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# Final News for 2018

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**Shed Access: The shed will close down for the Christmas period on Saturday 15 December 2018 and will re-open on Tuesday 22 January 2019. Open Day**

**17 November was a milestone for our Menzshed - it our official OPENING DAY**



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Over 120 attended on a cloudy, dry, wind-free day. The crowd was addressed by the shed's chairman **Gary Beecroft** and Primary Sponsor **Howard Woolston** from **Smartway Builders in Tawa**, who undertook most of the fit-out work. They were followed by Ohariu, MPs **Greg O'Connor** from Labour and National List MP, **Brett Hudson**. Gary expressed his thanks and support shown by Wellington City Council, especially the Northern Ward Councillors, who also attended the function. The other Primary Sponsor for the Tawa MenZshed is the Wellington City Council, which provided the building and funds for the electrical work. Recognising the valuable support given by the WCC, the actual opening was carried out by the Mayor of Wellington, Justin Lester. He encouraged and thanked all those involved for establishing and supporting this worthwhile community initiative. He then formally "opened" the shed.

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The crowd was entertained by the Tawa Learners' Band, the "Hometown" Barbershop Quartet and the Tawa U3A Choir (pictured below)

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Tawa MenzShed thanks the entertainers for their involvement on OPEN DAY which was deemed a huge success.

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## **2018 AGM - Annual General Meeting**

MenZshed Tawa had its Annual General Meeting on Saturday 24 November. Coincidentally that was the same number of members who attended – 24. It was disappointing that we received apologies from 18 members who could not make it. Members who attended were offered freshly brewed coffee and cake inside the shed before the start of the AGM at 11:00am. The financial report and budget presented by the treasurer were well received. The chairman addressed the members with a brief summary of the last 12 months followed by his and the committee's vision for the next 12 months. In essence, up till now all activity has been focused on getting the shed ready for full-on use (the "set-up" phase). But as more and more community projects flood in, the shed will need to be open more than the current two days a week. As a result, we will require more supervisors and probably a shed manager to handle projects, finances, work priorities and supervisors. Our current constitution does not allow for this. So the chairman outlined a proposal to have the constitution and rules reviewed in the light of our experience to date. Following this review, a Special General Meeting will be called in March or April 2019 where the amended rules will be presented to the members. Most of the current committee will continue for the next four months when a clearer picture of roles and responsibilities will emerge. A new committee will be appointed at that time. This was put to the vote and was accepted by all present.

### **Sponsorship and Support**

I am delighted to report that in addition to **Wellington City Council** who has been generous in providing us with premises and allocating us funds to rewire and install new lighting in the shed and Smartway Builders who provided the fit-out, we have received a grant from the **Thomas George Macarthy**. The Trust has given us funds to purchase shelving for the tool room as well as safety equipment for members (earandeyeprotection,dustmasks,glovesetc.).We sincerely thank our Sponsors and Supporters.



The Tawa Residents Association and Tawa Primary School are organising a Tawa Community Christmas Carol evening at the primary school in Oxford Street on 1 December starting at 4.30pm after the Santa Parade. During the carol function, the organisers will conduct several raffles. Raffle prizes include:

- 1: Giant soft Unicorn valued at \$129.00 - Thank you Gift Shack
- 2: Easy Swim Holiday Programme - valued at \$90.00 - Thanks Easy Swim School
- 3: Tuppaware drinks container with spout - valued at \$100.00 - Thanks Julie Fitzgerald
- 4: Christmas Hamper - Thanks New World
- 5: Handmade Jewellery - Thanks Nicola Anne Harwood



But the best news of all is that the **proceeds from the raffles will go to the Tawa Menzshed!**

Please support the shed by buying tickets. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Once again, we thank our sponsors and supporters.

We will keep you informed of other grants and sponsorships as we receive them.

**As this is the last newsletter for 2018, on behalf of the committee, have a very Happy Christmas and Safe and prosperous New Year!**