



## Timaru Community Menzshed – Newsletter #2 May 2018

Hello again, another month has gone by and the Menzshed project is progressing well. Our steering group members have been hard at work and we've achieved a great deal both administratively and on the ground.

We have successfully registered as an Incorporated Society, received our IRD number and have opened our bank account. Additionally we have set up an email account, started a website, designed our logo and letterhead, dealt with one hundred and one other details and signed a lease on a property to use as our shed.

The interior of the building was in need of some attention so our band of merry men have been busy using their practical skills to update and refurbish it to a high standard. Our landlord has generously provided the materials while we put in the labour. There is still some work to be completed but we hope to be able to open the doors by early July. We'll let you know when we have a firm date but initially we expect to be open on the following days and hours.

**Saturday 9 am to 1 pm; Tuesday 9 am to 1pm; and Thursday 9 am to 5 pm.** We expect to review and amend these hours as our membership grows and projects develop. The Shed is at **11b Shaw Street, Redruth, Timaru.**

Of course Menzshed is as much about socializing as it is about using our practical skills, so we've taken some time out to attend a Menzshed NZ regional meeting at the Ashburton Menzshed. While there, we were invited to attend another jolly at the Rolleston Menzshed, each event was an opportunity to meet other 'shedders', to learn from their experiences and share a laugh, exactly what Menzshed is about!

We've been very fortunate to receive many donations of tools, equipment, materials and professional advice from the people and businesses in the area and we are very grateful for people's generosity. Tools are personal items used and cherished by their owners during their working lives that are often donated, perhaps by a tradie who through infirmity can no longer use them, or by the family of a deceased owner, who want to see them put back to good use. We're happy to ensure these items continue to be used and our certified tester will check, tag and test them but we will dispose of any item which is beyond repair or is missing safety critical parts and is too dangerous to use, better safe than sorry.

As well as receiving donations from the good folk of Timaru, we want to be able to give back to the community by using our time and skills. If you know of any community project that would be glad of our help, things like small workshop projects would be particularly welcome, please let the Steering Group know using our contact details below.

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