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Gary Beecroft,
Chairpersons Report
16 September 2021



This is the fifth year of the MenzShed Tawa, (MZT) and each year the Society increases its services to members and its impact on the Tawa Community and continues to make organisational progress.

There are several reasons for our continuing success, community impact, and development:

- The most important is that a group of Tawa people enjoy making things together and the fellowship that brings. Supported by an excellent committee of very committed members.
- This spirit, ethos, the increasing availability of high-quality equipment is easily demonstrated, and as a result the MZT has seen a significant increase in younger members in this financial year.
- Another significant contribution to success is the commitment of the committee, supervisors, and members to making the MZT work and to contribute to our community.
- We continue to receive significant help from the WCC with grants for equipment, rental conditions, and maintenance of our building.
- We have also received funding support from the St David's Fund, Lotto, Carbatec NZ, and Cabot's, and facilities support from the Rural Fire Service.
- Although projects come and go, collective groups within the Shed currently have 6 funded projects for the community, one WCC funded project, and a further 10 MZT funded projects.

Membership and Finances

This year our financial members have continued to increase with 74 financial members and our newsletter email out goes to over 130 people or organisations, complemented by a very good website. Our financial position has strengthened, and our range of quality equipment for our use has increased. We have also seen formal connection created with the Woodworkers Guild, Friends of the Tawa Bush Reserves and Tawa College Community Education.

Upgrading Equipment

We received a grant from WCC, Lotto, and the St David Fund which allowed us to purchase a new Drill Press, Rail Saw, Stop Saw and Router Table. These purchases significantly improved the standard of equipment at the MZT.

Availability for Members

To improve the engagement with working members, committee meeting have been moved at Monday nights. Members are welcome to attend if they wish. Due to several new younger members the MZT, now opens a Sundays with new members often acting as supervisors.

Expanded Community Services with Tawa College

During the latter part of this financial year the MZT and Community Education Department of Tawa College entered into an agreement to run the Community Education Adult Woodwork Classes from the MZT on Tuesdays and Thursday nights from 6.30 till 9.30 (although pre and post class preparation usually means an occupation time of from 6 till 10 p.m. This is a profit shared arrangement with Tawa College. Student feedback to date regarding the Men's Shed has been very positive.

Thanks to Members, Supervisors, and the Committee

None of the successes of the last year would have been possible without the commitment of the committee, supervisors, and members themselves to make the MenzShed Tawa a success, and so I thank you all.

Kind Regards



Gary Beecroft



Minutes of the 2021 AGM Held at 10.00 a.m. on 18th of SEPTEMBER 2021, In the Shed, 86 Oxford Street

OPENING AND WELCOME

Our Chairman, Gary Beecroft, welcomed everyone to our fifth AGM.

PRESENT:

Gary Beecroft (Chair), John Melville (Treasurer), John Gibson (Secretary), Ben Chambers, Joey Cabrera, Nick Crocker, Ian Dennison, Wrae Duncan, Jack Fry, Ric Godenho, Preyanka Gothanayagi, Bryan Hawkins, Richard Herbert, John Holloway, André Latégan, Stuart Lavin, Peter Nalder, Faith Winchester, Neville Wong. (19)

APOLOGIES:

Max George, Phil Harland, Ian Harris, Peter Lake, Pat Waite. (5)

"That these Apologies be accepted". Carried.

MEETING DOCUMENTATION

In order to deal with matters without undue delay, all the relevant documents had been circulated by email prior to the meeting and were taken as read.

MINUTES OF THE 2020 AGM

"That the Minutes be accepted as a true record of that meeting". Carried.

MATTERS ARISING

No matters arising were raised by the meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

"That the Chairman's report be accepted". Carried.

TREASURERS FINANCIAL REPORT

Treasurer, John Melville, reported that the Annual Report for 2020-2021 had been reviewed and accepted without conditions by our Reviewer, Pat Waite.

“That the Annual Report for 2020-2021 be accepted”. Moved John Melville, seconded John Gibson, carried.

BUDGET AND CASH FLOW:

“That the Budget for 2021/2022 be approved”. Moved John Melville, seconded John Gibson, carried.

APPOINTMENT OF REVIEWER

“That Pat Waite be appointed as Reviewer for the 2021-2022 financial year”. Moved John Melville, seconded John Gibson, carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2020/2021

There being no other nominations received by the closing date for nominations, the following officers were duly elected:

“That Gary Beecroft be elected as Chair”.

“That John Melville be elected as Treasurer”.

“That John Gibson be elected as Secretary”.

ELECTION OF 2020/2021 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

At least six committee members are required under the present Rules and as seven nominations were received, they were duly elected; noting that the committee has the ability to co-opt additional members as required.

“That Joey Cabrera, Ben Chambers, Jack Fry, John Holloway, André Latégan, Peter Manson and Neville Wong be elected to the Committee”.

Ex-officio members have been nominated by the Rotary Club of Tawa (Richard Herbert), Tawa Lions (John Bertie) and the Tawa Union Church (John Melville). These members are selected by their parent organisations and do not need to be formally elected by the AGM.

Councillors in Attendance: recognising the valuable assistance given by the WCC, the three Northern Ward Councillors are invited to attend and vote at our committee meetings.

GENERAL BUSINESS

There being no other general business, Gary concluded the meeting.

The AGM closed at 10:30 am.

NEXT AGM: Saturday 17th September 2022 at 10:00 am at **86 OXFORD STREET, Tawa.**

Confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.



Gary Beecroft, Chairman.

Safety First

One of the most useful tools the Shed obtained, through a grant, was a Festool plunge saw. It enables 100% accurate, straight cuts to be made. The saw runs along an aluminium guide rail which keeps it on track. The tool came with a 1400mm guide rail. This allowed one to cut 2400mm x 1200mm sheets of ply width-wise. But you were out of luck if you wanted to cut the 2400mm sheet length-wise.

The Shed has now obtained a 1080mm extension rail with a pair of connectors. Now you can cut 2480mm lengths. There is a trick to joining the two rails to make sure they connect up straight.

- 1) Connect the two rails together using the two steel connector rods – make sure the fastening screws face upwards.
- 2) Do not push the rails against each – leave about a 1mm gap.
- 3) Place the saw on the rails so that it straddles the gap.
- 4) Tighten the two aligning cams on the saw so that it pulls the two rails into alignment.
- 5) While the saw is still on the rail, tighten the four upwards-facing screws. (You may need to tilt the saw to get at one of the screws.)
- 6) Take the saw off, gently flip the rails over and tighten the four underneath screws.
- 7) The screws are steel, and the rails are aluminium, - please take care not to overtighten the screws.
- 8) The screws are steel, and the rails are aluminium, - please take care not to overtighten the screws.

If you have not used this tool before, please get help from the Supervisor. It has a number of adjustments you need to be aware of.



From Thursday 9th September we will reopen the shed at normal times under Covid Level 2 restrictions.

Please bring your own mask which must be worn at all times. No mask. No entry.

Please follow the instructions of your supervisor.

Be kind. Stay safe.

Shed Vacuum Sawdust Collection System

Many people don't realise that the vacuum pipes have slide air gates. These are easy to spot – they are the black plastic devices mounted against the grey vacuum hose. So, they switch on the vacuum pump and assume vacuum is being applied to their tool, which it isn't.

To apply suction to the machine you are going to use, you simply pull on the right-angled tab on the slide gate and slide it out to its end-stop. Preferably only use one open gate at a time, but the system can probably handle two machines – like a table saw plus the sander. It won't work for two table saws, or a table saw and a router – both these machines create copious amounts of sawdust and need a good vacuum.



When you have finished working – please be a considerate kiwi and close the air gate.

Another point to note – when using any machine in the tool room, always switch on the external extraction fan. The sawdust extraction system will not trap all the very fine wood particulates floating in the air. These can cause serious damage to your lungs.

Safety First

*Our machines are fitted with safety guards for a reason - **YOUR SAFETY** - please make sure they are operational and working correctly, if not report it immediately to the supervisor of the day and preferably not use m/c till fixed. The supervisor will have the authority to take m/c out of operation if necessary. Please make sure they are operational*

Urgent Plea, we are looking for volunteers to man the stall at “Spring into Tawa”, this should only entail a short period at our Table/Stall. Please contact committee member for details - its a lot of fun.



SPRING IN TAWA MENZSHED ITEMS FOR SALE.

I have listed all the items that I could find in the upstairs room and added the price that we charged last year. Had a problem deciding when small garden stakes became medium so would like some advice. The labels with prices look good but some will need to be re-adhered to their wood blocks again and one coaster needs regluing to cork base.

Picture frame	\$15.00
57 Tawa Key tags	\$ 5.00 each
6 Bird Seed Feeders	\$15.00 “
2 Chopping Boards with handles	\$25.00 “
3 ...Ditto.....without handles	\$20.00 “
2 Jars Of Quince Jelly	\$ 5.00 Large \$4.00 Small
3 Prs Bamboo Tongs	\$ 5.00 each
7 Large Scotties on stands	\$10.00 “
1ditto.....Without stand	
10 Small Scotties some without stands	\$ 5.00 “
4 Packs of Tawa Coasters	\$15.00 4 in a pack
16 Tawa Coasters	\$ 4.00 each
12 Turned and carved objects by Bryan	From \$15 to \$30 each
9 Small Toy Cars	\$ 5.00 each
1 Large Toy Car	\$10.00
21 Single Tealight Candle Holders	\$10.00 each
2 Tripleditto.....	\$20.00 “
7 Larger Single.....ditto.....	\$15.00?
“ Are these the split triples?	
6 Marionette Birds	\$20.00 each
13 Small Garden Stakes	\$ 5.00 per bundle of 6
1 Medium ...ditto.....	\$10.00 ...Ditto
Need help in deciding whether these are small or medium	
2 Long Garden Stakes	\$15.00ditto.....
1 Dibber	\$ 5.00
3 Sugar Water Bird Feeders	\$15.00 Last years price now
\$45.00 each	

We now have sufficient wood cut to size to make eight more with 15 bottles and 17 dishes.

These are all the made objects that I could find but there was some other pieces that could be for “Spring in Tawa “ if assembled.

Jack Fry



The production line rolls on.....



..... Bens worked hard again to produce another Mud Kitchen I think for The Lions to auction to a lucky bidder - there'll be some lovely mud pies coming off that kitchen. Thank you once again Ben Chambers for all the effort you put in.

What do retired men do with their time.....try the link

<https://www.facebook.com/musiccrowns/videos/10156425992018829/>

This is a plea to any member at the AGM or who has been to the shed since. Anyone who has found or finds a black glasses case with a zip, it has "Specsavers" on the outside of case. It has my reading/driving sunglasses in it.

If found please contact: John Holloway,
Hm: 478 6729. Mob: 021 100 2069.

Thanks in anticipation
Johnh



MENZSHED TAWA DAY SUPERVISORS' ROSTER September – October 2021 - Final

Thursday, 02 September Closed for COVID level 3
Saturday, 04 September Closed for COVID level 3
Sunday, 05 September Closed for COVID level 3
Tuesday 07 September Closed for COVID level 3
Thursday, 09 September André Lategan
Saturday, 12 September John Melville
Sunday, 13 September John Gibson
Tuesday, 14 September Jack Fry
Thursday, 16 September John Melville
Saturday, 18 September Stuart Lavin
Sunday, 19 September Richard Manning
Tuesday, 21 September Nick Crocker
Thursday, 23 September Ian Harris
Saturday, 25 September John Gibson
Sunday, 26 September Daneille Kanamala
Tuesday, 28 September John Melville
Thursday, 30 September André Lategan

Saturday, 02 October Ben Chambers
Sunday, 03 October Gary Beecroft
Tuesday, 05 October Jack Fry
Thursday, 07 October Bryan Hawkins
Saturday, 09 October John Holloway
Sunday, 10 October Richard Manning
Tuesday, 12 October André Lategan
Thursday, 14 October John Melville
Saturday, 16 October Stuart Lavin
Sunday, 17 October Neil Dalphin
Tuesday, 19 October John Melville
Thursday, 21 October Ian Harris
Saturday, 23 October John Gibson
Sunday, 24 October Daneille Kanamala
Tuesday, 26 October Nick Crocker
Thursday, 28 October Bryan Hawkins
Saturday, 30 October **Shed Closed for Spring into Tawa Event**
Sunday, 31 October Preyanka Gothanayagi

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, John Gibson, Richard Herbert, Stuart Lavin, Ben Chambers, Preyanka Gothanayagi.

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

- Max prefers 1st Saturday.
- Ben, David, Stuart and John Gibson can only do Saturdays
- Jack cannot do Saturdays
- Gary, Richard and Preya can do Sundays
- Gary cannot do Tuesdays
- Nick prefers Tuesdays
- Bryan prefers Thursdays
- John Holloway cannot do Thursdays