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Hi all, this Jan-Feb edition out just in time before March, too late for Happy New Year, but note we have been busy.

Shared newsletter space



Following discussions with the committees of the Men's Shed and the Friends of the Tawa Bush Reserves (FOTBR) both organisations have agreed to share newsletter space and information of activities and events. The aim to get the profile of both groups to a wider audience, and hopefully share some members.

Community Education Woodwork Classes

The community education woodwork classes are in their third week with 12 students attending for three hours on both Tuesday and Thursday nights up until Thursday the 30th of March. The Men's Shed receives a portion of the fees for the use of our site and equipment. Each class has 12 students for a total of 24 individuals per week many of which eventually joined the men shed. The Wellington woodworkers Guild are also holding classes on Wednesday night so the shed is being very well utilised.

Parking space and Container Storage

Graeme Chamberlain organised the skateboard contracting company to clear the land adjacent to our parking sites. He organised a "Quid pro quo" and the men shed members stained all the wood products that now surround skateboard park, and in return they cleared the land opposite our building. Although Graham had a team of workers with him he organised both activities; so thanks very much Graham. - The overall aim is to increase parking space and negotiate with WCC to get a container on the site for extra storage. This negotiation is ongoing.



Parking Site Maintenance

We are currently negotiating with WCC on who should maintain the external site. So far some of the work has been done with members of the Friends of the Tawa Bush Reserve and now that we've cleared the extra land it would be a shame to have it revert back to grass.

Water storage tank for the Friends of the Tawa Bush Reserves

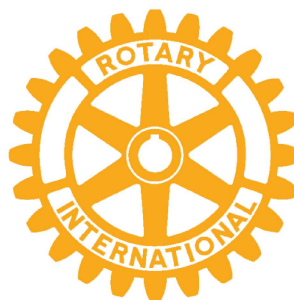
As part of the condition of having a propagation house available to the community within the confines of the rural fire depot the Friends of the Tawa Bush Reserve had to erect an independent water storage unit. They have obtained a 25,000-litre water tank and plan to work with the men shed members to locate the tank along the wall between the kitchen extension and the southern gate.

AGM

The Friends of the Tawa Bush Reserve are holding their AGM on the 12th of April at the Union Church at 7:30 PM. I know they would welcome any men's shed members who would like to attend. The Men's Shed AGM will be in September this year.

If we are lucky, I think the Tawa RSA
are also going to offer a Sunday
roast meal afterward??

Rotary Tawa



FAMILY CONCERT IN THE PARK

GRASSLEES RESERVE TAWA

SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 2023
4PM TO 7PM

MC: JASON PINE



TE TIRA PŪORO O TE TAUAARANGI
AIR FORCE BAND



Bring a picnic and enjoy a fabulous range of music.
Don't forget to also bring your dancing feet.



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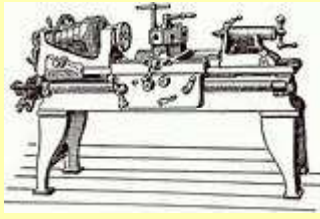
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Grant Approved

We have been successful in applying for a grant from St Davids Trust. The grant is to purchase a new wood turning lathe.

There will be a presentation to formally present the grant to the Tawa Menzshed, this will be attended by members to receive the grant and to show examples of what we can now expect to produce.

This will enable us to further our wider community involvement with organisations such as **Wood Workers Guild, Tawa College** and others.

Check out what other clever clogs have been up to.

<https://tawamenzshed.org.nz/HowToResources>

Supervisors Gathering

A reminder that the next supervisors briefing will be held on Sunday 26th February at 1pm at the shed. This is an opportunity for supervisors to share issues and questions they may have arising from their sessions, and to catch up with recent changes or proposals for the shed. Also if you would be interested in joining the roster as a supervisor you would also be welcome. If not able to attend at this time but have a question or would like to pass anything on to other supervisors then please pass on to me.

Richard Herbert, Supervisors roster co-ordinator, email herbert.r@xtra.co.nz phone 0274455942.

Update on progress

The metalwork is still being treated by Jack, the backboard painting etc has been completed. Once the metal work is completed it will be mounted on backboard and the whole will be securely affixed to the RSA wall.



New Skate Park

Graeme Chamberlain offered to help the guys building the renewed skate park opposite the Tawa Pool and at the end of the the lane to our shed. When you see the amount of timber involved they obviously were delighted. Graeme varnished the timber with a smile. Another instance of our community involvement. All our members are entitled to a go on a skate board now!!



Request from Tawa Community Centre

This is a request passed on from Richard Herbert, please if anyone can help him, let him know.

As you are aware, our jigsaw library is so popular that we need more shelving! Rather than buying something straight away, Tony suggested putting a call out to the community to see if they have anything appropriate, which I think is a great idea. We are looking for shelves up to a height of 2300mm and with a depth of about 350mm. Do you have anything at Menzshed we could use?

What they have now



What they need to sort?

