation of timber for floor joists and to Bunnings for their generous donation of piles.

The main gates have been moved and a timber fence built. Blocks have been laid alongside path by engineering shed so we can level up the ground.

The engineering shed have a new plasma cutter and they have been busy putting it to work as well as doing projects for the shed and other small projects.

The woodworking shed has been busy making doors and windows, doll house, storage box for 150-year-old doll, furniture repairs, ramp and grab rails for hospice patients.

The wig stands that Alan Berryman is making are for the cancer society and were mentioned the international Rotary Magazine.

The second one is after one of our working bee's at the end of the month which we finish off with a BBQ.



The last one is some of the boys erecting our new gateway into the grounds (next page)





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## *More on the News front*

### **Charities Services**

Many sheds are registered with Charities Services (CS). Registration offers recognition in the community as a credible charity and access to funding providers.

The downside is compliance. Organisations must keep their record with CS up-to-date by notifying changes to your Rules, your Officers and filing annual financial and performance reports.

The key people within the shed that need to be aware of compliance matters would usually be the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. If you have recently taken up one of those roles, you are recommended to visit the CS website and see if your organisation is up-to-date. One of your shed officers will have a login to update your shed information.

These links will be helpful:  
[Charities Services homepage](#)  
[Recently introduced reporting standards](#)  
Keep updated via [blog](#) and [newsletters](#)

### **Member Benefits**

Sheds that have joined MENZSHED NZ for a modest annual sub of \$25 benefit from ongoing discounts from major NZ chains. And sheds that were members on 1 October have been offered a one time free offer 10ltr Cabot's product, delivered to the shed.

Some of the benefits are available to your sheddies for personal projects. The information below is just a reminder for sheddies. The details (which include member only passwords or purchase codes) have been separately emailed to shed contacts (the chairman or secretary usually). Lost the details? Contact [secretary@menzshed.nz](mailto:secretary@menzshed.nz) for an update.

### **Resene Paint**

Discounts off the normal retail, available at Resene owned [ColorShops](#).

20% off testpots 55ml-80ml

20% off Resene premium paint up to 4L size

10% off Resene premium paint 10L

15% off wallpaper

15% off accessories

10% off industrial products.

Sheddies need proof of membership and the discount code each purchase. Your shed's management have instructions on how to access this member only offer.

### **NZ Safety Blackwoods Protector**

Discounts depend on the product. MENZSHED NZ member sheds and sheddies get the maximum level of discount, the same as forestry and industrial firms. Flybuys also apply.

Asking for a discount on specials will be refused - just saying!

Sheddies need to know the user name. For [website](#) orders, a user name and a password is required. Your shed's management have instructions on how to access this member only offer.

### **2017 Annual General Meeting - Monday 15 May (7.00 or 7.30 pm start)**

Previous communications with sheds have advised of our intention to use a virtual meeting format, hosted by GoToWebinar. A survey of sheds indicated solid support for the proposal and a preference for a weekday rather than a weekend time.

Trials of GTW are underway, and the sheds that responded to the questionnaire will be invited to sessions on 2 November. Trials will also be available from late April.

AGM documents will be distributed to sheds late January.

### **Regional Representatives**

We welcome Chris Davies from Picton shed to cover a new Region 6 - top of South Island.

Rob Hall from Whakatane shed has resigned as Region 2 representative. MENZSHED NZ is working with member sheds in the Waikato, Hawkes Bay, Bay of Plenty districts to co-opt a rep until the 2017 AGM. Interested in the role? Contact your shed management committee to secure a nomination.

Who is my Regional Representative? Visit <http://menzshed.org.nz/> and click the **About Us** button, top left of page.