

MENZSHED - TAWA -

August 2018

On Wednesday 25 July, several members from the Tawa MenZshed visited [City MenZshed](#), Coromandel Street in Newtown.

We were warmly welcomed by Don McKenzie, chairman of the shed and several other members. We were shown around their shed which comprised a number of smaller work areas. The shed (initially a ward of Ewart hospital) includes a paint room, a large deck, an outdoor garden and six (yes 6) toilets.

The shed has been operating in their current location for only a year but elsewhere in the city for more than ten years. Being generous “sheddies”, they gifted us two band saws and a large table saw for our shed.

Thanks to City MenZshed for the saws and to Jack Fry for organising the visit.



Pictured behind the trailer (from the left) is a City MenZshed member, Ric Godenho, Keith Bramley, Doug Burrus, Don Jones, Wrae Duncan, David Bray and Jack Fry.

(Photograph taken by Don McKenzie, chairman of City Shed)

There are several urgent items listed below that require your attention this month. They include:

1. Renewal of your membership for the 2018 – 2019 year
2. Conversion of assets into cash for the shed
3. Helpers to build five planter boxes for the Tawa library
4. Give A Little

1. Membership renewal

The shed's financial year extends from **1st July 2018** to **30th June 2019**.

Membership renewal subscriptions for this period are due now and the annual subscription is only \$20.00. (This is a mere pittance compared with the work done on the shed. See for yourself)

If you would like to pay by bank transfer on-line, the MenZshed Tawa bank account number at the BNZ is **02 0552 0040123 00**

Alternatively you can pay by cash or cheque directly to Doug Burrus, our secretary.

But if you are NOT currently a member, please complete the attached application and forward it to Doug Burrus at dburrus@xtra.co.nz together with your subscription.

2. Funding opportunity

We have a few items such as furniture, building materials and some tools that are surplus to requirements. When sold the proceeds will be used for building the shed and developing our shed's capabilities.

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN SELLING THESE ITEMS

If you buy or sell items on trade me, you would be ideally suited to run this small programme for the shed.

It would entail setting up (at no cost to you) a **trade me** account and managing the sale of these items.

Please contact our secretary Doug at dburrus@xtra.co.nz or by phone on 04 232 7894 urgently.

3. Project Builders wanted

Do you have experience working with wood?

We are on the verge of starting a community project and need the help and handymen who are experienced working with wood to complete it. The project would start at the beginning of August and would last for a few hours over a couple of weeks. It would consist of working with a few colleagues to build some planter boxes for the front of the Tawa library.

We would like you to be part of the team, so please contact Jack Fry at jackfry@nowmail.co.nz or by phone on 232 2594 urgently.

4. Give A Little

No organisation can operate without funds and it is important that we continue to organise funds for the ongoing success of the shed.

We are asking for donations and sponsors.

MenZshed Tawa has set up a “**Give-A-Little**” web page to make donations possible.

Basically, we are asking members and supporters to log onto the website (by clicking on the link shown in blue below), 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>

As we are a registered charity, all donators are entitled to claim back 33% of monetary donations.

Access Day

After what may seem an eternity, the fit-out to the shed is now 99% complete and we have access to it.

All credit goes to one organisation, **Smartway Builders** and their CEO Howard Woolston.

When the city council leased us the shed, we were overjoyed and extremely grateful at the prospect of getting the Tawa shed established.

Unfortunately, in its then current state, it wasn't totally ready to meet our needs. For example:

- ***It had no usable floor, only loose stones*** – a serious safety issue
- ***No solid partition between our space and the soil area adjacent to the shed*** - making it a major health hazard because of the dust
- ***A structurally unstable mezzanine floor*** – severe danger and unusable
- Unsatisfactory lighting – hazardous consideration
- ***Unlined walls*** – posing a threat and potential problems
- ***Overgrown weeds in front of the doors*** – making access difficult and unsafe when wet
- ***Birds nesting in the shed rafters*** – soiling the area making the floor slippery and unsafe

It has taken considerable skill, effort and dedication on the part of **Smartway Builders** to address and rectify these problems not to mention the cost associated with the fit-out.

But that is all behind us now!

We invite you and your friends to see our new home and get as excited and proud of it as the committee.

The shed will be open for inspection at 10.00am on Saturday 25th August 2018.

So instead of viewing pictures of the shed, COME ALONG AT 10:00am ON SATURDAY 25th and see for yourself. Bring a friend.

We will be serving free coffee, tea, something to eat and even a **free beer** if you would like one.!

See you on our Access day; please make a note in your diaries now.

Thank you.