



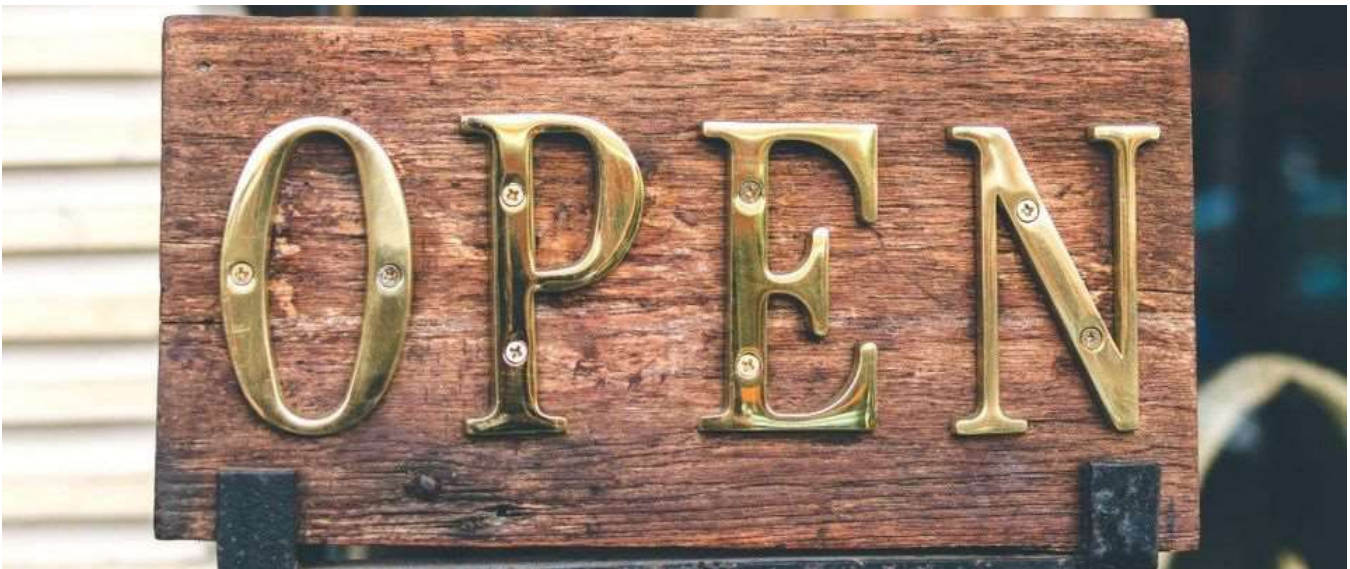
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Tawa MenzShed is now open for business



We are opening for business for all members on **Tuesday 18th September** and following this, every Tuesday and Saturday between 10.00 am until 1.00 pm. Like any shed there is some preparatory work that needs to be completed to get us up and running fully. These include assembling shelves, de-nailing some timber, building work benches, setting up machinery, putting up signs and safety barriers etc. This work will result in gradually increasing facilities for members to do their own projects or help out on future community projects. Of course every Tuesday from the 18th onwards members can simply come along if they want to enjoy each others company for some social time over a cup of tea or coffee. Please come along and help where you can.

Safety

Naturally to operate machinery in the shed, Safety is a major concern for all of us.

Every member is responsible for their own safety!

If you plan to do any work in the shed, you are being asked to bring your own personal safety protection such as safety glasses, ear protectors, gloves and dust masks.

Session Supervisor

Another key issue is the appointment of Supervisors to keep an eye on any members who might be using unsafe practices. Following the recent Questionnaire, we have managed to get six offers to take on this role, but we would like to get several more volunteers so that the duty only comes up for each one less often. The duties are not onerous and guidance will be given.

Funding 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.

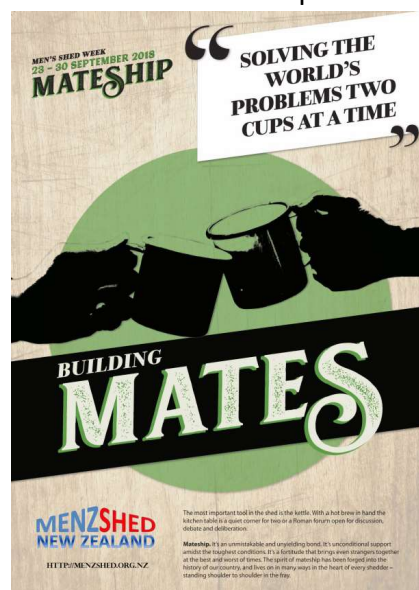
Then click the “Donate Now” button

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

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

Men’s Shed Week

MenZshed New Zealand national office together with MenZshed Australia has sent a poster to every shed to promote and celebrate Men’s shed week 23 – 30 September.



Please plan to visit the shed sometime during this week even if its to meet fellow members and share in a cuppa. Despite the fantastic work Smartways Builders have put in to providing us with a large shed fit for purpose, we wish to acknowledge the following members for taking on a number of jobs that are necessary.

Our thanks go to the following members:

- ◆ **Max George & John Melville** for their plastering work on our mezzanine floor and machine room
- ◆ **Marius du Toit** for sealing the main floor area with polyurethane, filling up the bird access hole & installing safety barriers at potential falling spots
- ◆ **John Bertie** for kindly donating a trailer* to Menzshed Tawa
- w **Wrae Duncan** for repairing the trailer & getting it roadworthy (Warrant of fitness, registration & new jockey wheel)
- ◆ **Wrae Duncan** for building our first new workbench & delivering it to site
- ◆ **Jack Fry** for his efforts on cataloguing our power tools & arranging for them to be safety tested
- ◆ **Smartway Builders** for the fit-out of the shed
- ◆ **The sheds committee** for its work these last 12 months

Note: *The shed's new trailer is available to members for hire overnight at \$25:00 (Some petrol stations have trailers for hire at \$35.00 for 5 hours a day) Please check with Doug Burrus, the secretary, to rent the trailer.



Running Costs

We should mention that we would like a \$2.00 donation for a cup of tea or coffee, every time you visit the shed. This will contribute towards the cost of the hot drinks. Thanks.

Open Day

The official opening of the shed is scheduled for **Saturday 17 November.** Watch this space!