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Workbenches



Shed Development Up-Date #2

MEMBER SKILLS AND ACTIVITIES

Your committee has been working to develop the Shed, organise activities, and raise money but we need your help to get these activities done.

Raffle Organiser Needed

We have been given some Ozito tools which we need to raffle and we are looking for someone to run the raffle. This should not prove to be an onerous task, but it needs looking after if it is to be successful.

Hand Washing Basin

A project manager is required to manage the installation of a hand basin (cold water only) by the entry door and fire hose. Are you a plumber or do you know one who could help?

Supervisors Needed

Looking after shed operations, opening and closing the shed for each opening session needs a Day Supervisor. The number of opening sessions is limited by the number of members offering to do these duties. We need more volunteers. Please Email Doug if you are available.

Overall Project Assessment Manager Urgently Needed

We have a series of possible projects, some as fund raisers and other as community activities. The MZT urgently needs a person to assess the overall viability of each potential project and allocate it to a project manager. Contact Doug or Gary if you are interested.

Project Managers Urgently Needed

We NEED managers for each project otherwise they will not go proceed. Most of the projects are simple but need a designated member to agree to manage them – not doing all the actual work but finding out what is required, organising other members to do the work, seeing that it's making progress and bringing it to completion. Contact Doug or Gary if you are interested. Doug has distributed a current project list to members.

Support

Our MenzShed continues to get support and recognition from members of the wider Tawa community. This is very encouraging as one of our founding principles is to be available to assist the community where we can. Pictured below is Howard receiving the Tawa Residents' Association's donation of \$361.30 from Tracey Richardson. This money was raised last year's Spring into Tawa for the Tawa MenzShed. A big thank you also goes to St. David's Fund who gave us a grant of \$1000 for shed improvements and tools. The kindness, generosity and support from our sponsors never ceases to amaze us. Thank you.



Guild of Woodworkers Wellington (GWW)

Woodturning by an expert

On Saturday March 16, The Guild of Woodworkers Wellington (GWW) held a joint meeting with MenzShed Tawa to demonstrate the "art" of woodturning. The presenter was Chris Hooton, also known as "Woody" who is based in Taupo. The Tawa MenzShed proved an ideal location for the event and, with two cameras and monitors to provide close-ups while Woody was working his magic; everyone was able to see what was happening. He started his demonstration by converting a short length of plum tree branch (with bark) into a shallow tray and followed this up by producing a highly polished bowl from a block of Kohekohe. All this was done without measurements. Instead, he used his eyes, the feel of the wood, and his long experience to produce the finished bowl.

Pictured below is "Woody" at work.





Special thanks to our Jack Fry, also a GWW member, who organised the meeting and the catering. Everyone seemed to have found the meeting successful in all respects. For those interested in following up information on Woody and the services he provides, his website is <https://www.woodysplace.co.nz/>

More woodturning

The Guild of Woodworkers Wellington held another session at our Shed on Thursday 4 April, when Neil Turner of the National Association of Woodworkers demonstrated the art of woodturning as part of a nationwide tour. Jack Fry a member of the Guild of Wood workers and the MenzShed kindly agreed to look after things for this meeting. Thanks Jack.

Firewood for sale

As a fund raising initiative and a service to our community, the shed has decided to sell “banana boxes” of timber at **only \$5.00** per box.



The idea is for the purchaser to collect the boxes from the shed. However, if this may be difficult for some buyers, MenzShed members will deliver the boxes. We need you to help cut up pallets for the firewood as an ongoing project, so please pop into the shed whenever you can and offer your services. Thank you to those who have started creating this sale-able asset for the shed.

Looking Ahead

Please make a note of these special dates in your diaries ? April 19 Good Friday - Easter

- ♦ April 20 Easter Saturday – Shed CLOSED
 - ♦ April 22 Easter Monday
 - ♦ April 23 Easter Tuesday – Shed CLOSED
 - ♦ May 04 Tool sharpening demonstration and tutorial by John Spittal
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Safety

Health and Safety is each individual's responsibility. Also, as a member of the shed, please look out for fellow members and help and advise them if you see them struggling with a tool or using them incorrectly.

Here are some basic common sense safety reminders that you are aware of.

Always ? **WEAR EYE PROTECTION.**

- ♦ Use tools that are the **RIGHT SIZE & RIGHT TYPE** for your job.
- ♦ Follow the correct procedure for using **EVERY** tool.
- ♦ Keep your cutting tools **SHARP** and in good condition
- ♦ **DON'T** work with **OILY** or **GREASY** hands.
- ♦ Handle **SHARP-EDGED** and **POINTED TOOLS** with care.
- ♦ Always carry pointed tools by your side with the points and heavy ends **DOWN**.
- ♦ **SECURE** all small work & short work with a vise or clamp.
- ♦ **NEVER** carry tools in your pockets.
- ♦ **DON'T** use tools which are **LOOSE** or **CRACKED**.
- ♦ **KEEP** your punches & chisels in good condition. Mushroomed heads can chip & cause injuries.
- ♦ **DON'T** use a file without a **HANDLE**.
- ♦ **DON'T** pry or hammer with a **FILE**. It may shatter.

