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June 2020

## Your Shed is Re-opening with strict guidelines

Your committee has met, and had deep, meaningful discussions, and decided to re-open our Tawa MenzShed. In June, we will open from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on Tuesdays and Saturdays. In July we expect to add Thursdays back into the schedule, subject to how well we cope in June.

Here are the new rules for attendance at Tawa MenzShed which will apply during the Covid-19 level 2 and level 1 pandemic:

1. **If you are unwell, do not attend.**
2. **If you feel vulnerable due to underlying health concerns, do not attend.**
3. **On entry:** All persons entering the Tawa MenzShed are to sanitise their hands. All persons must sign the attendance register. Non-members must provide contact details for track and trace purposes. The supervisor will greet all arrivals to ensure compliance. Sanitise the sign-in pen between users. Or bring your own pen.
4. **Morning tea:** The tea lady ("man" of course) "volunteer" of the day has to wash their hands, boil the kettle, lay out cups for all, make tea and instant coffee for all, including adding milk and sugar for individual requirements. Nobody gets to touch anything except their own cuppa. *If* we decide to serve biscuits, the "volunteer" has to wash their their hands, put on disposable gloves and distribute biscuits to members without *anybody* touching the biscuits or the packages. The "volunteer" gets to do the dishes in *HOT* soapy water, dry them and put them away. Morning tea is an important part of the shed culture, so we need to do this *safely*. The kitchen will be sanitised before and after use as we are sharing it with the Rural Volunteer Fire Service.
5. **Social separation:** No more than two people per work bench. One empty seat between each coffee drinker in the tea room. No more than 10 people working inside the shed. Persons involved in outside projects, such as firewood and the storage container, can be additional to the inside ten. For June at least, additional attendees beyond these limits will be asked to come on another day. This limit on the number gathering at the shed may be temporary until we get to level one (or level zero).
6. **Sanitise:** Sanitise your hands when you arrive. When you are about to use a new tool, you don't know who was using it last, so when you have finished using it, sanitise your hands. Sanitise your hands when you leave the shed. Wash your hands when you get home.
7. **Stay safe:** Be mindful in everything you do. Keep others safe. Please abide by any additional guidance the duty supervisor may provide.

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Read on for further news further news regarding new Shed projects which members may wish to participate in.

We now have four potential new projects to “engage” members. Actually six if we count sugar water bird feeders and fire wood.

The Shed has been approached with separate proposals to build a pet wheelchair and an outdoor mud kitchen for children’s play. There projects could be fun for our members to build and can bring in some funds for the Shed. Whilst examples are provided below, artistic licence will be the order of the day.

We are asking for volunteers to come forward to help build these projects. Please either contact John Gibson or André Lategan. Initially we need to come up with a rough design which can be used to cost the materials and a guesstimate of time to build.

### Pet Wheelchair

Jefrey the dog, has only a few more months to live. So, this project is **urgent**. Sonya, Jefreys owner, would really like to give Jefrey a few months more of quality life. It would be immensely satisfying to enable Jefrey to go out for little walks with Sonya again.

The two commercial examples of wheelchairs below are made from metal. However, if you look at the Youtube link below, very clever use has been made of pvc piping , it is simply glued together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ushr20Hj54M>



A similar, but more complex version is shown in the following Youtube video and its follow-up.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25VUhFpoD5Q>

The two examples below will probably be unnecessary, given Jefreys limited lifespan.



## Outdoor play Mud Kitchen

This is for two girls, a one-year-old and a three-year-old. The illustration below is an example - artistic licence is the order of the day!



The dimensions are:

1.5- 1.8 mt wide approx x 1 mt all over height x 500 mm deep.

The bench top is 500mm high. That is a guide. Sourcing the basins may be a challenge, but they dont have to be round if hard to find.



It would be best the basins are further apart, but this picture is another idea of how it can be built. Dont need to paint but a quote which included the painting option has been requested. Contact John Gibson or Andre Lategan: [andre@socket.co.nz](mailto:andre@socket.co.nz)

Following committee agreement to start shed meetings again from next week I attach a draft supervisors roster for June - July.

**MENZSHED TAWA DAY SUPERVISORS ROSTER June - July 2020 - DRAFT**

Tuesday, 2 June .....	Jack Fry
Saturday, 6 June .....	Max George
Tuesday, 9 June .....	John Melville
Saturday, 13 June .....	t.b.a.
Tuesday, 16 June .....	Jack Fry
Saturday, 20 June .....	John Holloway
Tuesday, 23 June .....	Nick Crocker
Saturday, 27 June .....	John Gibson
Tuesday, 30 June .....	André Lategan
Thursday, 2 July .....	Ian Harris
Saturday, 4 July .....	Max George
Tuesday, 7 July .....	Jack Fry
Thursday, 9 July .....	André Lategan
Saturday, 11 July .....	Stuart Lavin
Tuesday, 14 July .....	Ian Harris
Thursday, 16 July .....	t.b.a.
Saturday, 18 July .....	John Holloway
Tuesday, 21 July .....	Jack Fry
Thursday, 23 July .....	Bryan Hawkins
Saturday, 25 July .....	John Gibson
Tuesday, 28 July .....	John Melville
Thursday, 30 July .....	André Lategan

**NOTES:**

**Shed Supervisor Volunteers so far are:**

Gary Beecroft, David Bray, Jack Fry, Max George, Ian Harris, André Lategan, John Melville, Bryan Hawkins, John Holloway, Richard Herbert, Stuart Lavin.

If you cannot make your allocated day, please contact the persons rostered for the next couple of meetings to arrange a swap.

Jack is not available on Saturdays,  
David prefers Saturdays  
Max prefers 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday.  
Gary, Bryan and John Gibson cannot do Tuesdays  
John Holloway cannot do Thursdays  
Nick prefers Tuesdays

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Jack Fry has organised for those interested, to attend sessions making green wood chairs. There are still places available if you want to learn this facinating arm of woodworking. Please note dates.

The Wellington Woodworking Guild has agreed to the green wood working chair to go ahead on the week ends **6&7th, 13&14th June**. The cost will be \$20.00 for the materials and gas. Bring your own lunch and a drink.

If you would like to attend, please contact Jack Fry: [jackfry@nowmail.co.nz](mailto:jackfry@nowmail.co.nz)



## Firewood For Sale.

Your winter firewood stock run down? The first Autumn chills during lockdown has reminded us that winter is on its way. And so as we emerge out of lockdown and the Tawa MenZshed resumes operations we are starting up again a fundraiser project to the sell boxes of firewood to assist with the shed development and as a service to the community

Can MenZshed members please help spread the word to neighbours and circle of friends who may have wood burners.

Banana boxes of firewood sell for \$5.00 each and can be delivered within Tawa. The firewood comprises cut up pallets, and offcuts from other MenZshed activities.

To place your orders please contact Richard Herbert on 232 6828, or email: [herbert.r@xtra.co.nz](mailto:herbert.r@xtra.co.nz).

Payment either on delivery or to the MenZshed bank account 02 0552 0040123 00 Reference “your surname” “firewood” “your address”



## Majong racks

Another good project to help the coffers are the beautiful Majong Racks that John Gibson makes

A thank you, to all that helped and gave encouragement.

I meant to send this in before the last newsletter went out, sorry, but completely forgot! I wanted to send a message to much missed shed friends, but don't have anyone's contact details. Could you in some way pass this on, please?

The last project I worked on at the Menzshed before shut down was a shoe rack, which I finished at home. It's not perfect, but I'm more than pleased. Thank you to everyone who helped me (as per usual, I got a lot of helpful advice!), and I'm looking forward to returning to the shed when we're all safe again.

**Preyanka Gothanayagi**



## Requests for Community Book Exchange Cabinets

We have two requests to make community book exchange cabinets, one for Rotary and one for a local Tawa school. This would probably be similar to the community pantry we made last year. But more weather proof of course. Volunteers please.

Email Ian Harris: [ian@harris.org.nz](mailto:ian@harris.org.nz)

## Bird Feeders

Sugar water bird feeders. Tuis love them. This has been a real good earner for the shed. Has raised our profile too. Lots of fun to make and paint them. Volunteers please. Email Jack: [jackfry@nowmail.co.nz](mailto:jackfry@nowmail.co.nz)



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From a contact in the Kapiti Menzshed, here is some reading about what Sheds are doing on the opposite side of the globe. Click on this Shoulder to Shoulder link below to get this UK newsletter

[Shoulder-to-Shoulder](#)