

MENZSHED - TAWA -

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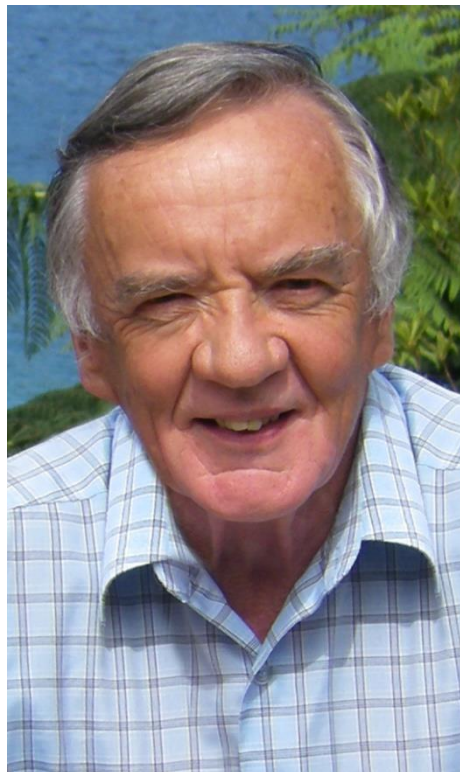
It is with sadness and regret that I advise that our secretary **Doug Burrus** passed away on Tuesday 8 July 2019.

Doug had been ill for some time with a bad chest infection. His sudden passing was peaceful with Frances his wife at his side.

Doug was one of the shed's founding members and he worked tirelessly in getting the shed set up.

He was involved in writing our constitution, getting us established as a charity with the charities commission and as an incorporated society.

Everyone that knew Doug considered him a gentleman, knowledgeable, quietly spoken and basically a "good bloke". He will be sorely missed not only for his tireless efforts but as a good friend and keen "sheddie".





Now that the shed is set up with benches, vices and tools, we are undertaking a number of different projects with which we can all be involved.

At the committee meeting, we agreed that most of these projects are lucrative and will earn the shed valuable funds whilst keeping the members interested and involved.

So please review them listed (below) and simply turn up at 10:00AM on a Tuesday or Saturday for a cuppa and to spend some time working on them. They will hopefully spark some interest, and bring some of your skills and experience to the projects. Alternately, come along and learn some new skills – there is always someone there who can help you."

Dust Extractor.



We have some generous members in our shed.

Kevin Thompson has graciously donated a large dust extractor for the machine shop in the shed, something we had been talking about for a long time.

Kevin has relocated from Tawa to the Kapiti coast but had decided to donate the extractor to the Tawa shed.

Thank you for kind donation Kevin, please make sure to visit any time you are in the area.

Pictured above is Andre taking delivery of the extractor from Kevin.

Projects

The shed has been set up so that members could work on their own projects, socialise, learn new skills or even teach others.

For example, those members who may not have the skills or resources or tools at home, the shed is a good place to start. However, please remember that if you use shed resources (wood and materials), please see the shed supervisor first. The resources may be earmarked by someone else or some other project. If they are available a small donation would be appreciated.

If you wish to start a project for the shed then please contact Andre Lategan who is the designated project coordinator.

Simply drop him a line explaining what the project is. All community projects (those requested by the community- e.g. build planter boxes for the library), must be channelled through Andre.

There is a form (available from the web site) asking for specifics of the project

- Cost to produce
- Selling price
- Timeframe
- Material sourced from
- Specialist skills required (wood turning or welding)
- Size of team required to build the project

Andre can assist with filling out the project request form

He will also keep the committee advised of how the project is progressing at the monthly meetings.

Tawa Community Garden Pantry:

There is a community garden in Oxford Street run by volunteers who love gardening. They have asked the shed to make them a little pantry where they can store and display fruit and vegetables from the garden. This fruit and vegetables are for needy residents from Tawa to help themselves.

The pantry has been designed and approval is sought. But it requires volunteers to help build it.

Ian Harris has the details.

Bowling Boxes:

The Tawa bowling club has asked us if we could make some boxes to store and carry bowling balls. Gary Beercroft has plans for these boxes and the club has agreed in principle, depending on the final project details.

Please see Gary if you would like to be involved with this project.

Firewood:

This project is well underway. We chop down pallets (between the nails) and then box them up for sale. We need volunteers to cut down the pallets (using skill saws) and stack them in banana boxes.

This is an easy and ongoing project.

Please see Richard Herbert who is leading this team.

Jim Rowlands is coordinating orders from clients who want firewood.

Bird Sugar-water feeder:

Durable construction fully assembled

The feeder will be painted red, a colour said to attract Tuis. This will also provide the feeder with good protection from the weather.

We are considering offering this feeder in kit-set form for those who want to finish the assembly themselves.

Jack has designed this bird feeder and will manage this project.



Bird Seed Feeder:

Durable construction fully assembled

The feeder will be fully constructed using timber and fittings that will not corrode or rot in an out of doors situation. The feeder will be unpainted.

This bird feeder may also be made into a kit-set item

Jack has designed this bird feeder and will manage this project as well.

Weta Motel :

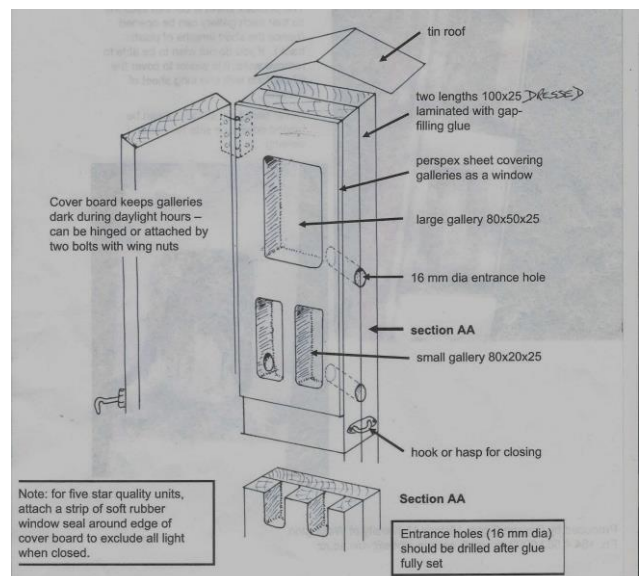
This is a construction built as a hiding place for Wetas.

It is made light proof with a door that can be opened to view, the occupants hiding away in the galleries.

A clear acrylic sheet keeps the wetas warm and secure in their motel rooms.

The motel will be fully constructed using timber and fittings that will not corrode or rot in an out of doors situation. It is not intended to paint the motel.

Jack will be managing this project as well.



Mini planter boxes:

Using discarded timber (from the building site opposite the shed) these small planter boxes are designed for apartments and window sills and where space is confined.

The plan is to manufacture four or five of them for sale and hopefully take orders for more at the Spring into Tawa fair in October.

Toaster tongs:

These wooden tongs are a safety device for removing toast and crumpets that are invariably stuck in toaster. Made of bamboo, they make an attractive little gift as being fully functional.

Key Rings:

The shed is busy making key rings for raising funds at the next Spring Into Tawa 2019. View their website for more detail on this event at <https://springintotawa.nz/>

The key rings are laser cut from Pacific Rimu, have a leather strap and are treated with French Oil to protect and bring out the grain of the Rimu.

As a final finishing touch, the key rings were laser engraved with the Tawa logo.

A short video of the engraving process is posted on our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/TawaMenzShed/videos/684723661970802/>



Tea Light Candle holders

Another easy but lucrative project using recycled timber (Rimu, Matai, Oregon or Pine) The recycled timber is readily available at no cost (building recyclers).

The candle holders make beautiful gifts and would be a revenue stream for the shed.

They could be sold at "Spring Into Tawa" or other market days (e.g. stall at Lions site on Sat at DressMart, local "boot sales").

Howard Woolston has samples, knows where we can pick up the raw materials free and has designs for this project. Please see him if you could help.

Technology :

