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NORTH TARANAKI COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED

The “Men’s Shed” Reopens in New Plymouth

After a nine month recess the North Taranaki Community Men's Shed has relocated to its new premises in Fitzroy. It will be opening for the use of members from Saturday 3rd September in the Atawhai Industries building - 38 McLean Street, Fitzroy with a BBQ lunch.

“The Shed” provides a place where people share opportunities for education, socialisation, and to utilise and develop handyman skills.

It has a well equipped workshop where skilled and unskilled men can complement each and work on personal and community projects

Spokesman Ian Burgess said the move from the previous location at TATATM (Taranaki Aviation Transport & Technology Museum Inc) on Kent Road Mangamahoe had been precipitated by a combination of factors including a fire in the workshop in December, which caused the initial recess, the expiry of the lease from TATATM, and an acceptance that the distant location was a significant restraint on the level of support.

He said the NTCMS had commenced services in November 2011 with 56 foundation members and currently has 96 members but this may decline once current subscription notices are sent out. “While this membership level is quite satisfactory the facilities have been underutilised for some time mostly due, the Board believes, to the less-than-ideal location”

Board Chairman - David Gibson said that the organisation was very fortunate to have secured such a well located and suitable premises and was grateful to Atawhai Industries for facilitating the accommodation by partitioning off an area of unrequired floorspace in their existing building.

He said the official opening would be celebrated with a BBQ lunch on Saturday 3rd September at 12.00pm. All current and prospective members welcome.