

A huge amount of progress has been made to our shed since the last newsletter in March this year. In addition to the outside front entrance being cleared, the following pictures show progress inside the shed.



The South wall is having steel panels erected to the ceiling. This will minimise dust from the adjacent room and prevent birds from nesting and soiling the newly fitted floor and fittings.



South wall framed, awaiting ply panelling



Internal partition wall for hand tools and storage is almost complete

Once again our thanks to Smartway Builders !

Please note that while the re-fit is in progress, the shed is a Construction site and access is strictly controlled.

How can we help?

This is a question most often asked by members keen to have the MenZshed in Tawa up and running.

The answer at this stage is very simple.

All the planning, design and build including materials is being carried out by Smartway Builders. It is not realistic to expect them to do all this work free of charge.

So the greatest and immediate tasks for us the members is in raising funds so as to allow the fit-out work inside the shed to continue.

As you know, MenZshed Tawa is a registered charity, bringing men (and women) together in one community space to share their skills, have a laugh, and work on practical wood-working and metalworking tasks individually or as a group. Most Sheds around New Zealand take on some community projects, examples of which include building playgrounds for pre-school centres, repairing toy library stock, repairing old bikes for distribution to poorer communities, or building planter boxes for the main street of the local business district. MenZshed Tawa needs our help to get things off the ground. WCC has made premises available in Tawa at the south end of the Rural Fire Building (south of Tawa Pool).

Detailed below is a list of things that our committee, members and other interested people can be doing to help raise funds.

- Donate money. Yes, people could just simply open their wallets or purses (See **Give-A-Little** information below)
- Donate goods and services. Everyone has stuff that's surplus and potentially re-saleable
- Encouraging other people to donate funds or goods and services
- Help with the fundraising activities
- Contact local businesses, groups or associations for donations
- Set up and running a Trade Me product sales program where the donated goods are sold
- Collect, store, photograph and catalogue items for resale on Trade Me
- Prepare items for resale (minor repairs etc.)
- Provide contact details of people who might help with fundraising
- Email or Facebook your contacts (family, friends, clients and suppliers) for donations
- Deliver flyers to letterboxes around Tawa promoting MZT fundraising activities
- Call people to see how they can help
- Coordinate other community support groups to help (rugby club, scouts etc.)
- Run a local regular or irregular stall or BBQ or sausage sizzle
- Connect us with celebrities who might help re promotion or activities
- Come up with other fundraising ideas you are prepared to make happen

MenZshed Tawa has set up a "**Give-A-Little**" web page and all the necessary back-office procedures and controls to make donations possible.

Basically, we are asking you to log onto the website (by clicking on the link shown in blue below), then click the "Proceed to Page" Button if it appears. Then click the "Donate Now" button

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-tawa-menzshed-get-off-the-ground>

Please remember that as MenZshed Tawa is a registered charity, you are entitled to can claim back 33% of all monetary donations.

Thank you for your support as we move forward towards having your own MenZshed in Tawa established.

If you can help in any way, please contact our secretary or me so that we can assist if necessary and keep a track of your efforts.

Secretary: Doug Burrus at dburrus@xtra.co.nz or

Marketing and Membership: Ric Godenho at Ricg@xtra.co.nz

Social Media

We have had a bit of a setback with respect to the development of our website. After months of design and development on the Adobe Business Catalyst platform, we have received notification from Adobe that they will be shutting down this platform on 26th March 2020. In addition, Adobe advises that they will not allow creation or hosting of new websites after June 18th 2018. So all the hard work put in by our web develop manager- Marius has to be shelved while we look for an alternative solution. We will keep you advised.

In the meanwhile, please log onto our Facebook page which is now live.

If you use Facebook please use the **Like**, **Follow** and **Share** options to promote it to your Facebook friends.

Help us spread the love, by LIKE-ing the page and then select FOLLOW to ensure you get all the updates we post on Facebook.

On Facebook, please search for Tawa MenZshed or use the link below

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

Tools

John Holloway, **Jack** Fry and **Jim** Rowland spent a day identifying, photographing and cataloguing tools for the club. Our thanks to these gentlemen for a very worthwhile and necessary part of the MenZshed set-up



The three "Js" at work organising the tools

Now here's the thing

- Do you enjoy building / creating projects in wood or metal?
- Do you relish the challenge of repairing furniture and toys?
- Are you creative with your hands or would like to be?
- Do you wish you had access to a wide range of machine and hand tools?
- Would you like to learn how to carve wood or be proficient at wood turning?
- How are your joinery and carpentry skills?
- Are you looking for an opportunity to put back something into your community?
- Would you enjoy the challenge of teaching others some of your skills that you have mastered over the years?
- How about just fellowship with like-minded people?
- Do you enjoy a cuppa and a chance to meet and make new friendships?
- Have you always wanted to learn new skills?

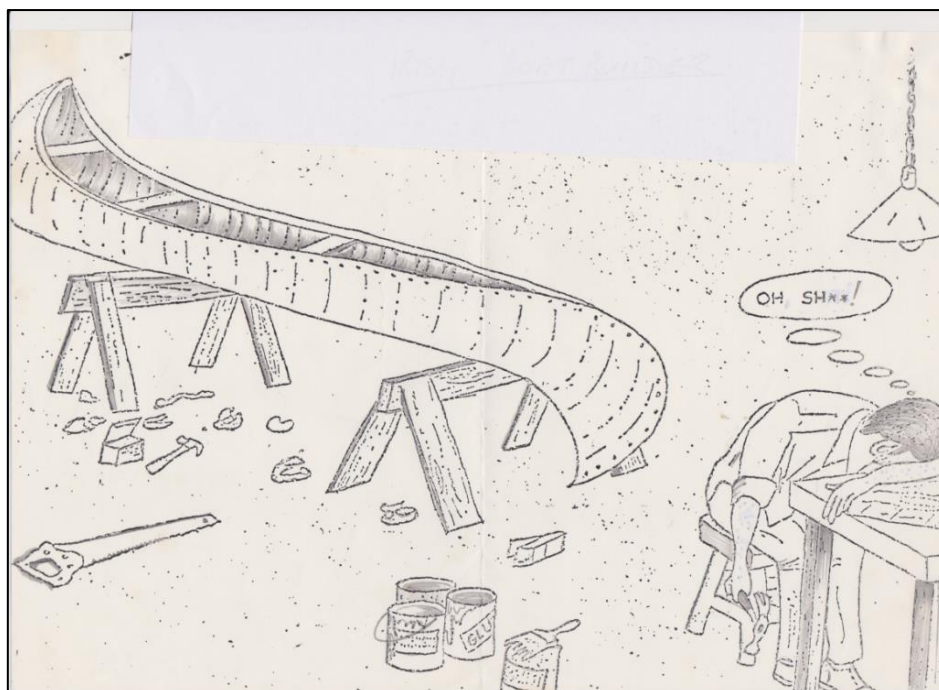
Then MenZshed Tawa is for you!

Remember, you don't have to be a Tawa resident to join MenZshed Tawa. Full Membership is only \$20.00 per annum for all these benefits.

To become a full member (an annual membership runs from 1 July to 30 June) please contact our secretary Doug or me at

Doug Burrus at dburrus@xtra.co.nz or

Ric Godenho at Ricg@xtra.co.nz and you will receive an application form.



Should've joined MenZshed Tawa !