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Membership Renewal Reminder

Thank you to those members who have completed their membership renewal for the current year

If this hasn't been attended to yet our Treasurer would appreciate you doing this soon so he doesn't have to chase you.

The 2019 – 2020 subscriptions have remained the same at \$20.00 for a full year.

Payment can be made in three ways. Please print off the attached membership renewal form (attached), fill it out and sign it.

1. Directly transfer \$20.00 into the shed's account and hand the completed form any shed supervisor on a Tuesday or Saturday
2. Enclose cash or cheque with the completed form and hand the completed form any shed supervisor on a Tuesday or Saturday
3. Mail your cheque directly to the treasurer, John Melville together with the completed form.

Treasurer, John Melville, email john@jamm.co.nz.

All other details are on the attached membership renewal form.

Firewood Sales Please review the attached advertisement promoting Firewood sales. This is a regular revenue stream for the shed so please make your friends and neighbours aware of this service provided by the shed. Thank you.

Candle Holder project. We are about to start on a new project to make some candle holder items, for sale at the MenZshed Spring into Tawa stall. (Photo attached of samples in progress).

This is going to require someone skilled in using the bench saw, and also a number of people can help with the sanding and finishing of this product to bring out the most of a beautiful wood grains.

Thanks to Smartway Builders Limited for donating recycled rimu, matai and cedar, and for the design suggestions for this project.

Shed news.

*There has been a steady turnout to recent Shed open sessions on Tuesday and Saturday mornings 10am - 1pm. Attendance is normally around 6-12 people.

*Geoff has done a superb job at tidying and keeping in its place all of the tools and consumables that reside on the shelving and tool room at the back right corner of the shed. He is there most sessions so if you're looking for a particular size screw or screw driver please just ask Geoff. It would be a great help to Jeff and the Shed if at the end of each session tools and items you're removed from shelving could be returned to where you found them. This also helps keep the Shed looking tidy and professional.

*In this regards it would also help if before you left the Shed session that you sweep up the area you've been working in. Dust and sawdust is getting everywhere and it shouldn't be left to others to tidy up after you.

*Electricians have been on site in the past week and have tested and certified a number of electrical hand tools and are working on getting the remaining lathe operational.

*Bryan has installed a repaired band-saw blade and is currently working on a dust extraction system for the lathes. When the lathes get their electrical certification, Bryan plans to run a few workshops instructing interested members how to carve.

*At long last the Shed has been given approval from WCC for a new door to be placed between the Shed and kitchen area which will remove the necessity to walk around the outside between these areas. However, an LBP is required to supervise this work and Howard is arranging this aspect and then the action can begin.

Spring into Tawa

The shed has booked a stall for this event on Saturday 19 October from 10:00 where we hope to make the community aware of who we are and to sell a number of products that have been made.

Ann Woolston from Smartway Builders has kindly volunteered to coordinate this event for the shed.

First of all she will need a number of volunteers to help "man" the stand in Tawa. As 'many hands make light work', you will only be required to be present at the stall for about an hour or so to talk to Interested members of the community and sell products the shed has for sale. We will have a range of items on display for sale which also exhibit some of the work that can be done at the Shed. These including; key rings, bird nectar feeders, candle holders, toast tweezers, toy cars, and more.

Please contact Ann advising when you will be available to assist (eg...10:00 to 11:00 or 12:00 to 1:00 etc). Thank you.

Note the shed will be closed on this Saturday.

Supervisors

Richard Herbert is currently updating and shed Supervisors Roster for September and October. If you would like to be added to this roster which is important for the operation of the shed please let Richard know - guidance and training can be provided.

Could existing Shed Supervisors also let Richard know your availability and unavailability it would make the process quicker - *else he will eventually track you down.*

Richard can be contacted at "herbert.r@xtra.co.nz", or 0274455942.

AGM

The shed will hold its annual General meeting on **Saturday 21 September 2019.**

The shed will not be open for any work projects today.

Timetable for the day is as follows:

- 10:00AM Morning tea. Time to socialise with other members
- 11:00AM Formal AGM to start.
- 12:00PM Sausage Sizzle lunch for all attendees

This is your opportunity to meet committee members, elect new officers, and determine what plans the shed has for the next twelve months.

Finally

A member of the shed with some time on his hands decided to try fishing as a relaxing hobby. So he went to his local sports store to buy a rod and reel.

As he doesn't know which one to get, he just grabs one and takes it over to the sales counter. The clerk behind the counter was wearing dark glasses. He said to the clerk, "excuse me sir, can you tell me anything about this rod and reel?"

The clerk replies, "I am completely blind, but if you drop it on the counter, I can tell you everything about it from the sound it makes"

The shopper does not believe the clerk but drops the rod and reel on the counter anyway. The clerk hears it and says, "That is a six-foot graphite Shakespeare rod with a Zebco 404 reel and 10 pound test line. It's a good all round combination and we have it on special this week for \$20.00.

"That's amazing you can tell that just by the sound of it dropped, I'll take it"

As he opened his wallet his credit card falls on the floor. "Oh that's a MasterCard" says the clerk.

The shopper bends down to pick it up and accidentally breaks wind loudly. At first he is embarrassed but then realises that there was no way the blind clerk would know it was him that "tooted"

The clerk rings up the sale and says that will be \$34.50. The shopper is totally confused.

He said, "didn't you just tell me the rod and reel was \$20.00?"

The clerk replies, "Yes sir, the rod and reel was \$20.00, but the duck call was \$11.00 and the catfish bait is \$3.50.

The shopper paid and left without saying a single word.