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Another year, another AGM.....

We recently had our AGM, to keep us all on track. It was a very smooth AGM and by all accounts over in about 20 minutes. Our official representatives and committee were duly elected, some new committee members volunteered to come on committee. We thank them very much as we do all the others that contribute their time and depart there invaluable knowledge.

The officers & committee are listed below:

Chair: **Gary Beecroft**
Treasurer: **John Melville**
Secretary: **John Gibson**

Committee:

Andre Lategan, Jack Fry, Howard Woolston, John Holloway, Preyanka Gothanayagi & Ben Chambers

Ex-officio committee members:

John Bertie (Lions), Richard Herbert (Rotary), & Tania Shackleton (Tawa Union Church)

For those that weren't in attendance and would like to know what was discussed, a copy of minutes can be obtained from the Secretary.

One of the aims of our shed is of course to produce, make, repair items so that we can charge a small fee or get a donation. Members are always "doing their own thing" - but some of these could be produced in quantity to sell. If we can get the word out about these items, for instance a couple of members are producing a) a dolls chair, b) a small high chair, c) marionette's etc. I'm sure there are people out there that would love these novelty, useful items. If you have any suggestions please let a committee member know.



Please remember.....

for those attending the Tawa Menzshed we now have the official Covid Tracer QR code displayed just inside the main door.

Please make use of this with your phone just in case. If not using the QR scanning method, make sure that you sign in correctly in the book. If you or a close associate was tested positive - you would definitely want to know who the recent contacts have been, QR scanning and record keeping is a good start. If unwell - stay home.



We have all been waiting with baited breath

Ben has worked tirelessly whenever he has been at the shed, we have all seen this Mud Kitchen take shape bit by bit and marvelled as what was in his head gradually take shape and finally emerged - with quite a bit of help from Andre.

We now have a mud kitchen to present to some lucky children.

Ben Chambers, seen in the photo below, has just completed the mud kitchen.

A grandmother approached the Shed and asked if we could build a mud kitchen for her one-year-old and two three-year-old twin granddaughters.

She gave a rough idea of what she wanted, and Ben came up with a sketch plans for approval. This was accepted and Ben launched into the project. As he progressed, he came up with more ideas and the final result can be seen.

Jack Fry was scrapping his old gas stove, so Ben used the parts to add four knobs that can turn to control the four "hot plates". The oven door opens, and you can see the grill and pan inside. The taps operate and are joined up by a garden hose with a tail pointing out from behind the kitchen. This can be connected to the garden hose at the girls' house. A clock, with moveable hands, can be used to teach the time. The front "window" of the oven is painted with blackboard paint and a separate blackboard hangs off the kitchen to the one side. The bowls are removable for playing with the mud and washing later.

It gets delivered soon, we should have some follow up photos at a later date.



Ben hard at it.....



Ben, justifiably proud and I think planning his next one!



Ben and Andre became quite synchronised while working??



...as you can see its all very detailed

A new book about Tawa!

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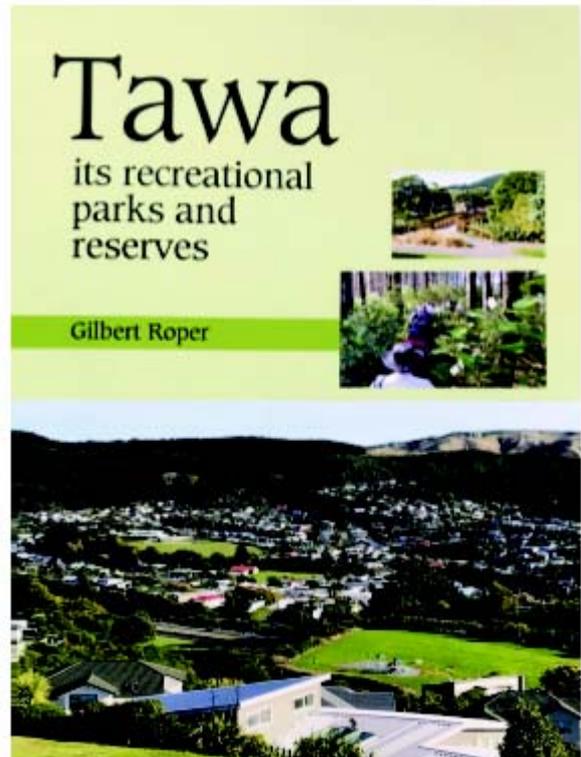
its recreational parks and reserves

This book will be launched at 6pm on Monday 12 October 2020 in the Tawa Library.

Author, Gilbert (Gil) Roper is a member of the 'Tawa Historical Society' and 'Friends of Tawa Bush Reserves' and the launch will be sponsored by these groups. See: www.tawahistory.org.nz and www.tawabush.org.nz

This new, full colour-illustrated, 190-page, A4 size publication features:

- a description of the 33 parks and reserves in Tawa
- aerial images and maps showing their location
- the walking tracks in the reserves
- the playground and recreational facilities available within the parks
- maps and images identifying the development of the parks and reserves
- descriptions of the history of the sports groups that use the parks
- iconic features and trees within the parks and reserves
- the origin of the names of the Tawa parks and reserves.



Special price for pre-launch orders

Up to and including the launch evening of 12 October, books may be ordered for \$30, then paid for and collected at the launch. From 13 October onwards, books need to be purchased directly from the Tawa Library, Corner Main Road and Cambridge Street, Tawa for \$35 each.

There is a limited print-run, and orders can be placed now by email with Ken Woodgate, Secretary, Tawa Historical Society: ken.woodgate@xtra.co.nz

For those who wish to take advantage of the \$30 purchase, but live beyond Wellington, and are unable to attend the launch, books can also be ordered, but will also incur an extra few dollars postage cost. When placing an order with Ken, please indicate the details of the address to which the book is to be sent, and the intended method of payment to be made to the society. Ideally, payment can be made by direct credit into the society's bank account:

BNZ Tawa 02 – 0552 – 0033337 – 00

Please note:

The book is published by the Tawa Historical Society which is a non-profit organisation. It seeks to defray the cost of printing through the sales of this book

FIRE WOOD SALES



Your firewood stock run down? Now's the time to replenish ready for wood to dryout ready for next winter.

Tawa MenZshed continues operations and we are starting up again a fundraiser project to the sell boxes of firewood to assist with the shed development and as service to the community. Can MenZshed members please help spread the word to neighbours and circle of friends who may have woodburners. 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.

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

A plea for help from *Tawa Xmas Parade Committee*

Tawa Xmas Parade

The ***Tawa Xmas Parade Committee*** has approached Tawa Menzshed about helping Tawa Lions convert the old Santa's Workshop Float into a new larger Santa Float. This is for the December children's xmas parade Plus, help with the refurbishing of the Tawa Lions / Professional Real Estate Christmas Pirates Float.

Tawa Lions will be looking for a few Menzshed members to help Tawa Lions with this project. The idea is that the new Santa float will be put on the Tawa ITM bigger truck which has a 2.4 metre by 5 metre long tray. Bryan Framton, the owner of iTM Tawa, will be Santa, again.

Tawa Lions has ordered two patterns from the United States in order to make four kit set plywood reindeer and two baby reindeer.

The patterns should be here in a couple of weeks. Hopefully no delay due to CV 19.

The plywood reindeer will need cutting out, painted and decoration. Also a new base for the Santa sleigh needs to be constructed plus a balustrade as there will be young children on the float.

This is a time consuming project but it is one of the main community projects for Tawa Children and the community.

The project is expected to kick off in early October once the patters have arrived.

It is expected that the project will take October and November with the final decorations to be done the first week of December.

This is a worthwhile community project for the Tawa Menzshed,

The ***Tawa Xmas Parade Committee*** is made up of Rotary, Lions, Rate Payers and representatives from the Council

Membership - increasing Tawa MenzShed membership and enhancing the engagement of the membership we already have.

“We have over 100 members who have signed up to Tawa MenzShed. Impressive. For such a new shed that started out just over three years ago, and has been fully operational for just under 18 months. Only around 60 of our members have paid the current annual subscription of a mere 30 bucks. Not so impressive. We value the support of all of our members and look forward to your continuing support. So please, please, please, if you haven't already paid your subs, now is the time to act. That will be impressive.”

Funding - developing new sources of funding and enhancing the effectiveness of existing sources.

Community Engagement - build upon existing relationships in the Tawa and surrounding area and develop new engagements, including a community education programme and engagement in community projects.

Premises - developing means to ensure long term security of tenure and planning long term facilities development as a community asset for Tawa.

Health and Safety - getting Tawa MenzShed up to best practice standards for every aspect of health and safety.

Each of these areas will overlap with existing operational functions such as finance, newsletter, web site, Facebook, etc., and the strategic leaders can expect to draw upon these resources to contribute to their strategic area. The leader isn't expected to do it all themselves. Just make it happen.

Raised Garden project

TAWA School in Oxford Street Tawa requested our menzshed to help them start a raised garden. Once their requirements were sorted, John Gibson “set to” and bought the wood and cut it to dimensions desired. The idea was to do minimal work and get the children to assemble and nail together. It was obviously, for some of them a steep learning curve, while for others a breeze. The children with guidance from John and the teacher (seen in below pic) paired up naturally and figured it out - fortunately it was pre-drilled for the nails, so they figured out where to put them. You could see most of them were up for the challenge and enjoying it. We have supplied 4 of these designs and they were going to fill with soil and plant vegetables.

Hopefully once all prepared and planted we will see the results of their “green fingers” in a follow up item in Newsletter.



20 YEARS OF SPRING INTO TAWA

This year's event will be held on **Saturday 17 October 2020** from **10am – 3pm**.

Each year, Spring into Tawa is proud to support local groups and organisations in our community. Spring into Tawa, at its heart, is about community and so we look to support a strong and connected community.



Kevin Cook, one of our members, has sent us this picture of a Tui showing off magnificently his bird feeder from the Menzshed



Kate proudly standing by some of the bird feeders she has diligently painted and helped assemble

This year we have a wider range of products for sale, showing off some of our great range of skills and imagination of our members. Ann Woolston is co-ordinating the manning of our stall at the fair, she still needs volunteers to donate an hour or so to help, the stall has to be erected and taken down before and after fair.

If you can help in any way Anne would be very grateful and can give you all the details. Please contact Ann at:

ann@smartway.builders



Some of the items Tawa Menzshed were selling at Spring into TAWA last year.

Woodworking Shop Safety

Woodworking shops can be dangerous without proper training, supervision and the use of personal protective equipment. Many hazards exist, including power and hand tools, noise, electrical and pneumatic energy, combustible dust, flying debris and chemicals.



Woodworking Machines - General Safety & Tips

What should you do before using woodworking machines?

Woodworking tools can be dangerous if not used properly.

Only use woodworking machines that you have been trained to use properly and safely.

Read the owner's manual carefully.

Make sure you understand instructions before attempting to use any tool or machine.

Ask questions if you have any doubts about doing the work safely.

What safety procedures should you follow when using woodworking machines?

Always wear safety glasses or goggles, or a face shield (**with safety glasses or goggles**).

Wear dust masks when required.

Wear hearing protection that is suitable for the level and frequency of the noise you are exposed to in the woodworking area. If you have trouble hearing someone speak from three feet away, the noise level from the machine is too high. Damage to hearing may occur.

Use gloves to protect hands from splinters when handling wood but do not wear them near rotating blades and other machinery parts where the gloves can catch.

Wear protective footwear when required.

Make sure the guard is in position, is in good working condition, and guards the machine adequately before operating any equipment or machine. Check and adjust all other safety devices.

Make sure the equipment is properly grounded before use.

Check that keys and adjusting wrenches are removed from the machine before turning on the power.

Inspect stock for **nails, staples**, loose knots or other defects before cutting, planing, routing or carrying out similar activities.

Make sure that all machines have start and stop buttons within easy and convenient reach of an operator. Start buttons should be protected so that accidental contact will not start the machine. A collar around the button 3 to 6 mm (1/8 to 1/4 inch) above the button is recommended.

Ensure that all cutting tools and blades are clean, sharp, and in good working order so that they will cut freely, not forced.

Turn the power off and unplug the power cord (or lock out the power source) before inspecting, changing, cleaning, adjusting or repairing a blade or a machine. Also turn the power off when discussing the work.

Use a "push stick" to push material into the cutting area. Jigs are also useful in keeping hands safe during cutting procedures. Keep hands out of the line of the cutting blade.

Clamp down and secure all work pieces when drilling, sanding, cutting or milling.

Use good lighting so that the work piece, cutting blades, and machine controls can be seen clearly.

Position or shade lighting sources so they do not shine in the operator's eyes or cause any glare and reflections.

Ensure that the floor space around the equipment is sufficient to enable you to machine the size of work piece being processed safely without bumping into other workers or equipment.

Use extension tables or roller supports for large workpieces. Supports should be placed on both sides (infeed and outfeed).

Woodworking machines should be fitted with efficient and well-maintained local exhaust ventilation systems to remove sawdust or chips that are produced.

Electric power cords should be above head level or in the floor in such a way that they are not tripping hazards.

Keep work area free of clutter, clean, well swept, and well lit. Spills should be cleaned up immediately. Floor areas should be level and non-slip. Good housekeeping practices and workplace design will reduce the number of injuries and accidents from slips, trips, and falls.

Keep the area free from water and moisture. Do not use electrical equipment outdoors in the rain.

Always keep your attention on the work. For example, if you must talk to another person, turn off the equipment first.

What should you avoid when working with woodworking machines?

Do not wear loose clothing, work gloves, neckties, rings, bracelets or other jewellery that can become entangled with moving parts.

Avoid awkward operations and hand positions where a sudden slip could cause your hand to move into the cutting tool or blade.

Do not stand directly behind stock that is being cut, planed, or jointed to avoid injury from kick-back.

Do not remove sawdust or cuttings from the cutting head by hand while a machine is running. Use a stick or brush when the machine has stopped moving.

Do not use compressed air to remove sawdust, turnings, etc. from machines or clothing.

Do not leave machines running unattended (unless they are designed and intended to be operated while unattended). Do not leave a machine until the power off is turned off and the machine comes to a complete stop.

Do not try to free a stalled blade before turning the power off.

Do not distract or startle an operator while he or she is using woodworking equipment.

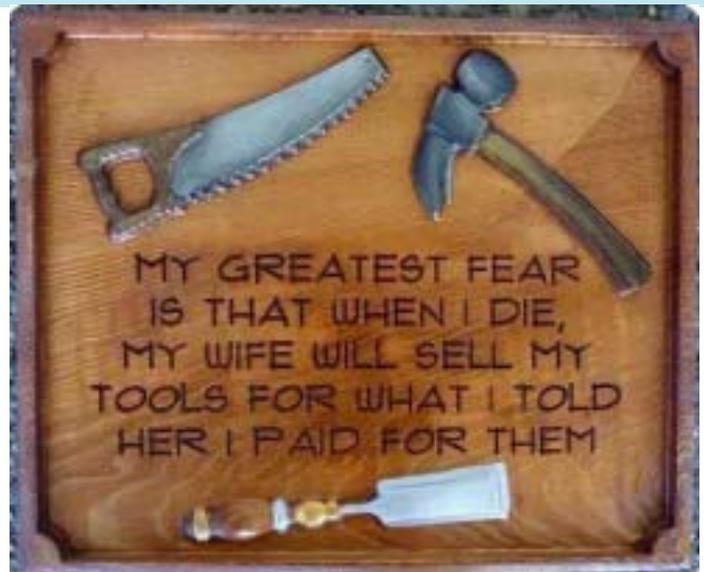
Horse play should be prohibited. It can lead to injuries.

For those that are interested and keen to learn more about wood turning, please contact Jack Fry. He always has in his mind plans to have instructors in to pass on their skills.

**Contact Jack Fry at:
jackfry@nowmail.co.nz**



Jokes time



A carpenter was giving evidence about an accident he had witnessed.

The judge asked him how far away he was from the accident.

The carpenter replied "twenty seven feet, six and one half inches".

"What? How come you are so sure of that distance?", asked the judge.

"Well, I knew some idiot would ask me. So I measured it!" replied the carpenter.

Woodworking Tips: Table Saw Safety Tips

Short video explaining safety when using a table saw - not as you might think very obvious if not used to using one, go look at it - could save an eye or your fingers!!!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9V4FyCX97Y>