



Newsletter

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## **Winter/Spring**

It has been a cold winter this year but fortunately for me I have been in the warmth of the northern hemisphere for 6 weeks. Nevertheless summer still seems to elude us as the spring drags on.

## **Finance**

### **\$3000 from the TDC.**

We continue to pursue sources of finance and we were very grateful to receive \$3000 from the TDC recently. This money has been tagged for the enclosure of the area on the south side of the shed. Applications have also been made to Network Tasman Trust and also to the Canterbury Community Trust. No reply has been received as yet on these.

## **Bee boxes**

In the meantime work on the bee boxes is proceeding and this is producing a steady stream of income. The ingenuity of those who have created the machining system that produces these boxes is a continuing source of amazement to all of us on the sidelines. Just shows what latent talent there is in the Men's Shed.

Work continues on the foundations for the engineering workshop with Garry doing some hard work on the foundations. Regrettably he also discovered the remnants of a river bed and its associated gravel and this did not assist the excavation process. As Garry put it: I do this sort of work until my body says stop and then I go away for a few days. By the time that I write this he will have no doubt completed the excavation of the perimeter foundations.

However it is not all work and here are Clarrie and Garry making good use of the smoko room.



**Shirkin'**



**and workin'.**

**Can anyone give Garry a hand?**

**Shed BBQ**

We held a barbeque at the shed at the end of last month and we will be holding another at about 4pm on November the first next. As usual, food will be provided but you will need to bring your own refreshments. Make some time for this event as it is an opportunity to meet other members of your club, find out what they are doing and generally socialise.

## **Supervisors**

There is an urgent need for more supervisors for the shed. The more there are the less work there is for individuals to shoulder and we can continue to remain open 5 days a week. If you think that you can help then please contact Alan Kissell our shed coordinator on 0272820185

## **Bunnings Tutors**

We urgently need more tutors for Bunnings. This is not an onerous task and you don't need to be an expert as all the information that you need to cover a topic is contained in a typed handout. An hour or less will be required of your time at eleven am or 1pm on a Saturday or a Sunday. You could meet a lot of interesting people and the Men's Shed receives a \$20 voucher each time we put forward a tutor. Please call Alan Kissell on 0272820185.

## **Annual Trafalgar Centre Garage Sale**

This is being held at the Trafalgar Centre on November 16<sup>th</sup> next. Currently we have very few donated goods to sell. So have a dig around in your shed at home or in the garage and bring us something that you no longer use but is saleable. You will make space at home and make money for your club. You never know but you could get some brownie points from the wife as well.

Bring any items to the club (soon). You could also turn up at the club and make something for sale and learn a new skill at the same time e. g. you could produce a bowl using one of our three wood lathes.

## **Beehive Boxes**

The beehive project is almost complete. We are waiting for some more timber from Halswell timber and this contract will be complete. This will bring much needed funds into our treasury. The club is very grateful to those who helped on this project.



Processed bee boxes awaiting shipment.



The machinery for forming the box sides.



And for putting in the hand hold slots.

**Nelson City Council – potential contract.**

We have been asked to register our interest in a contract to upgrade the toilets in the Buxton car park.

**Welfare officer**

Bruce Rudge is our welfare officer and if you want to talk anything over with him or need some support give him a call. He is there to help.  
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