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October 2018 Newsletter



**The War is
Over**

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From the Desk



Greetings Sheddies,

Many thanks to those who have passed on their compliments regarding the newsletter which is published bi-monthly. My aim is to give the newsletter meatier

content as well as 'show and tell' members activities. Weekly happenings, notices and calls for help will be emailed or posted on the Shed facebook.

The shed is entering into a very busy phase of the year. Can I suggest if you have any spare time please come along to give appreciative help with the Shed projects e.g. replica train, doors, traps and other smaller projects. Alan will be happy to steer you into a task that suits your skill level.

The recent campaign awareness of loneliness by media, 'Stuff' was a huge advertisement for this Shed. They have placed the video featured in the story "Waimea Menzshed: The Nelson shed that saved Clarrie Merrick" on their You Tube Channel.

Let us not forget it affects everyone at one point in their lives. We here at the shed are known for our friendliness and a "giddy" in passing. This is great to see and hear. A listening ear, a word of advice or banter is just as valuable as showing how to use a machine or assist with a manual task.

Looking forward to warmer days and seeing members enjoy themselves at the Shed.

Tony

"The mark of higher education isn't the knowledge you accumulate in your head.

It's the skills you gain about how to learn."

- Adam Grant



From the Chairman

Giddy Sheddies

It is heartening to see good turn-outs at the Shed with lots of discussion and banter.

Interesting and worthwhile projects for the wider community continue with polices and guidelines developed to help make our Shed a safer and better place.

We have recently been given permission by our landlord, the Harness Racing Association, to develop a strip of land in front of the 'pig pen' shed for much needed car parking.

George and Alan have talked to me about the need to have a buddy system for new members. This friendly person shows them the ropes and discovers their interests to help them fit in.

The Shed is about men's physical, emotional and mental health and we help this by providing an environment where men can come for companionship and do something they feel is worthwhile.

The buildings and surrounds are the body of the Shed, our relationships are the heart of it.

I encourage you to help with this concept by being available to buddy someone.

Please get in touch with me or John Jellyman.

It's a buddy good idea.

Dane



COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING

KEEPING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS

WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS

- Henry Ford



This is a brief of the Committee Meeting held Tuesday 18 September 2018.

A revised Welfare policy was presented and approved. Locking of machinery is recommended. Agreed to proceed. Arising from this is the need to provide training so approved people can use the machines. A plan is to be implemented along with advertising. Neal Moore is preparing operating instructions for placement by each machine.

Noel Riley reported on a very favourable meeting and site visit with Nelson Racing Club. Approval given to provide parking in front of the 'pig pen' building. A site plan has been developed. Fence line to continue across the Menzshed existing site. The existing Menz Shed fence to be a 1.8 metre paling to enhance the appearance and improve security. The 40 foot Container to be removed plus the hedging.

Discussion on Christmas function.

Resolved: To assist in further site development that the House bus be given notice of 4 weeks to be removed.

A draft of the coordinators duties was presented by Dave Meier and committee members have been asked to review and discuss.

670 Traps need to be constructed for DOC – First load of materials to be delivered 1 October.

10 Signs need to be constructed for NCC recycling.

NB: I have not mentioned the so-called "day-to-day" running matters.—Tony

Welcome

to these new Members

Michael Forrest

Lawrence Henry

Don Auchinvale

Steven Judge

Jim Austin

Ray Clarke



Alan keeps this young mans bird feeder house steady while a hole is drilled out.



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The **Armistice of 11 November 1918** was the armistice that ended fighting on land, sea and air in World War I between the Allies and their opponent, Germany. Also known as the **Armistice of Compiègne** from the place where it was signed, it came into force at 11 a.m. Paris time on 11 November 1918.



The Nelson Histrionics is re-acting the event this year marking the centenary. The

Menz Shed have been charged with creating a replica carriage where the re-enactment shall take place. Terry Garside is the man in charge of construction and already it is taking shape. If you would like to help in this large project have a word to him. This project has a completion date of 31 October.



Material has arrived and is off loaded



Trailer and pallet foundation in place, floor down



A clean solid surface to construct the roof



Welfare Policy

The Shed health & safety Team have been working to produce a welfare policy which is now completed and in action with new members.

As the Shed is a charitable organization and not a company, nor does it employ we don't need to comply with the health and safety regulations. That being said the Shed is very mindful of members health and safety hence the creation of this policy.

This is a brief of the policy the actual policy can be seen on the notice board.



This policy states members are individually responsible for taking all necessary measures to eliminate risks to themselves of personal injury, property damage or loss of any kind.

Every member is expected to act safely to ensure their own welfare and nothing that they do will pose any risk to their fellow members or other persons in the premises.

Each members agrees to report risk or hazard they become aware of.

Each member agrees to be suitably dressed and use appropriate protective equipment.

Each member agrees they will not use equipment or machine that they are not familiar with.

Each will accept instructions of any supervisor.



This policy isn't a list of do's and don'ts. We are an organization where individuals work in an environment where we need to be mindful and thoughtful about each other.

Looking after ourselves bearing in mind we work amongst others, minimizes the risk of incidents and accidents.



Hammer and Nail

Woodworking News

There's always something happening in the woodworking workshop zone. Kitset toy production is well under way with 200 of the 350 required done. Any help would be appreciated. Added to this the continuing manufacture of doors and windows, plus assorted customer item repairs.

A friendly word about breakages. Please let the supervisor or Alan know. Please don't feel embarrassed about them. We all have them. Large and small. Reporting the snapped drill bit or bent blade or whatever helps the shed fix the problem quickly for other users.

Don't forget this work zone is enclosed. Dust and noise is a common occurrence. Ensure you have the necessary protection for your own welfare.

Another door at the stage of becoming complete. In this case Tony Cutten is the assembler.



Caught in action making wheels is Michael Forrest and Dave Cotton



A watchful eye is being kept as the body of a kitset plane receives attention.

A while ago James Chappell and helpers sorted screws etc which are now in containers shelved in front of the window.

James has put together an explanation of the shelving system along with the explanation of screw types, etc. Please take a moment to read the attached laminated form as indicated.



Nuts and bolts

Engineering News

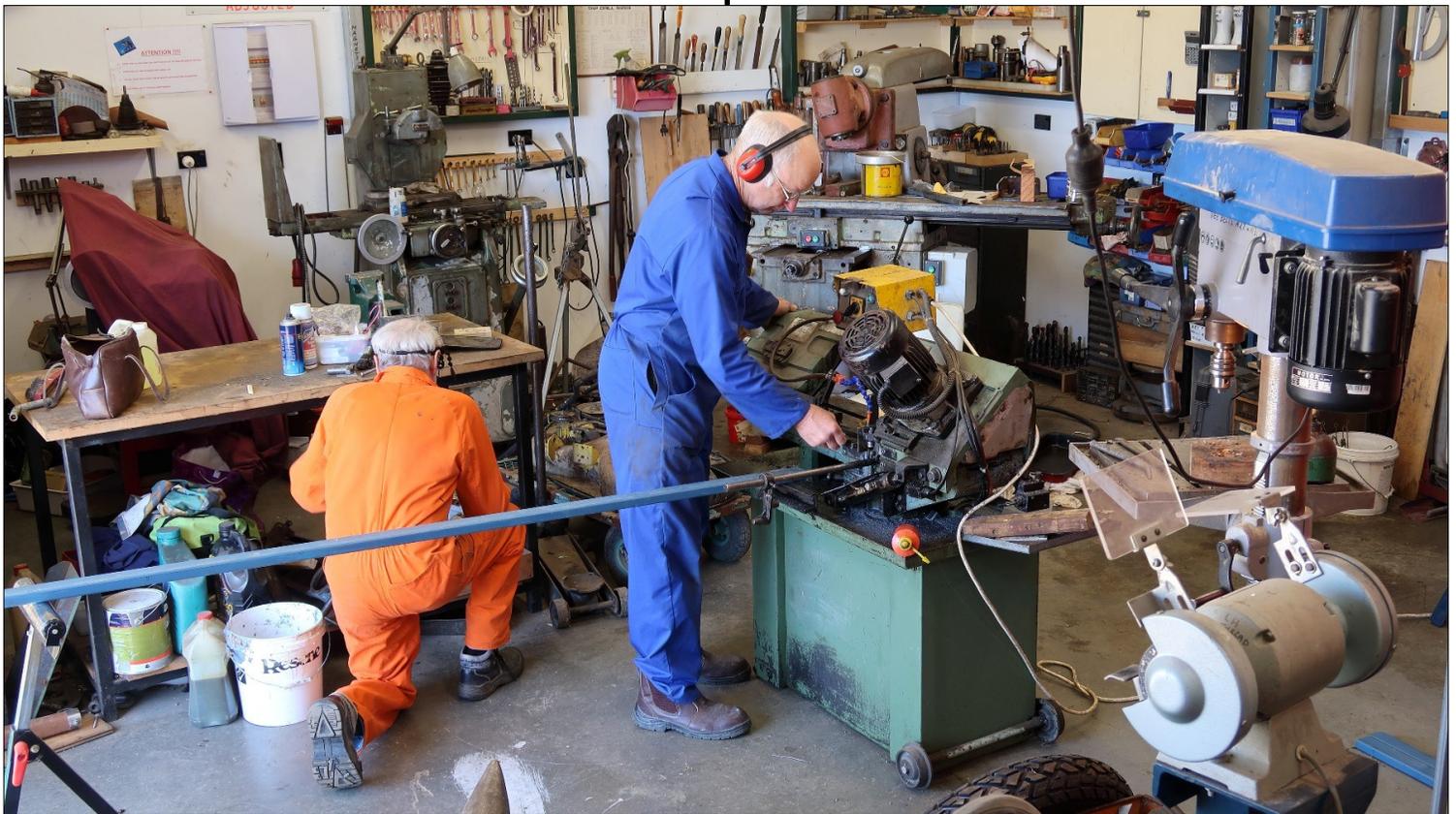
Feeling the need to stake the true ownership of the semi-completed prefabrication section between the two containers, some equipment has been moved into a corner. Fly press, rollers and guillotine.

Although the photo on this page shows the coziness of the workshop there is more working space which been welcomed.

The milling machine under repair by Chris and Steven is now running. The travels are good and the spindle runs very quietly. A sheddie electrician will make the final check to ensure its compliance. We look forward to seeing the results of skilled and approved operators when this hefty machine is given the tick for operation.



The tilt-a-door for the new engineering division is still 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.



Dave Meier shows full concentration as he cuts a length of steel while Neal Moore rummages for another piece of 'something'.



Growing Today



It's not too late to compost your garden. During September an approach was made to "[Green-waste Zero](#)" in Richmond. The new owner, Phil Osmond, was very generous with a load and the potato beds are the lucky recipients. The quality has impressed several members.

As the weather starts to warm up so to does the growing. Spring onions and silver beet are standing proudly.

Tomatoes are a favourite and it will be time to get those seedlings planted. To help them on their way, Gary makes use of a plastic milk container by cutting it to fit over the young plant. Like a mini glasshouse.

Noels broad beans have managed to keep a breast of the weeds and now close to the top of the netted enclosure.

Bazza's Garden Tip

Place 4-5cm dry compost in a bucket.

Lay 3 or 4 seed potatoes not yet sprouted on top.

Cover with another 4-5cm of compost.

Repeat until bucket is full.

Place bucket in a warm dry spot and wait at least one week before



a sneaky look to see how far the sprouts have developed. If not developed, cover and wait another week. Once sprouts large enough place on a tray. The shoots will be quite anaemic and will benefit from hardening in the light. Remove unwanted sprouts. Plant when sprouts have developed some green texture and soil is warm.

As you can see the potatoes with the strongest and largest sprouts are the ones that have been buried in the compost for a week. Left in the light for a couple of days they will also harden off and be ready to plant.



The potatoes left in natural light have also sprouted, albeit short and are more hardened with green appearance.

Based on growth with the compost potatoes do we actually need to sprout them before they go into the ground? As long as they have signs of sprouts on the skin surface they just seem to grow regardless.

I'd be interested in comments as to why we all go to so much trouble sprouting our potatoes. A free beer at the next sausage sizzle for the most logical answer.

Please note; only one beer will be given away to the sheddies in with the first most logical and the judges decision will be final.



Yard News

Now well into Spring the yard is looking greener and a tad tidier however, that is soon about to change. The 40ft container next to the front hedge is confirmed to leave the site. The sheds bigger items ie; old lathes, saws, etc next to it are to be shifted for salvage of parts and scrap. Expect some front yard clutter when activity starts on the development of the front car park.

The two 'eye-catching' buses are also targeted for removal and plans are well underway for this to happen.

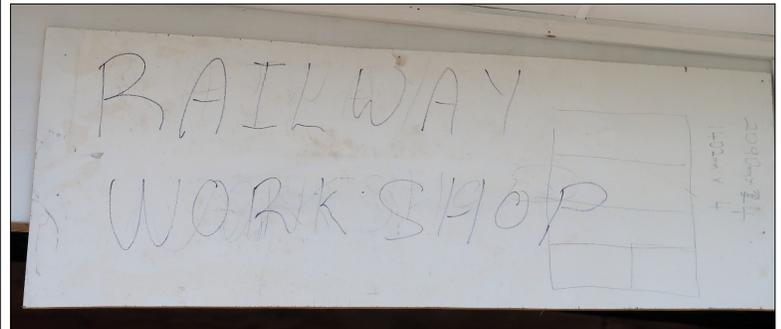
Fresh steel drums are being placed outside the engineering zone to collect metal waste.

John Jellyman and Tony Seatter have been loosely appointed as head yardmen to keep a semblance of order and tidiness. If you are leaving anything in the yard please make contact. The item will be noted or tagged to avoid mistaking it for clutter.

A while ago the shed was fortunate to lay claim to second-hand rimu timber in the form of 4x2. This pile has been steadily worked upon to remove nails and so forth.

Thanks to the blokes who mow the grass, it certainly gives a tidy look and always smells nice after a fresh cut. Thanks also to Paul for doing a sterling job in transporting away the Shed rubbish and steel waste every fortnight, plus the sewage tank when it needs emptying.

The appearance of this sign above the entrance to the new engineering division between the two containers has certainly created a smile.



A stack of rimu and a team of blokes armed with hammers and pinch bar.



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I'm a word of letters four;
Myself, a fastener, and one thing more.
This one thing more is clear to see;
Because you notice when people bite me.
Behave me and I shall be
What some use for seasoning.

What am I?



Answer to the riddle and pics on page 11 (last page)



The shed is becoming increasingly busy with happenings so to is the capture of these events. By the time the newsletter comes out the news in this modern world is out dated.

As we all know facebook and other social media outlets are a way of life. All share happenings and viewpoints.

This shed is no different and more use is being made of this outlet. If you haven't done so to keep watch this is the address.

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

or you can join a sheddie forum

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/917022518450093>.

Already several events have been photographed and placed on the sheds facebook page. If you like what you see please click on the like icon as it helps with the ratings etc.

Where and when possible this shed will email you a link when there is a posting.

MENZSHED
New Zealand
National Matters.

MENZSHED NZ has a membership of 92 sheds, and Waimea shed is recorded as number one. Another 30 or so are in start-up mode or have decided not to join. We estimate sheddies at between 3,500- 4,000.

Regional Representation – in addition to the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, there are six Regional Representatives who serve on the executive.

The purpose of the RR role is to support new shed initiatives, disseminate information and to be a voice for sheds in the region.

The Tasman, Nelson and Marlborough regional role has been vacant since April.

If you are interested in serving in this role, please contact the national secretary Roger Bowman (secretary@menzshed.nz) for more information.

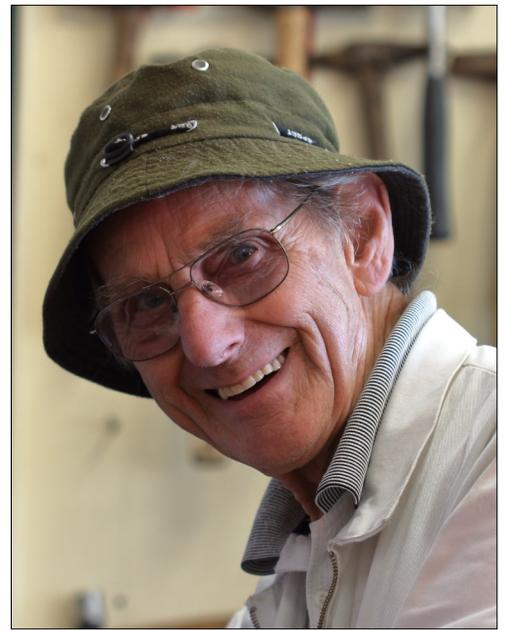
Network Tasman TRUST



James Chapell, the shed's chief hardware sorter, prepares another tray of screws for selection and sorting.

“Change the way you look at things and the things you look at change.”

— [Wayne W. Dyer](#)



Roy Tomlinson, the shed's metal pre-fab expert and arty artisan, spares a moment to give his warm cherry smile.

**Your Club
needs you**



Roy Schofield (left) applies paint to door of store-room 2 while Manfred Sauck (right) sands a handful of toy airplane fuselages.



TRAINING SESSIONS:

The Shed is going to hold training sessions on the first Saturday morning of every month with the purpose to up skill members. This **isn't** compulsory and is in response to the requests made in the recent survey.

The first step in this process is to formalise supervisor activity and their role. Being a supervisor doesn't mean you need a skill in that field. It is ensuring members welfare, safe work practises and other housekeeping duties. If you're interested in this role please contact Alan.

An email notice will be sent out advising members the commencement of the first session. Like wise the Shed welcomes feedback on this matter.

RICHMOND A&P SHOW

24—25 November

This is an early reminder of the Shed's involvement over this busy weekend.

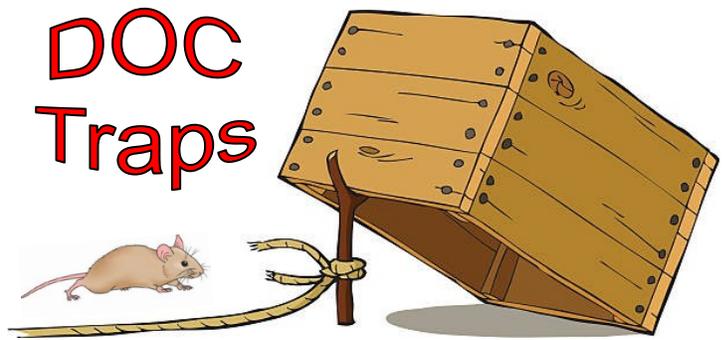
We help with waste disposal, erecting seating etc. Plus assist a couple of days after. An email notice will be sent out closer to the approaching dates seeking your help.

The Shed acknowledges the support given by business's and organisations as advertised throughout this newsletter.

Should members require services relevant to these supporters we encourage you to consider their services.

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DOC Traps



Construction of the DOC predator traps is soon to resume once the Shed has been supplied with materials and the official order, etc.

(the above pic isn't the sheds handiwork) 😊

This is a real worthy community project and projects the shed in a strong, favorable public image. Not only is it a healthy fundraiser but it's a good team working environment creating a real sense of worth. A notice will be emailed out when the project is to start.

It would be appreciated if you have any spare time to come along and give a hand.



Riddle = Nail



There is a man at the shed, who took seed his potatoes to bed.

They were said to be all female potatoes, whatever got into his head.

This man's above board and thoroughly respected.

And he's never been known to shout.

With his hand on the bible at the Menzshed.

He claimed he was just trying to get his potatoes to sprout.

Bazza aka Barry MacMillan

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