

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

Shed News Region 1

Menzshed Kaitaia

It's been a long path to fruition - starting with the inaugural meeting in late 2015, setting up a steering committee and then with only a small number of the original interested individuals a shed was found (Compliments of Toll) and the shed has been readied for Menzshed Kaitaia to operate from.

Power outlet has been wired, the walls have been insulated, lined and painted and the electrician just needs to check the wiring for the extra power outlets (last week of July) and hook up the power. There will be tasks for members to tackle after opening like erecting benches and tidy up the shed security and we have a garden pallet furniture project to undertake to pay in kind for the insulation we used.

Very little in the way of machinery and tools has been donated yet so a campaign to source more donations of gear and/or cash for the same will be one of the first tasks of the club. There will also be an advertisement/news article in the local paper explaining the Menzshed concept and opening times.

We expect to be fully operational by August 1st 2016.

We are grateful for the donation of a Radial Arm saw and a buzzer from Whangarei Menzshed and if any other club from Auckland north has surplus machinery we would be keen to discuss this and how we can transport it to Kaitaia. Phone details below or on the Menzshed website.

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Your feedback from survey

A big thank you to the 40 Sheds who gave feedback through the survey conducted in June, your responses have assured the national executive that the current benefits negotiated with supporting businesses and organisations are being well utilised by member sheds.

The next step is to build on those benefits and to that end we have identified some of the more commonly requested benefits, services or resources and will be pursuing these over the coming months.

A few of your requests we will comment on here;

Tools and Hardware discounts e.g. Bunnings, M10, Placemakers, we have been down this path only to be advised that discounting and purchasing schemes are generally handled at branch/store level, therefore national schemes are not feasible. A number of sheds did tell us they have struck some special deals with their local store. This is the recommended course to follow for all Sheds.

Shed email addresses in menzshed.nz domain e.g. an email address such as cheviotmenzshed@menzshed.nz.

Is not an option, with the executive working as volunteers there would be too much overhead managing identities, managing passwords, assisting with set-up in email clients. We suggest that sheds initially use a free service such as Google's Gmail cheviotmenzshed@gmail.com. Charities can access the Google Not for Profit programme by applying through Techsoup NZ but this is not a straight forward process.

Similarly sheds that are Charities can access **computer hardware and software** through TechSoup at significantly reduced pricing.

Advertising brochures with a generic format that can be overprinted with shed contact details is to be explored, but in the first instance the executive seeks feedback on the level of interest in this (given that a number of sheds have already produced their own brochures)

So how much \$ would a Shed be happy to pay for a batch of 100 brochures. Your feedback via email please to; support@menzshed.nz

Buy, Sell, Swap tools and machinery between sheds has been available on the national website for a number of years, but rarely used, was that because Sheds didn't think to look on the web, offerings were geographically too far away ??

What we propose is that the web page will remain - <http://menzshed.org.nz/resources/swap-buy-and-sell> and in addition Sheds should keep in contact with their Regional Representative (find yours on the About us page of the website) to keep up with what is being offered, and what's on the wanted list within that region.

We will with the help of the Webmaster attempt to make things a bit easier to find on our website, but if you are looking for something/anything, it's easy to ask, just send an email to support@menzshed.nz and we will try to find you a solution.

MENSHED NZ Annual Subs (\$25)

Most sheds have now renewed, following the reminder sent early July. Thank you

Uncertain if you're still outstanding? Contact Peter Blacker treasurer@menzshed.nz.

For those sheds which haven't paid, your status on our website will very soon change from Member to Complimentary Hosting and as a consequence not be eligible to receive member only benefits.

With at least 25% of Member Sheds already taking advantage of the special benefits available through **Blackwoods Protector**.



Now you have even more reason to be glad of your membership of MENZSHED New Zealand.

Introducing NZ Safety Blackwoods, you will have recently seen an announcement about some positive changes happening in our business that will enable you to take advantage of a wider product range, more specialist capabilities and enhanced service from our business.

Over the next few months, we will be joining forces with NZ Safety and Packaging House under a new brand called **NZ Safety Blackwoods**.

2016 Conference outcomes

3 months on from the conference and we are seeing some positive outcomes from the conference. One such outcome was a closer relationship with the Australian Men's Shed Association.

MENZSHED NZ Member shed access to the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) website

Previously a lot of useful information relating to the setting up and running of a men's shed was publicly available on the AMSA website. The movement of that information to a member only section of the site was understandable but it cut out access to other national organisations as well. Providing access for member sheds in NZ was discussed with David Helmers, Executive Officer of AMSA during the conference and it is now operational.

AMSA have already had a number of positive emails back from NZ sheds in regards to having access to the member only section of the AMSA website. Have you checked it out?

Worthing UK men's shed visit

On a recent holiday in the UK, our chairman tore himself away from the beach to visit the men's shed in Worthing. <https://www.facebook.com/meninshedsworthing/>

"It was interesting to see a small shed operation where there was a diversity of goods produced; for sale, for community projects as well as personal projects on the go. The shed has low overheads, a situation many would envy.

Goods, that are produced in the shed that I visited, may then go to another nearby workshop to be painted. This second workshop provided an opportunity to involve a wider group of people that may otherwise not get involved in the shed. The goods to be sold, go through the local Worthing market or direct to the customer.

Thanks to Ralph and the guys for taking time out to show me around and answer my questions".

Canterbury Men's Sheds Hub Meeting

The Canterbury men's sheds hub meetings have been held regularly for the most of the time since 2008 and are open to shed representatives from member and non member sheds. The last bi-monthly meeting held at the Rangiora Menz Shed in May including an amusing and informative men's health presentation by Doctor Steve Walsh. Future meetings are being planned for late July and in September, the latter at the new Bishopdale shed.

Fair Dinkum Sheds (FDS) boosts awareness of men's sheds in New Zealand

Using footage shot for a TV advertorial series, as well as some Australian Men's Shed pics to fill it out, you can see the video at the top of the Fair Dinkum Sheds Facebook page. This is about to be 'boosted' as a paid ad reaching tens of thousands of New Zealanders.

<https://www.facebook.com/FairDinkumShedsNz>

If your shed has video content that can be used, FDS can create more footage for use through the year. They would love to get their hands on anything available now, or that gets developed in the future. Please send videos and any queries to chairman@menzshed.nz.

Bunnings support of men's sheds in NZ

Bunnings would like to offer support to Men's Shed during their up and coming Father's Day Campaign from 25 August – 4 September. Their stores will individually contact their local Shed and offer some support with a "hands-on" project(s) and other fundraising opportunities – e.g. Bunnings sausage sizzle or awareness tables / tin shaking during this time period. *Note that shed participation is entirely optional.*

They will also be having a Father's Day Family Night in their stores on Wednesday 31st August and would like local groups to come into stores and gain awareness for their shed and the organisation.

Shed News Region 2

[\[Send us an article on your shed for the next newsletter\]](#)

Shed News Region 3

Upper Hutt Menzshed

We as a relatively new shed have been able to accomplish a lot in the last year.

I guess most importantly the Upper Hutt City Council nominated us for a community award sponsored by Wellington Airport and to our surprise was runner up out of 14 nominations.



So far we have completed 12 community projects of which some are:-

The making of 34 boxes to hold a set of indoor bowls,

The design and construction of a folding screen to mask a switch board at the Trentham Railway station for the Spinners and Weavers Club

The fitting out of a bike shed for our next door neighbours to convert it into a smoking shed.

The provision of higher settee legs for a pensioner enabling the comfortable use of their existing furniture.

The making of two houses for turtles

The remanufacture of a piano into a work station for children at the Pinehaven Playcentre.

The replacement of a missing leg for a sofa for a priest of a local church.

The provision of mobile book rack/book shelf for another playcentre

The manufacture of three BBQ tables for the Petone Central School for their lunch programme

Other projects under way

These include bird feeders, toy bobcats, toy trucks, wooden horse to mention a few for the forthcoming Spring Festival where we are taking a stall.



Here are some of the toy bobcats and trucks under construction for the spring stall where we will be showcasing the reasons why having a Menzshed in our community is so important.

One of three tables made for the Petone Central School in conjunction with the Lower Hutt Rotary Club May 2016.

We have four members with disabilities who find their membership is really making a difference to their lives and look forward to coming each week. Phil Kidd



School holiday programme full of fun at Henley Mens Shed

Talent will out, as they say. And it seemed that way when 30 young people rolled up to the Henley Mens Shed on Tuesday as part of the Equippers holiday programme.

The challenge was to assemble Rimu picture frame kitsets, with Mens Shed supervisors judging the finished products.

From a selection of high quality frames the experts chose the work of a 11-year-old as the standout, and sheddie Peter Tibbs presented her with her very own hammer.

The kitset plans are available on the national website



Featherston Menz Shed

It's all go at the Menz Shed recently with working bees completing the projects at Davis Sawmill and the shed's former site on Moore Street.

A number of projects have been completed or are in hand for Featherstonians and local organisations, often just little jobs that otherwise wouldn't get done but make a difference.

We welcome new members Neil, Ken, Harsha, Gary, Barry and Keith and hope they make good use of the shed's facilities.



Barry has already made his debut on the tools and was turning out new legs for a sofa restoration project on one of the shed's lathes.

Rod was putting the finishing touches to another of his wooden toy creations, a splendid break down truck destined for a lucky grandson.



New members are always welcome.

Web site

<https://www.facebook.com/FeatherstonMenzShedInc>

Email featherstonmenzshed@hotmail.com

Opening times: Tuesday 10am –4pm, Thursday 6:30pm –8:30pm Sunday 1pm –4pm

Community Post

New Zealand Post supports community organisations and the valuable work they do through Community Post. This year, we're looking forward to donating 1 million postage-included envelopes and other NZ Post services to not-for-profit groups across New Zealand to help with their community projects.

Community Post 2016 applications are opening soon

Applications open online on **1 August 2016** and close at 5pm on **31 August 2016**.

Mens Sheds fit the Health and wellbeing theme

The health and wellbeing of our communities is vital. Any not-for-profit organisation with projects that assist in encouraging physical activity, healthy living or general wellbeing will be considered.

Find out more - <https://www.nzpost.co.nz/about-us/sponsorship/community-culture/non-profit-community-post>

Shed News Region 4

McIver's Oxford Community Men's Shed



The original idea for the shed in Oxford started back in 2008. At that stage a small group of men came together and established the shed. In early 2009 they formed a trust. They were fortunate in having the support of the local school who allowed the men to use the workshop on a Saturday morning. The shed measuring 17m x 9m with 6m x 3m carport was donated by a local company in 2010 and was built over a period of ten months by the members of the shed. Funding for the foundation came from a grant and the donations from twenty local folk who supported the venture. It was officially opened in October 2012. From the conception to where we are today has been exciting times.

The men have been involved in:

- Community projects – seating around Oxford, Cemetery gates, Pergola by the police station, signage for Community Orchard, etc.
- Been involved in Kids Fest holiday programmes.
- Undertaken mentoring programmes with students from the local school.
- Built a number of projects for the local school.
- Developed father and son activities.
- Men from the local retirement village attend a weekly session.
- Completed a wide range of personal projects.

Funding has been an issue for the men but with donations and the odd job they have become self-funding. The shed has been set up with a wide range of woodworking machinery, metalworking area, recreation area and quiet office space. Over the years they have fully insulated and lined out the shed. The shed is open on Tuesday evenings and Thursday and Saturday during the day. They are trialling women in the shed on Tuesday night with the view to having women's session during the week.

Chairperson Trevor Scott

Since the last newsletter, the Picton Men's Community Shed has signed up a couple of new members. It always pleases that a catchment as small as Picton's is able to support a growing membership.

PREDATOR TRAPS GALORE.

We've been fortunate to receive an order for the manufacture of predator traps, and no sooner had the order been met, than the client came back wanting more. In total, 250 predator traps will have been constructed and handed over to the Picton Dawn Chorus, a community minded group aimed at pest elimination and the preservation of bird life. This order is great for the Men's Shed coffers. It's great news for the native bird population, and we hope the proliferation of new traps will be spreading fear through the pest community.

THE TREBUCHET PROJECT.

For those not up on medieval history, a trebuchet is a form of siege engine. They were used in Christian lands, and Muslim lands around the Mediterranean, during the 12th to 15th century.

Their primary role was to launch projectiles (weighing up to 350 lbs) at, or into, enemy fortifications.

We received an enquiry from a local Scout Group. Could we make 6 for them? Please!

And so, under the direction of our Paul Frazer, we've had a team of men constructing a prototype. Test firing recently took place; a 3 kg pumpkin170 feet. Our team is making some adjustments before another test-fire. The goal is 200 feet for a 3 kg pumpkin.

Once this is attained, the prototype will be tweaked and 6 trebuchet will be constructed and handed over to our local Scouts.

The local rugby ground bore testimony to the test-fire. It was littered with pumpkin seeds and fragments of shattered pumpkins. We anticipate they'll be a bumper crop of Triamble pumpkins ripening there come next autumn.



A request from Blenheim Menzshed

We have a 'Sakura Inventive Corp wood lathe WL-1000 , 1987 . It has a threaded drive about 18mm dia and app 8 threads / inch . The spur drive which screws on has been uplifted OR lost . We are looking to see if any other Shed has the spur drive they can spare , we will pay for it etc.

Thanks David Miller , Blenheim Menzshed -

millerconz@gmail.com

[Send us an article on your shed for the next newsletter]

Did you know of this business?

A number of Sheds have found this business very helpful in obtaining those odd or rare fixtures and fittings, their website is easy to navigate and if you ask them nicely they will probably send you a hard copy catalogue.



Visit their Website: <http://www.comac.co.nz/>



Did you know: All their products now have a video attached so you can see the actual item.

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