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# Newsletter - January 2019

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## Welcome to MenzShed Tawa 2019.

The committee trusts you have had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break and are now excited to get stuck into those projects you have been planning or have been putting off all last year. We are keen to see the shed fully utilised and we have some exciting attractions coming up throughout the year. These will be in the form of demonstrations and classes to inspire you and get you fully challenged and engaged.

(See "Looking ahead" below).

## Opening Hours

The Shed's first opening this year is on **Tuesday 22 January from 10:00am to 1:00pm.**

Opening hours for the rest of the year will be between **10:00am and 1:00pm every Saturday and Tuesday** until further notice.

If shed activities warrant it and we can find enough day supervisor volunteers, the shed will be open on other days as well.

## Looking Ahead

On **Saturday 16 March** about 40 members from the Guild of Woodworkers will visit the shed to learn about some new equipment. The demonstration and workshop will last all day from 9:00am to about 4:00pm.

Several of our members belong to the Guild of Woodworkers including Bryan Hawkins.

Going forward, he has been recommended by the Guild to tutor our members on the use of wood lathes.

This demonstration and workshop is a good opportunity to encourage those of our members interested in wood turning to come and learn about it. In addition, guild members are keen to work with us whenever the opportunity arises.

Peter Johnstone from the Guild has reported that they have a Colt lathe and are making good progress on finding a chuck for our lathe.

Please make members of the Guild visiting our shed on the 16th of March feel welcome.

## Shed Trailer

The shed is now the proud owner of a trailer (thanks to John Bertie who donated the trailer and Wrae Duncan who repaired it).

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It is registered and has a warrant of fitness and is available for hire on a first-come first-served basis by members for their own use.

**The cost for hire is \$25.00 for three or four days at a time.** Pick up from the shed on Tuesday and return the following Saturday or Pick up on a Saturday and return the following Tuesday.

(Trailers for hire from garages and petrol stations cost about \$25.00 to \$35.00 for a few hours). Please ensure you read the [rules related to the use of the MenzShed trailer](#) on this website.

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## **Shed Projects**

Wellington City Council, our primary sponsor has given us a grant to build additional workbenches for the shed.

Wrae Duncan has successfully built a solid bench for us and because we unanimously like his design, we have asked him to lead teams to build additional benches for us. This will be one of our first activities for 2019.

Please advise our secretary, or speak to Ric Godenho, if you would like to be in one of the workbench building teams.

## **Shed Progress**

Late last year with the grant received from the [Thomas George Macarthy Trust](#) we purchased eight 5-tier shelves.

These have been set up in the lockable tool room and in the shed. We hope to buy additional storage bins for the shelf units and label them so that tools and materials can easily be located.

Now that we have an idea of what we have in the way of donated tools (until now stored in Jack Fry's garage) we plan to ask for sponsorship and grants for additional tools and materials.

These include dust extractors, air compressor hoses and fitting attachments, saw benches, reciprocating saws etc.

The upstairs area of the shed is now lockable and is designed for non-dust activities such as upholstery, electronics, hobbies and crafts.

The small adjacent room upstairs is suitable for a computer and printer. We are planning to use this quiet space to teach our members basic computer skills like word processing, email, web browsing etc. Just watch this space.

## **Defibrillator**

On 17 December, Tawa MenzShed received an AED (Automated External Defibrillator), thanks to the generosity of Tawa Rotary

.This life saving portable equipment is a safe and easy-to-use machine which is used to treat sudden cardiac arrests (heart attacks).

Members of Tawa MenzShed hope they will never have to use it, but are grateful it has been made available in the event of an emergency.

Pictured is MenzShed Chairman Gary Beecroft receiving the AED from Denise Garcia, President of Tawa Rotary

