

OPENING AND WELCOME: Trevor S welcomed attendees at 7:30.

APOLOGIES: Appendix 1: Moved acceptance Roger B, David B. Carried.

MINUTES OF 2023 AGM: Appendix 2

Roger B advised that the Minutes had been reviewed by the executive committee and distributed to sheds. Moved acceptance Roger B, John G. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES: There were no matters needing discussion.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Appendix 3

Trevor's report had been distributed earlier. He thanked the executive team for their support, and noted Keith Dickson's service as Regional Rep. Also thanked were businesses, Cabot's in particular.

Moved acceptance, Trevor S, Ian M. Carried.

Tony A commented on a need for how sheds might better involve members who aren't necessarily keen on traditional shed activities. For example, a cycling group.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Appendix 4

David's financial statements and reports had been distributed earlier and he spoke to those. Noting in particular...

- the deficit would have been greater if RRs had availed themselves of travel budget
- reimbursement of RR travel will become unsustainable at present level of shed subs
- RRs don't always claim for travel, if they had, the deficit would have been greater.

Questions, Comments

Peter B

- asked if donations from Carbatec \$2,000 and Rothbury Brokers \$500 will be passed on to the 2025 Invercargill Conference Committee. David A - yes.

John G

- suggested that the exec team prepare a vision and budget covering say five years that covered major expenses and income on a capitation fee basis.
- capitation basis \$5 unpopular, \$1 might be realistic.

Philip DP

- what other forms of income could be considered so that MENZSHED NZ and sheds are sustainable.

Trevor S

- it's a challenge to get accurate information from sheds of member count. Best estimate is 4800 sheddies.

Moved that the Financial report be accepted, Trevor S, John G. Carried.

ELECTIONS:

- Results of Regional Representatives elections (Roger)

Region	Nominee & Shed	Nominating and Seconding Sheds
Waikato, Bay of Plenty	Wayne Anderson, Matamata	Matamata, Mt Maunganui
Marlborough, Nelson, Tasman	David Packer, Renwick	Renwick, Blenheim
Canterbury, West Coast	No nomination received	

The nomination for David Packer was received on time.

The nomination for Wayne Anderson was received after the close date. It becomes the responsibility of MENZSHED NZ to work with member sheds to secure a candidate, and we recommend acceptance.

Moved that the Nominations be accepted, Trevor S, Keith D. Carried.

- Elections for: Chairman & Support Services

Role	Nominee & Shed	Nominating & Seconding Sheds
Chairman	David Broadhead, Auckland East	Howick, Tuakau
Support Services	John Bush, Henley	Featherston, Eketahuna

- Candidate Statements - Appendix 5

Moved that the Nominations be accepted, Trevor S, Keith D. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS/REMITTS:

Constitution update - Roger

- Follows the model Rules at the Societies Office
- Members are sheds - not people
- The year end will change from 31 March to 31 December. This will facilitate preparation and reviewing the annual financial report in good time for Annual General Meetings
- Version 6 to member sheds 26 April. No particular feedback from sheds
- Suggests that the Constitution is regularly reviewed - fit for purpose.

Moved that the Constitution be accepted, Roger B, David B. Carried.

Location of Registered Office (Rule 2.1) - at the address of the Secretary

MENZSHED NZ Membership fee (Rule 7.2) - the exec recommend that the member shed subscription remain at \$25.

Keith D - recommended that the subscription invoice could make it more prominent that sheds may make a contribution greater than \$25.

Moved that the 2024-2025 subscription be \$25. Trevor S, Tony A. Carried.

Appointment of Reviewer (Rule 12.1) David Atkinson - recommends Gill Loomes, Amberley.

The 2025 AGM will be held at Invercargill. Peter B gave a brief summary of the programme and venue at the Kelvin Hotel.

David B spoke of Trevor's service as Regional Rep - almost a decade. And then the extra role as Chairman, fulfilling responsibilities as we and sheds grappled with the implications of Covid-19.

Trevor thanked Keith D for his service as Regional Rep.

CLOSE: 8:06

APPENDIX 1 Attendance and Apologies.

ATTENDEES	ATTENDEES - MENZSHED NZ Exec
Dennis Easton, Howick Stoney Burke, Brian Aislabie, Tuakau Wayne Anderson, Matamata Philip du Plooy, Te Puke Richard Cato, Bill Bailey, Te Awamutu Graeme Morris, Henley John Bush, Featherston Tony King, Otaki Tony Annandale, Kapiti John Gibson, Tawa Bill Rogers, Picton Graham McHaffie, Renwick Derrick Wales, Pegasus Tim Joyce, Halswell Lyll Simpson & John Yarrall, Lincoln Richard Millett, St Martins Alan Jackson, North Dunedin Peter Bailey, Invercargill	Trevor Scott, Chairman David Atkinson, Treasurer Garry Bryant, Support Services Roger Bowman, Secretary David Broadhead, Regional Representative Keith Dickson, Regional Representative Murray Campbell, Regional Representative David Packer, Regional Representative Ian Miller, Regional Representative
	APOLOGIES: (5) Alan Minson, Auckland East Martinborough Shed Richard Rendle, Bishopdale John Cook, Timaru Riverton Shed

APPENDIX 2



CONFIRMED MINUTES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023 Saturday 15 April at 1:00pm at MenzShed Kapiti

OPENING AND WELCOME: Tony Annandale (MenzShed Kapiti Chairman) and Trevor Scott (MENZSHED NZ Chairman) welcomed sheddies and guests to this tenth AGM.

APOLOGIES: Appendix 1: Roger Bowman read the apologies, no others received from the floor.



MINUTES OF 2022 AGM: Roger advised that the minutes had been distributed to member sheds with Agenda documentation. No matters arising. Noted that the roles of Support Services and Regional Representative for Canterbury Westland remained vacant, the latter being fulfilled by Trevor Scott. Moved that the Minutes be accepted as a correct record, Roger, Keith Dickson. Carried.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES: None

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Appendix 2 Trevor spoke to key points in his report. Moved the report be accepted, Trevor, Roger. Carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Appendix 3 Peter Blackler spoke to the critical items in the report and advised that a review had been completed by Ian Butcher. Moved the report be accepted, Trevor, Roger. Carried.

ELECTIONS:

- Results of Regional Representatives elections (Roger)

Region	Nominee & Shed	Nominating and Seconding Sheds
Northland, Auckland	David Broadhead, Auckland East	Auckland East, Howick
Taranaki, Manawātū-Whanganui, Hawkes Bay, Wellington	Murray Campbell, Henley	Henley, Carterton
Canterbury, West Coast (Vacant since 2019)		
Otago, Southland	Ian Miller, Taieri Blokes	Taieri Blokes, East Otago

Nominations for David Broadhead and Murray Campbell were received on time and declared elected.

Nomination for Ian Miller was received after the close date. Moved Trevor, Murray Campbell that Ian be elected to the role.

- Elections for: Treasurer Secretary Support Services

Role	Nominee & Shed	Nominating & Seconding Sheds
Treasurer	David Atkinson, Amberley	Amberley, Oxford
Secretary	Roger Bowman, Waimea	Waimea, Tapawera
Support Services	Garry Bryant, Auckland Central	Auckland Central, Auckland East

- Candidate statements had been distributed to member sheds.
- Moved Trevor, Ian Miller that the nominations be accepted. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS/REMITTS:

- Remit from Blenheim & Renwick sheds - Gratuity \$500 p.a. each for Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer.

Comments from sheds had earlier been redistributed to sheds for consideration.

Voting for and against (including Proxy votes held by the Chairman and others) resulted in the Remit failing to pass.

- Location of Registered Office (Rule 2.1) At the address of the Secretary - 17 Lakehouse Cres, Richmond 7020.
- MENZSHED NZ Membership fee (Rule 7.2) Regional Reps are expected to visit sheds in their regions, that will now start to include overnight accommodation and a meal. There are sufficient funds to cover this for 2023, 2024. Sub remains at \$25.
- Appointment of Reviewer (Rule 12.1) To be decided by David Atkinson.

- The 2024 AGM is proposed to be held by GoToWebinar and 2025 at a Conference. Invercargill have offered to host. Regional Rep Ian Miller expressed confidence in the Southern Region to host, including the local attractions.
- Trevor thanked Peter Blackler for his decade of service to MENZSHED NZ and presented a Limestone sculpture. Peter responded with thanks and how much he has enjoyed his time as Treasurer and seeing the growth of sheds.



CLOSE: 2:04

The AGM was followed by an address from Diane Turner, Director - Office for Seniors. Summarised at Appendix 4.

Afternoon tea was served with a slice of the tenth anniversary cake.



CLOSE: Meeting closed at 8:15.

APPENDIX 3



Chairman's Annual Report 2024

It does not seem like a year has passed since the last annual report was written, how time flies. I must say it has been a pleasure to be Chairman of MENZSHED NZ and being able to work with a very dedicated team of volunteers who form the executive.

My thanks go to our webmaster working in the background making sure the web is kept up to date and who passes on all enquiries from the web.

My thanks go to the secretary who I know works extremely hard to make sure that the organisation functions extremely well.

To the treasurer my thanks for all the work you have done keeping us informed of our finances and budgeting for the year.

My thanks to the regional representatives for all the time you have spent working with sheds in your regions. Thank you for giving so kindly for expenses that were never claimed in order to keep to the small budget that you were given.

To our support person my thanks for the support you have given the executive over the year.

To those who are standing down from the executive a very big thank you for all you have done over the time you have spent on the executive. I am sure the regions valued your input.

It has been a year of ups and downs. On the up side we have had a number of sheds establish and join MENZSHED NZ. On the down side we applied for funding so that the executive could meet face to face and work on where we want to be as an organisation in the future but alas this was not to be as the funding was turned down. The executive needs to meet at least once a year to talk about the big picture things of the organisation. We need to have a focus and goals for MENZSHED NZ to work towards. We are a national organisation serving a large number of sheds throughout the country. It is time to be more professional about what we do instead of just meandering along as has happened in the past.

During the year many sheds experienced significant premium increases within the Rothbury Insurance Brokers scheme and we're advised that the insurance underwriters have faced significant off-shore reinsurance costs. We have valued and appreciated the relationship with Rothbury's over more than a decade, but do understand that our member sheds have the freedom to seek other insurance options.

Our newsletter is a great way to circulate what is happening around the country to member sheds. There are a large number of sheds that don't appear to see what they do as being important enough to provide an article for our newsletter. What you do is very important and having you support our newsletter with an article and pictures adds to making the newsletter interesting and showcasing activities. It also gives all sheds ideas for projects. Many thanks to our editor for all the work he does in putting the newsletter together. It is an excellent and informative read.

We have been very well supported with sponsorship from businesses. My thanks go to Rothburys Insurance, Cabot's, Carbatec, Machinery House, NZSafety Blackwoods, Resene Paints, Workshop LED Lighting and The Shed Magazine for their continued support. There are a lot of individual businesses supporting local sheds that are not national supporters but have given generously over the year. I have always encouraged sheds to form relationships with local companies and this has paid off well for them. My thanks to all businesses who give their support to their local sheds.

2025 sees us at last being able to hold a conference. My thanks go to the folk in Invercargill for taking up the challenge to host this event. I see the programme being developed and it looks most interesting. This is one of the most important events for MENZSHED NZ and I hope that sheddies will support it enthusiastically. A conference enables folk to meet and talk about what they do at their shed, share project ideas and ways to enhance the activities at the shed. It provides an injection of ideas that we all need from time to time. It also provides an ideal focus point for chatting about ways that MENZSHED NZ can grow in the future.

What does the future hold for sheds? That's the question. I have pondered this many times. I see we are at a cross road. Stay as we are or enhance what we do down at the shed. It's time to look at a range of activities that could be undertaken to enhance the health and wellbeing of members. An example of this is a fitness programme put in place to assist the members with day to day movement and health. There is so much we can do. It does not need to focus around the making of things in a workshop. I have been asked what I can do at the shed when I don't have practical skills. We may be not appealing men as they see only practical activities being undertaken. My answer is there may be small groups of men who like biking, walking, art activities, doing puzzles etc. The shed becomes a place of meeting up for some activities. Here is a challenge to sheds. What can you do to provide other activities that are not directly linked to the practical activities in the shed? I have visited sheds in Australia and seen a wide range of activities undertaken. We need to be looking to enhance what we do.

We as a national body need to be proactive with regard to talking with local government and national government in order to gain funding for what we do in terms of men's health and wellbeing. We provide at a local level enhancement to men's health through the coming together and making connections with fellow men. We make a difference within our communities for those who come down to the shed. I have heard two statements that support this: "I would not be here if it was not for the shed" and "it gives me a purpose in life".

I look at centres like Wellington, Auckland and central cities around the country and see few sheds. This is due to many problems, one being cost of buildings and the other is having a team of men to drive the venture. It may also be that we have not done enough work on promoting sheds. Being visible at aged folk expos etc helps to get the message out. You never know what someone can do for you unless you talk with them. It is great to see growth in sheds each year. My vision of a shed in all towns and suburbs may be a dream but let's not stop dreaming.

It is time for me to step down from the executive. I have enjoyed the eight years served on the executive both as a region representative, the chairman and the newsletter editor. My thanks again for all the support given to me by fellow executive members and the encouragement given to me by shed members around the country. I leave the organisation but will not stop promoting MENZSHEDS where ever I go.

My regards to all Sheddies.

Trevor Scott

Chairman MENZSHED NZ

May 2024

REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

MENZSHED NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED

I have reviewed the financial statements from the accounts MENZSHED NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED for the period ending 31 March 2024.

Management Committee's Responsibilities

The Management Committee of MENZSHED NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED is responsible for the compliance of accounts which fairly reflect the financial position of that organisation as at 31st March 2024 and the results of activities for the period ending 31st March 2024.

Basis of Opinion

A review includes examining, on the basis, evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. This also includes assessing whether the accounting policies are appropriate to MENZSHED NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

I have obtained sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

Other than in my capacity as reviewer. I have no relationship with or interests in MENZSHED NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED.

Qualified Opinion

I conducted my review in accordance with generally accepted standards in New Zealand. In common with other organisations of a similar nature, control over all the income due prior to its being recorded, is limited, and there are no practical review procedures to determine the effect of this limited control.

In my opinion, the financial statements, showing total equity of \$22,709.55 and a deficit for the year in the Current Operating and Online Saver Accounts of \$79.96 fairly reflect the financial position of MENZSHED NEW ZEALAND INCORPORATED as at 31st March 2024 and the results of the activities for the period ending on that date. An amount of \$2,500 is shown for Contingent Liabilities.

My review was completed on 15th April 2024 and my opinion is expressed as at that date.



Gill Loomes
Reviewer

Amberley
15th April 2024

MENZSHED NEW ZEALAND Inc.
Statement of Financial Performance
For Year Ended 31 March 2024

	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
Operating Income		
Membership Subs	\$ 3,225.00	\$ 3,150.00
Donations from Member Sheds	\$ 185.00	\$ 250.00
Buchan Group Donations	\$ -	\$ 500.00
PayPal Buchan Book Sales	\$ -	\$ 534.26
Electric Kiwi Donations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Interest	\$ 564.35	\$ 285.33
Total Operating Income	\$ 4,974.35	\$ 4,719.59
Operating Expenses		
Domain Name Renewal / Website Hosting Fee (14/05/23 - 17/11/26)	\$ 545.09	\$ 180.54
GoTo / Zoom Meeting Fee (Executive Meetings)	\$ 150.60	\$ 384.04
Webinair AGM 2023 Meeting Fees	\$ 411.05	\$ -
AGM 2023 Expenses	\$ 273.32	\$ -
Leaving Gift Peter Blackler	\$ 150.00	\$ -
Courier Expenses	\$ 34.00	\$ -
Refund Living Corp Expenses	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Koha Financial Reviewer (2021/22 \$82, 2022/23 \$89.98)	\$ -	\$ 171.98
	\$ 1,564.06	\$ 1,236.56
Travel Expenses		
Keith Dickson	\$ 679.47	\$ 155.00
Trevor Scott	\$ 1,332.44	\$ 619.50
Ian Miller	\$ -	\$ 780.00
David Broadhead	\$ 220.06	\$ 500.00
Mike Collins	\$ -	\$ 75.00
Dave Packer	\$ -	\$ 325.00
Roger Bowman	\$ -	\$ 418.00
Murray Campbell	\$ 1,175.28	\$ -
Gary Bryant	\$ 83.00	\$ -
	\$ 3,490.25	\$ 2,872.50
Total Operating Expenses Current Account	\$ 5,054.31	\$ 4,109.06
Net Operating Surplus (Deficit)	-\$ 79.96	\$ 610.53

Conference 2020 Dunedin Expenses		
Refund Living Corp Expenses	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Conference 2020 Dunedin Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Conference 2020 Dunedin Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ -	-\$ 500.00
Conference 2023 Hastings		
Registrations for Hastings Conference	\$ -	\$ 4,161.00
Refund of Registrations Hastings Conference	\$ -	-\$ 4,161.00
Conference 2023 Hastings Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$ -	\$ -

Statement of Financial Performance

As @ 31 March 2024

KiwiBank Accounts

Current Operating Account 00	2023/24	2022/23
Opening Balance @ 1 April 2023	\$ 5,962.23	\$ 5,137.03
Plus, Net Operating Surplus (Deficit)	-\$ 644.31	\$ 825.20
Closing Balance @ 31 March 2024	\$ 5,317.92	\$ 5,962.23

OnLine Saver Account 02	2023/24	2022/23
Opening Balance @ 1 April 2023	\$ 12,702.55	\$ 12,422.34
Plus, Interest	\$ 559.94	\$ 280.21
Less, Transfer to 01 Account	-\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
Closing Balance @ 31 March 2024	\$ 10,762.49	\$ 12,702.55

Conference Account 01	2023/24	2022/23
Opening Balance @ 1 April 2023	\$ 4,124.73	\$ 4,619.61
Plus, Interest	\$ 4.41	\$ 5.12
Dunedin Conference Surplus (Deficit)	\$ -	-\$ 500.00
Plus, Transfer from 02 Account	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -
Closing Balance @ 31 March 2024	\$ 6,629.14	\$ 4,124.73

Total Accounts	2023/24	2022/23
Opening Balance @ 1 April 2023	\$ 22,789.51	\$ 22,789.51
Plus, Net Operating Surplus (Deficit)	-\$ 644.31	\$ 825.20
Plus, Interest	\$ 564.35	\$ 285.33
Conference Surplus (Deficit)	\$ -	-\$ 500.00
Transfers	\$ -	\$ -
Closing Balance @ 31 March 2024	\$ 22,709.55	\$ 22,789.51

Contingent Liabilities-Conference Sponsorship Retained Account 01	2023/24	2022/23
Carbatec	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Rothbury	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00

I certify that this financial statement will be presented to the members of MENZSHED NZ Inc. at the Annual General Meeting on 11th June 2024 by video conference.

This financial statement for MENZSHED NZ was reviewed by Gill Loomes on 15 April 2024.

Signed 

David Atkinson
Treasurer
MENZSHED NZ Inc.
Registered Charity No. CC49919

Filed with Charities Register June 2024

MENZSHED NEW ZEALAND INC.
TREASURER'S REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

MENZSHED NZ Inc. maintains a robust financial position for the year ended 31 March 2024, even though we are presenting a \$80 deficit compared to a \$611 surplus from the previous year.

The Board had foreseen a deficit, as an increase in travel expenses for the regional reps had been approved at the start of the financial year, even though that many of the reps had not taken up this increase. In fact, if all reps had utilised their available travel budget, there would have been a far greater deficit than has occurred.

This year had been a trial in increasing the travel allowances in an endeavour to have a greater visibility with sheds with more visits. It did identify that the present subscriptions would be totally inadequate when visiting sheds on a more frequent basis. Our goal of visiting sheds once every 2 years, together with a strategic planning meeting and AGM every second year, would be impossible to implement.

In addition, operating expenses have increase due to testing other online meeting apps, following the dissatisfaction from members at last year's AGM with the Webinar app.

Expenses for the financial year totalled \$5,054, an increase of 23% from the previous year. MENZSHED NZ expenses are primarily travel expenses, reimbursed to board members to fulfil our core objectives of visiting and supporting both existing and new sheds wishing to set themselves up.

Income for the financial year totalled \$4,974, a slight increase of 5% from the previous year. Even though subscriptions showed a slight increase of \$75 or 2%, donations from sheds reduced by a similar dollar amount.

Whilst MENZSHED NZ position is robust, we would be unable to maintain this increase in travel expenses for the coming year. A strategic planning meeting is being planned as well as the AGM in Invercargill in April 2025 would increase our expenditure substantially. However, we have sufficient resources to continue operations for the 2024-25 financial year.

David Atkinson
Treasurer
MENZSHED NZ Inc.

**2024 ELECTIONS
CANDIDATE STATEMENTS
FOR OFFICER ROLES**

John Bush - Nominated for Support Services

Offers himself for election.

Employed as the Shed Coordinator/Manager at the Masterton Henley Mens Shed since the Shed opened June 2009, the Shed has a membership in excess of 120 blokes, and open Monday to Friday.

Background in Mechanical engineering also involved in Industrial law, and management roles in wood products remanufacturing. John is also qualified in the Health & Safety field - Loss Control Management.

Shed activity has been developed on a number of fronts ranging from Men's health sessions, Tutorials, Discussion groups, Cooking and Baking, as well as Wood working, Gardening and Metalwork. Shed users are encouraged to complete individual projects and community items as well as enjoy the fellowship of Men and the opportunity to chat over a cuppa, or the latest offering from their pizza oven.

John has been involved in Mens Sheds nationally since the first national gathering in 2010, assisting in the development of Men's Sheds across New Zealand through the provision of advocacy and being the vehicle for the sharing of resources that encourages communities to create their own Shed styled around the Men in that community.

John previously held the At large/Support Services position on the national executive 2012 to 2020 and has assisted with the benefits package to member sheds. His particular interests are to support the development of big picture focussed matters such as Mens Shed Week annually and informative research to strengthen advocacy for Mens Sheds nationally.

David Broadhead - Nominated for Chairman

I'm a Pom, born and raised in the Scarborough of "Scarborough Fair" fame and yes, I went to said fair as a child; it was an overgrown travelling amusement park a bit like the Auckland Easter Show back then.

I spent a large chunk of my working life flogging food ingredients to Japan (where I did my OE from 1983 to 1986), and have lived here since 1987.

I am a member and ex board member of Mens Shed Auckland East (so yes; sorry - I'm a Jafa!) and have been the Region One Representative since 2020.

My first contact with men's sheds came via a Rotary project called Tools for Schools. North Shore and other Auckland sheds were major contributors of used tools which were sent to secondary schools in Taveuni Island in Fiji. I spoke about the project at the 2018 national conference in Auckland and before that at a region one meeting at Auckland Central shed when Ross McEwan was the regional rep.

I think that men's shed are a great concept and as I approach the official retirement age I see my involvement as an investment in my own future; I want to make sure that the organisation is well set up for a future time when all I want - or perhaps all I am able - to do is make sawdust and swarf.

During my time as Regional Rep I have had the pleasure of visiting many different sheds and working with lots of different people. I am aware that in the voluntary sector ironically there is a shortage of people volunteering their services to take up key roles or to perform the tasks necessary to keep sheds running smoothly, from the basics of cleaning the toilets and taking the bins out to the more cerebral tasks such as strategic and succession planning.

I have limited practical abilities in the workshops - either wood or metal - but love acquiring new skills, making new friends and working on projects, be they personal, shed or community based. I believe that in a perfect world - and finances permitting - shed members should be free to do whatever they like in their shed, thereby increasing the chances of them coming back the next day. And / but - in that same utopian environment - members would also be offered the opportunity to acquire new skills, which would then lead to them deriving greater satisfaction from their activities and at the same time make them more able to contribute to the success of their shed; a propitious cycle.

I have had contact with the CEOs of the national organisations of sheds in both Australia and Ireland and found it interesting to learn about the benefits and challenges of their funding models and activities; things which I hope will be the subjects of consideration for the MenzShed NEW ZEALAND board in the future.

I'm pleased to be working with a very experienced and enthusiastic board, all of whom I consider friends, and will be happy to take the role of Chairman until someone better qualified puts their hand up; hopefully in a couple of years.

Last but not least, I'm always keen to hear first hand the thoughts, requests and suggestions from sheds around the country. And better still if you'd like to chat about pre-war Panther motorcycles which had a reputation for rugged reliability and, like me, were made in Yorkshire :).

Keep up the good work and happy shedding!