

Hi folks,

Firstly, thank you to members who have taken the opportunity to pop into our 38 McLean St, Fitzroy workshop. This is located in the front of the Atawhai building.

We have also welcomed a good number of new members over the past few weeks.

It has been a busy month getting our new workshop up and running. Most of the machinery and resources in the main area have been set up and are ready to use. We have also created a machine room for the thicknesser and similar tools so that our work isn't too disruptive to other operations in the building. Some of the machinery needs to be converted from 3 phase or need a little work on the motors and switches before we can use them so if any members can help out with the electrical side of things, this would be greatly appreciated.

Upstairs, we have started kitting out a room for hobbies, community projects and a reasonably dust free environment for finishing work off. There are some Toy library items that we have been asked to fix or alter so if you don't feel like working on your own project, there's always something to do. We also have quite a comprehensive library of project ideas and 'how to' books in our tea room, so if you feel like spending some time researching or planning a project, feel free to grab a cuppa and browse or chat.

We are always on the lookout for building materials and off-cuts for general use. Especially specialist timbers and plywood. Feel free to drop these off next time you're passing by. Sandpaper, A4 paper, screws and nails are some of those items we are often short of as well. If you know of any businesses that might be keen to sponsor materials or can help maintain equipment, please let them know where we are.

As part of our agreement with the building owners, members need to make sure to sign in when you arrive. We also need to make sure we use safety equipment when using power tools. If you haven't been in for a while or are a new member, you will need to be inducted before using some machinery. If you aren't sure how to use a machine, there's a wealth of knowledge in our member community to draw on.

At the moment, the Men's shed is mainly open during normal work hours and Saturday mornings. We would like to extend our hours to evenings but need trained people to be on site to make sure things run smoothly. If you are able to assist, please let us know.

The face book page and our website are both up and running again. This gives us all the opportunity to share what we are doing and keep up to date with events. There are also links to the men's shed national website , which has some great resources and photos from around the country.

I am aware that according to google , we are still out at Kent road. This is one of those things that will take time to sort out .

Thanks to everyone that has got the shed up and running again . The men's shed is very important to our community and offers way more than just a workshop to members .

Happy building

Paul .