

MENZSHED - TAWA -

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We held a successful BBQ on 4 July, some members of the community came to investigate what the Shed was all about and a number indicated they would like to become members. We were also joined by members of Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves who were having a working bee that morning just across the carpark. The BBQ will be a regular feature on the first Saturday of every second month. So the dates for this year are 5 September and 7 November. A gold coin donation would be appreciated - Thanks!



This is a reminder that our treasurer will be pleased to see, its time to pay and renew your yearly subscription. If you havnt been told or you havnt caught up - the subscription has increased to \$30.00 per annum. Payment can be made to a committee member or on line into the Menzshed BNZ account No: **02 0552 0040123 00**

The roof on the container to make more watertight is finished now, inside of container to convert it into a timber store is now under way, please see Jack Fry or Andre Lategan to help to complete.

Volunteers needed for erecting shelving in the container, the garage and the tool room. Please. When we get this sorted we will have better storage for timber, tools and work in progress. When finished, the shelving will give you a place to store your project when you are not working on it. Please use this storage rather than leaving your part finished project on the work benches. Benches are for work, not storage.

Spring into Tawa

Celebration in Tawa is fast approaching, we have had a stall and successfully marketed a few of our items made at the shed in the past as shown in picture from last year [History](#)

Spring into Tawa started in the year 2000, established by local business owners keen to have a market day in the main shopping area. By around 2010, the event was being run by the Tawa Ratepayers and Progressive Association and members of the Tawa Community Board.

In 2016, the Ratepayers and Progressive Association rebranded as Vibrant Tawa and sought to refresh the local market day. An organising committee was formed to grow the event. For the first time, the Main Road of Tawa was closed in the main shopping area, allowing the event to grow.

Spring into Tawa will turn 20 years old in 2020.



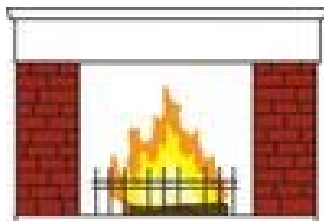
Firewood.

There is always more work to do to make up boxes of firewood to sell. There is a definite and urgent need for this worthy cause for the community

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@extra.co.nz.

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



Wood Turning Demonstration

On 5th August at the shed. Three to four hours. Get more details off Jack like cost, etc.. One of NZ's leading wood turners will show you what can be done on a lathe. These demonstrations can be fascinating and lots can be learned and your questions answered. See Jack Fry to get more details

Looking for a project to do?

We have a number of small projects. E.g. Stuffed Toy "Zoo". We need members to "own" these projects and make them happen, and helpers to volunteer. This is a good way to learn new skills. Again a committee member is where to get more information about how you can help.



Just thought you would like to see the finished, plastered and painted door. We would like to thank all those involved in this - there might be another chance to exercise these skills - hold that thought!

We had an urgent plea from a distressed dog owner for a small trolley for her dog that is having problems walking. John Gibson set to and quickly made up the trolley pictured and this will enable some more freedom for Jeffrey the dog



Who would have thought this on the left could morph into the magnificent bird on the right.



Jack Fry organised myself and Preya to attend the “chairmaking” session in the Mangoroa Valley. This place was a new world for Preya and myself. It was quickly apparent chairmaking might be a bit beyond us, and we switched to stoolmaking instead. It was still a challenge doing everything by hand - polelath turning is an aquired skill, and I was amazed at the thinking that went into such a “simple” item as a stool.



Preya, overcoming the challenges of Pole-lathing



The finished stool

The crucial clamping together of the spindles and legs - this this was “hold your breath” stuff!



We have quite a large collection of woodworking and other hobby type magazines that have been donated to the shed by members over the time we have been going. It has been suggested if any member wants any of these they are welcome to take them, we would like a gold donation if possible and maybe let a committee member know you have taken one or two.

There are some very interesting articles and projects you can read about in these magazines and its a shame to see them just sit there doing nothing. You could even take the mag to do a project then return it if that is your choice.

