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Membership Survey 2018



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From the Desk



Greetings Sheddies,

Welcome to the new-look newsletter.

Bill King has stepped down as editor and taken on the task as Shed Social officer. Thanks for your past efforts Bill, we look forward to your organised social events.

Approximately ten months ago, I shyly joined the MenzShed with the intention of learning basic engineering skills. I'm still very much a 'loose nut' and I daresay many who know me will agree. ☺ Aside from that foot-in-mouth comment this organisation is giving me a sense of purpose to whatever level I wish to be involved. In this case, I've taken on this newsletter role, so expect to see me wandering about with a camera on the hunt for articles.

This being my first edition I'll apologise in advance for the typo's, grammar, spelling errors and 'getting it wrong info'. I'll do my best to minimise these slip ups. However, the main thing is we are communicating.

There are some real talented and decent blokes from all walks of life here and what I've seen so far we have a great camaraderie.

Due to demand and popularity of this shed, there are serious moves being made to become smarter and more aware of our members needs. Can I encourage you to support the decisions made by the committee and where possible make yourself known. It doesn't necessarily have to be for a working bee, it may be just for a cuppa or lunch, a wander down to the garden or a safe look at a member working on his project. You don't need to justify your being at your shed just seeing you there and saying 'giddy' is OK.

I look forward to seeing and meeting members.

Tony



From the Chairman



Giddy Sheddies

By way of introduction my name is Dave Meier, a former workshop manager for The Crown Research Institute which sprang from the ex DSIR.

I have lived in the district three years now with my wife, Alison having come originally from Lower Hutt. We spent 21 years in a small community of two families on a hobby farm and spent some reasonable time travelling and living around N.Z. in a motor home.

While staying here at the Richmond caravan park I wandered down to the Menz Shed. There I meet Alan. Not only was I pleased to see a community minded organisation but I was impressed with Alan's enthusiasm for men's mental health and well-being.

I left that day having signed up as a member.

My main interest and skill set is engineering. However, I consider myself to be a reasonable 'hands on bloke' in most wood and metal activities.

As most of you know I was elected as chairman at the recent AGM. Having come from a leadership environment I prefer to lead rather than direct. I like to find peoples interest and passions then encourage them to use those qualities.

Empowering people to give it a go and yes even make mistakes is one of my main aims as current chairman. Another objective is to see the shed provide more activities than at present ie; art & craft, recreational past-time facility.

This is a great Shed and I feel privileged to lead members into a challenging and exciting era.

Dave



This is a brief of the Committee Meeting held Tuesday 24th July 2018.

The newly elected members for 2018/19 are; Dave Meier (Chairman), Mike Marren (Treasurer), Ian Grange (Minutes Secretary), Bill King, Noel Riley, George Inglis, John Jellyman and Alan Kissell as Co-ordinator.

General day to day financial and correspondence matters were discussed.

To assist the committee and the coordinator, four teams have been established.

1 Health & Safety

This group has been tasked to address H&S matters and have started to define and tidy up the shed policy.

2 Development

This group is charged with shed and site development. A survey is to be drafted to send to members to gain feedback and involvement.

3 Communications

George has attended a meeting presented by the NZ government “Office of Seniors” and confirmed it was very useful. As a result, a member of the Council wishes to visit our Shed to see how we operate. This will be arranged and it was suggested an e-mail be sent to members with the date so that we can have an increased attendance on the day concerned.

4 Social

Proposals for future activities is being looked into. Involved in the proposed survey.

Membership Survey

2018



As of August 10th these forms will have been posted out to all financial members. Can I encourage you to give this a few minutes of your time. Once completed post back or drop it into the sealed box at the clubrooms below the notice board.

August 31st is the last day the Shed will receive your form. Throughout the active period of the survey, friendly reminder emails will be sent.

The committee are looking for a healthy response to they can make informed and positive decisions to make this an iconic N.Z. Menz Shed.



Hammer and Nail

Woodworking News

As always this Sheds core zone bristles weekly with noise from IHC men, home school lads, regular door production and individuals at work on their projects. Some projects are too big to fit and the horse cart project is no exception. Now



under cover in the partially completed engineering facility, trim work is well underway. By the end of this month space will need to be set aside for another large task.

The Shed has taken on the project to construct a replica railway carriage for the Nelson Historionics Society. Extending just over four metres long and over two metres high, this façade-like carriage will be the centre attraction to commemorate the centenary signing of the WW1 armistice.

Most of the material used will be ply and mdf but there will be use of other materials.

The whole scene promises to be impressive, to say the least, as the Historionics Society are serious on detail and finish. Following guidelines and plans, this project will be on a deadline as it has to be finished before the Nelson re-enactment on November 11th.

The Shed is calling out to all members for help ranging from carpentry, basic painting to artistic flair.

In fact even if you don't think you have a skill set and would like to become involved, I'm sure Alan won't say no and he'll assign a task to your capabilities.

Another large task but at the opposite end of the size scale is wooden toys. The Shed needs to produce 350 kitsets for the Saints & Angels of the Baptist church. So imagine how many wheels we need? Actually 1400, so we are now

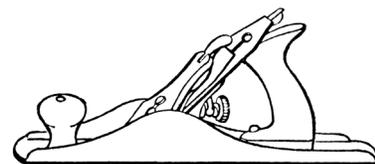
on the way with this task as seen in the photo on the cover. We need helpers please as there are many shapes to cut out.

This yearly event is held on October 31st —Halloween. Instead of celebrating that event the Baptist church hold this kitset building



evening. Menz Shed members attend the evening teaching the kids how to assemble the toys. It's a really fun time and more news will follow.

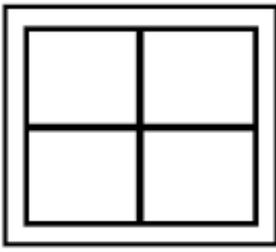
Because the workshop is a very busy place users tend to forget this is exactly that. A friendly reminder please to return tools, clean up after your work and avoid finding a space to 'dump'. Plans and moves are being made to improve the function and general tidiness of this area. Your bit of effort and pride will help.





New member, Barry McMillan shows he isn't shy of his sawing skills.

Cheers 'Bazza'



Monday has been aimed by the shed to build doors. Any help is appreciated to keep this valuable income source active.



Door construction still continues. Here Terry Garside affords a moments grin as he passes a length of door frame timber through the sander.

Keep smooth Terry



Your Shed needs you



Regular attendee, 'Kiwi' George is seen here fixing a replacement handle to a splitting axe head. Apt at most tasks, George turned the handle on the lathe.

Great Stuff George.



James Chapell tackles the never ending task of sorting the hardware.

Well Done James



New member, John Bush is quite a handy bloke. Here he is seen fixing a leg to a table. Well done John.



Growing Today



Despite winter conditions, signs of active members efforts in the Shed garden zone is starting to become more noticeable. Lupins are growing proudly and once dug in potatoes are going to be planted ready for the plates at the annual Christmas Dinner.

Recently the raspberry canes in the above picture got their annual trim up as did the grapes.

Taking centre stage in the title photo is Noels broad bean patch which is coming along nicely complete with additional growing supplement called 'weeds'. He assures us it's all under control. Talking of control, his well placed, firm netting keeps out the hungry pukeko.

As with the changes happening throughout the Shed, Barry McMillan has been appointed Garden Coordinator. He has a wealth of knowledge in fertilizer having worked in the industry. He brings an exciting vision for this patch and in consultation with the committee is setting about bringing not only his ideas but ideas from other gardeners.

If you enjoy the outdoors and want to be a part of an exciting and rewarding activity then 'Bazza' welcomes you to the group. Make yourself known to him or if he's not there speak to Alan Kissell the Coordinator.

Members keep an eye on this plot, it will grow.



Noel introduces new member, Barry McMillan to the garden zone. I reckon Noel has lost the plot (pot) and 'Bazza' has already got the right idea.



Below: Armed with secateurs, Gary takes a spell whilst pruning the feijoa trees.



August: A good month to lay manure in your garden. Any pruning should be completed and disposed of to avoid disease.



Nuts and bolts

Engineering News

It is certainly no secret this division of the Shed is extremely cramped for space. Eyes have been on the construction of the new pre-fabrication area between the two containers for a while. Graeme Fittock and his helpers have lead the charge to now have the roof complete with soffits.



Graeme Fittock and Neil Moore give the roof the classic christening.

Installing the tilt-a-door after it is modified is the next challenge. Meantime, the created space has become a haven for the completion of the Lewis Stanton, horse-drawn wagon project.

As mentioned on the previous page another project will take residence — the construction of a portion of a replica train for the Nelson Historionics Society. Once those two projects have been completed members under the guidance of Dave Meier and Ian Hobden will direct the move in.

Racks have been made and welded to the wall of the container where long lengths of steel are now housed out of the weather. Shorter lengths occupy a tidier racking alongside.

Semi-retired mechanical engineer Chris Gannon and Steve Blakley are working on the milling machine. They have repaired some mechanical issues plus totally re-wired. Interestingly the old contactors came from the Czechoslovakia railway systems.



Safety is paramount in this work place. A friendly reminder to all that work and use the gear to please put away the tools or equipment and tidy up i.e. steel off-cuts, swarf, etc.

Alongside engineering is a small shed that houses the Shed toilet facilities as well as a small workshop. A big clean out a while ago now keeps Bill Gutsell busy repairing and maintaining bicycles, scooters and motor mowers.



This division of the Shed is always on the look out for interested persons, feel free to make yourself known to Bill.



The tilt-a-door for the new engineering division is minus the running gear.

Is anybody out there able to help or know where we can get some at a real good deal?

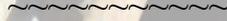
Contact Alan or a committee member.



What is it?

The answer to each of these questions relate to a tool found in here in our Menz Shed.

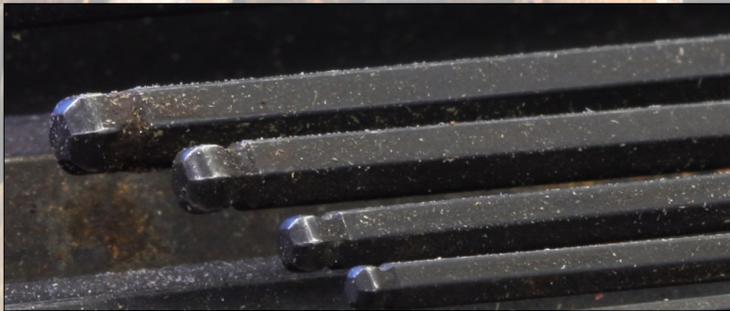
Sample : A flat surface starting with L Level



1. A steel hand tool with a handle carrying jaws of a particular shape designed to grip a nut head.
2. A roll of wallpaper is called what?
3. One of the padded levers by which the strings of a piano are struck.
4. To call something by its real name is to call it a what?
5. A thin, horny plate, consisting of modified epidermis, growing on the upper side of the end of a finger or toe.
6. A strict, repetitive, or mechanical training or exercise.

Answers on page 12.

Identify these three close ups



Busy Blokes

On Thursday 18th July, a team of blokes spent an afternoon hour sorting out the large accumulation of screws, nuts and bolts plus other assortments. There has I believe been another session

since.



Heads down, fingers working



Effort rewarded



Ian Hobden shows he has a steady hand when it comes to plasma cutting the scrap steel.



Alan Schofield applies a lick of undercoat on store shed No 2.



Mac McKay works patiently sorting out the mixed assortments. Good on yah Mac.



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Yard News

Over recent months the Menz Shed has become the victim of its own success. Donated material has accumulated haphazardly throughout the yard for various reasons. Tony Seatter, with assistant John Jellyman, has been leading the charge to rectify the issue with assistance from handy 'passing by helpers'. Trailer loads of unwanted, weathered, rusty items have left the site, permanently, courtesy of Paul Sargisson and his red ute. Items of use have been either stored or relocated. The larger and move heavier items require the use of the forklift. This machine will come into action once the ground dries and hardens.



Here the trailer is loaded up to make another run to the local scrap merchant.

While the newly appointed Development Team continue to formulate the site plan, tidying up shall continue to maintain safe daily activity plus a pleasing visual appearance.

Note the gateway is locked for security, safety and unwanted entry. See the supervisor of the day for access.

Thanks to Bill who mowed the front yard grass, it looks great. Also thanks to Gary for cutting the rear fence grass strip as well as the garden zone.



A friendly reminder to all users to try avoiding the "doggy sit and stay method" - dumping. If you're unsure where it goes please ask either John Jellyman, Alan or Tony S. Hopefully one of them will be on site at the time of your enquiry.



WANTED

People who enjoy breaking, cutting, unbolting and generally stripping down our large range of items that need to be discarded or sold as scrap steel.

Financially rewarding for the Shed. The last two scrap steel trailer loads has resulted in over \$400.

This activity is therapeutic, no skill level is required and it's a great way to be a part of what is happening.

Contact Tony

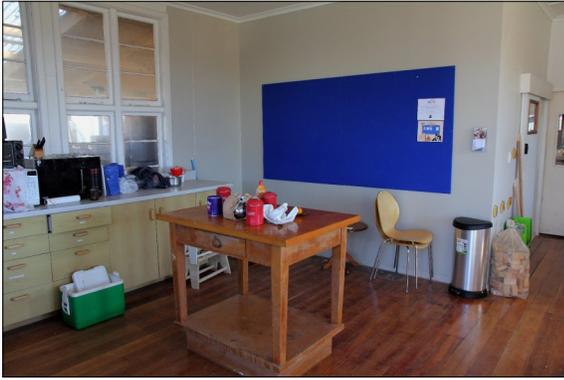
Nelson Forktrucks Ltd



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Notice Board

Several of you will have seen the large blue panel as you enter the Shed. This is the newly located Notice Board.



To keep it from becoming outdated and appearing like a supermarket who's who and my pet cat is lost, I have been delegated to manage it's appearance.

Your relevant notices and information are welcome. Please see me when I'm at the shed or send me an email (mens.shed.waimea@gmail.com) regarding any postings.

As this feature is prominent to all that enter I have produced a concept design to liven it's appearance to become more engaging.



What do you think?

Should there be a general consensus we'll gather a team and make it happen.

Cheers Tony



Night Classes

Over a two week period on Wednesday evenings at the Menszshed, there will be night classes for Big Brother, Big Sister group.

These young people will be taught and assisted from 6pm -7.30pm how to build a weta house and bird feeder.



Do we have all your contact details correct?

Whilst it may seem a strange question because you have received this email we may have your phone number or address wrong, even your name spelt wrong. If so please contact either Alan or Tony at the Shed.

Answers to

What is it?

1. Spanner
2. Bolt
3. Hammer
4. Spade
5. Nail
6. Drill

Close ups revealed



Contribution to your newsletter is welcomed. Please feel free to get in touch with me. Tony

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