



Shed News



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Greetings to fellow Shed dwellers,

Firstly - my regrets for failing to keep you informed of Shed developments for so long. This really is one of the prime responsibilities of your Board and a major factor in why the Shed is still to generate the patronage that we hope for; a situation we expect to turn around in the ensuing few months. I assure you we have been busy with other matters that I will expand on below; including Health and Safety requirements, liaising with other community groups, membership and subscription records, website development and machinery maintenance etc.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Paul Coulton. Paul has been engaged on a part-time basis as our Shed co-ordinator - a similar role to that which Kerry Woolridge fulfilled a couple of years ago. He comes from an ideal background of varied practical skills with a strong emphasis on education and training having been a technical teacher at intermediate, secondary and tertiary levels and with University qualifications in education. Paul's own news commentary follows my drive!

We now have our own Shed website; many thanks to Bill Harris who compiled it all virtually on his own initiative with the help of some existing resources. The address is www.themensshed.club and is in addition to the website of the national body www.menzshed.org.nz. Please check it out. Our Facebook page is also now back and running and is at www.facebook.com/northtaranakicommunitymensshed. Paul's news expands on this.

We are now involved with a number of other community organisations on an informal partnership basis including; Pathways who provide mental health services to the DHB. Tui-Ora providing Maori health services, the Stroke Foundation and another mental health provider. There is something quite therapeutic about working with wood! Our facilities are made available to these groups along with a basic level of guidance and oversight rather than supervision or tuition.

As alluded to above we now have a comprehensive Health & Safety Manual, which can be accessed on our website, and we are currently developing policy and procedures to follow the requirements therein. Kieran Windsor from Pathways and Tui-Ora are currently working with us to incorporate their own provisions so we are compliant with their internal H&S needs and they can continue with the use of our facilities.

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Those pesky subs again! Our current membership is over 104 but of those only 47 are currently financial. That means we have 57 on the list who have not paid a sub or failed to notify that they no longer longer wish to be associated. If you are one of these please send us your \$10 even if only because we are worthy of your support. Of course we would be delighted to see you as well but you may be in a similar position to myself and have a fully equipped home workshop. The benefits are then the sharing of ideas, projects and techniques etc. (I tried not to mention male bonding!). Subs can be left in the honest box by the hand-tool cabinet, directly debited to TSB 153943 0009709 00 or post to Ian Burgess, 24 Riversdale Dr, Merrilands NP 4312 cash preferred to cheque (they're a damn nuisance to bank!).

There is more to tell but you are probably as tired of reading it as I am of writing so the rest will have to wait until next time which hopefully will be a lot lesser gap than this time. In the meantime check out those websites and we will see you down there.

Best wishes

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