



# MENZSHED

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Newsletter

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# What's been happening?

As 2019 draws to an end this shed finishes the year as it started, busy. In keeping with tradition the shed has provided annual assistance to 'Helping Families' charity at Christmas time by making wooden toys eg; cars, trucks and prams or carts depending on the operators choice of use. The building of a deck at their base site is also being undertaken.

Ticking along quietly in the wood working zone has been the assembly of small, core flute rat traps for TDC, 110 in total.

Recently on a larger scale has been the construction of boxes for the Nelson / Marlborough Swimming Club. These solid ply containers are to house and transport the expensive starting blocks need for the swimming club events.



*Ian Grage happily shows off a near completed box.*



*Captured looking very fatherly, clutching a completed pram is Alan the shed's co-ordinator. Lets hope he doesn't try to feed it or bring up its wind. ☺*

*Below you could be forgiven thinking it's Santa's workshop. Is that really David Horn?*



Lottery Grants Board



FUNDS FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

This shed enjoys a good working relationship with the local Hospice and has recently installed filling in the slate seats with epoxy resin. Behind the clear sealant are names of contributors to the organisation. This was seen by those that attended a garden party on Dec 1st. The next scheduled task is the construction of a playhouse for Hospice. The organisation will raffle the finished structure as part of their fundraising programme. Adding to our assistance, we have been charged by Cancer NZ to provide 40 wig stands per month. The shed is looking for anybody able to help with basic wood turning skills. If you can spare sometime please get in touch with Alan our coordinator.

**KTM AG** is an Austrian motorcycle and sports car manufacturer (KTM is known for its off-road motorcycles, motocross and supermoto). Rallies are held worldwide amongst dirt roads, uncharted forests conquering extreme riding territory with like minded riders. (If you want to read more about this intriguing activity Wikipedia is informative or internet search KTM) Such a rally was held in the Maungatapu region in the second weekend of November. On a cold, wet day a few members provided a welcoming BBQ lunch at the Tahunanui Conference Centre. Thanks to the effort of a few members the shed raised a very healthy \$1500.



*Our cherry-faced Graham kneels for the photo to give an idea of perspective to the long and weighty display board by Mitre 10.*

During November, Mitre 10 held a garden night for its customers netting an attendance of 800. The shed was invited to demonstrate and make predator traps. Never had the handful of members been so busy but that didn't dissuade the general comment of saying they had a great time. The shed receives a good amount of support from the NZ hardware company through offered projects. In return we have reciprocated their call for small job help. e.g. Warrick has fitted window seats to the Mitre house which is being built to raise funds for the Helicopter Rescue organisation and our handyman, Neil has refurbished their community BBQ.

Thank you to everyone who has helped the shed in its 2019 year be it large or small. Thanks also to our sponsors and supporters. Enjoy the festive and holiday season with family or friends in fun and safety.

Cheers

Tony Seatter  
Editor.



*The shed has decided to make use of materials and construct a removable shed as a means of raising funds. Once complete it will be available to the lucky new owner for whatever their intentions be it from sleep-out to garden/storage shed.*



## News from MENZSHED New Zealand

Planning is well advanced for the 2020 Conference in Dunedin 17-19 April. Registrations are now open for sheddies to attend throughout NZ. Information and registration is online at this [webpage](#).

The AGM for MENZSHED NZ is 19th April. Information about the agenda and nominations is available [here](#). Sheds in our region (Tasman, Nelson, Marlborough) have not had a regional representative for over a year. If a Waimea sheddie is interested in learning more about the role, please contact the national secretary [secretary@menzshed.nz](mailto:secretary@menzshed.nz) for information. (That chap just happens to be a Waimea sheddie – see Roger Bowman ☺)



### Shed Funding

Member subs are a part of our income required to meet overheads for rent, electricity, insurance and tools and materials replacements. We are also fortunate to have sheddies who repair or make stuff for our community in return for donations or a quoted price. Turnouts for A&P shows etc also generate income.

This year, we have been seeking grants from local and national funders. Successful applications have been lodged with Nelson City Council, Tasman District Council and Network Tasman Trust for a major electricity upgrade to the site. We're about a third of the way to the target.

We await a decision – February - from the Rata Foundation for the balance.

An application has been lodged with Pub Charity for a top of the range Jointer, decision – February.

Cheers, Roger

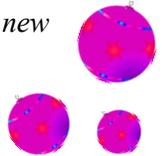


*Applying his years of skill as an electrician, John Sowman fits a new switch to the recently acquired table saw.*



*While this caravan may appear to have seen better days, this house on two wheels will be given a new lease of life as sheddies, in weeks to come, undertakes its restoration.*

*Kevin has already made a start removing fittings.*



**Carter Holt Harvey**  
Woodproducts New Zealand



Hi, I'm Alison Muckle, your new Treasurer, a semi-retired Chartered Accountant.



I started in the Commercial Sector working for Ford Motor Company in Wellington, before venturing overseas for two years pursuing my love of travel which has never faded.

Returning to NZ, I took up the position of Company Accountant for Turners Office Products in Christchurch. There I stayed for 13 years during which I met Jim (my husband and a sheddie). We moved to live on a farm in Mid Canterbury. Needing to work in my trade so to speak there weren't any business's in Ashburton that warranted a fulltime Accountant (a very different picture there today), so I worked in a Chartered Accountants Office in Ashburton. Here I remained for 17 years.

I always had a goal to use my experience for charities in the latter part of my career. Six years ago an opportunity arose with a position available with the Advance Ashburton Community Foundation, which I applied for and succeeded. It was a wonderful chance for me to give back to the community where we lived and raised our son.

Three years ago Jim retired and we moved to Nelson, which like so many, we both love.

As Treasurer of the Menzshed I can continue to fulfil my goal of giving back to the community where we live. I am pleased to be able to help such an organisation that is serving such a special role for its members.



*Looking very relaxed and cool on the forklift is our very active Clive Workman.*

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**Welcome**

to these new Members

**Jimmy Griffith**

**Neil Inglis**

**Marc Jones**

**Alison Muckle**

**Vince Weigall**



*Our young man Dan is seen here wiring brushing away surface rust on a metal frame needed for a small job.*



# "She'll be right"

NZ kiwi-iana and the No8 wire mentality is still alive in this region. Alert members turning up to the shed, one Thursday morning, done a double take at what was leaning up against the fence. Unable to use a car, this inventive, economical motor scooter was the owners solution to getting to the shed by quicker means other than 'shanks pony'.



Due to the rider's busy life style, the contraption was carefully and quickly assembled with whatever materials were available one morning. A quick check to see things moved as they should or stayed in placed, the dare devil rider was off. The first corner was literally a quick learning curve to act as a yachtsman to assume a cantilever position. Keeping straight is no problem and the fuel tank is a solid enough seat, although that exhaust must give real meaning to a heated seat?



  
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*Window frames, iron, posts and other loose items have been put to good use by Ross to provide a safe and warm haven for his tomato's. A closer look will see him tending to his residents.*



*Recently the shed received a request to build a guinea pig hutch. Local attendee, Kevin took on the task and this is the finished result awaiting delivery.*



 **tasman**

*Never let it be said our members aren't committed (or need committing)*



*Fully immersed in his work, our man, Neil could just about whip up some sausages with onion rings and serve a beer plus carry on servicing the Mitre 10 BBQ unit. Well Done.*



The November annual A&P show once again resulted in good attendance for its 125th yr. Helpful members gave a solid effort in collecting the spent wood blocks and chips from the popular wood-cutting competitions. As seen in the photo below the shed yard became the collection depot. Over the weeks that followed the event the wood was split and binned for sale as firewood. Proceeds of the sales go into shed general funds. Many thanks to all helpers that make this physical operation a success, especially to Paul, Clive, Kevin and Dave.



## NOTICE

**This Shed closes 13th December and reopens Monday 13th January 2020.**



*The AED has arrived and now resides ready for use should the emergency arise.*

