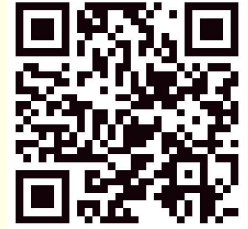


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May 2024

### Grant from Hutt Mana Trust.

Our Shed applied to Hutt Mana Trust for a grant of \$2024.00 to purchase a new Kreg Precision Router Table System along with a new Triton Dual Mode 2400w Router.

We were successful in our application, we have since received the grant and purchased the 2 items from Carbatec in Auckland.

There was an evening organised by Hutt Mana Trust for a get together with recipients of grants, this was attended by Gary Beecroft and Peter Manson.



We have since taken delivery of table/router combo and Graeme Chamberlain and John Gibson have tackled the assembly of the “meccano” like table base along with the precision fence etc. – looking good so far. The Router table top had to be drilled to accept the new router & winding handle. We need to fit an NVR switch then decide where to put??

## **Work Starts on Wall Park Community BBQ.**

Shed has become involved with Tawa Residents Association to build Shelter and assemble BBQ. Help is needed please, its a fairly big project, its a great project to help our Tawa community, very worthwhile. Our part in this is to supply and build the shelter that will cover the electric BBQ - also we (more specifically John Gibson) had to pick up the BBQ from the manufacturer, its now at the shed, waiting to either be assembled or installed - maybe both!



John delivering some fitting for the project



An idea of the size of the site for BBQ



.....digging for underground cables.....??



A big shout out to Bunnings, Porirua, they have really come to the party and donated all the timber and fittings to enable us to do our part - a really big thank you - you guys deserve one of the firsts sausages off the BBQ.

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## **Shed Makes Formal Submission to WCC Long-Term Plan.**

Our submission details the role of volunteer organisations like your Shed in enhancing social and environmental aspects of city living.

With input from the brains trust of our shed, a full and detailed submission was sent in on the benefits our – and all – shed bring to our communities.

A reminder:

## MenzShed Tawa AGM

**When: Saturday 17th August.**

Headline item on the Agenda:

Approval of our new Constitution, as required by the Incorporated Societies Act 2022.

This is a reminder that our AGM is on the horizon, try to put this date aside to attend.

### Increase in Your Shed's Annual Subscription.

For the Year Ending 30th June 2025, the subscription will be \$40.00. Reminder emails will be sent out in the third week of June. Letters of complaint to the secretary please. He will use them to light a bonfire to keep warm.

**Tui Sugar Water Bird Feeders.** We have 10 in stock. New price of \$50.00 each, while stocks last.



**How to Use the L-Fence** by Bob Van Dyke

This simple-to-make table saw fence accessory handles a wide variety of joinery cuts.

[https://www.finewoodworking.com/project-guides/shop-machines/versatile-tablesaw-l-fence?oly\\_enc\\_id=7465H6069834B5B](https://www.finewoodworking.com/project-guides/shop-machines/versatile-tablesaw-l-fence?oly_enc_id=7465H6069834B5B)

Sent in by: Nic Crocker

### MENZSHED TAWA DAY SUPERVISORS' ROSTER May - June 2024

Sunday, 26 May  
Tuesday, 28 May  
Thursday, 30 May

Peter Manson  
Nick Crocker  
André Lategan

**Bandsaw Training by Jack**

Saturday, 1 June  
Sunday, 2 June  
Tuesday, 4 June  
Thursday, 6 June  
Saturday, 8 June  
Sunday, 9 June  
Tuesday, 11 June  
Thursday, 13 June  
Saturday, 15 June  
Sunday, 16 June  
Tuesday, 18 June  
Thursday, 20 June  
Saturday, 22 June  
Sunday, 23 June  
Tuesday, 25 June  
Thursday, 27 June  
Saturday, 29 June  
Sunday, 30 June

John Holloway  
Neville Wong  
Jack Fry  
John Melville  
Graeme Chamberlain  
Diana Phillips and Ruth Pirie  
Jerry Ball  
Peter Nalder  
John Holloway  
Peter Manson  
Nick Crocker  
Graeme Chamberlain  
Stuart Lavin  
Graeme Chamberlain  
Jerry Ball  
André Lategan  
John Gibson  
Neville Wong

**Next Supervisors Gathering is scheduled for Tuesday 28 May 2024 10:30. The main topic for this session is famialiasation training for the Bandsaw by Jack**



## Dust Collection - on Steroids

For those of you who have been to the shed in recent weeks cant have failed to have noticed our 2 new (second hand) dust collection units. If there are any of our members with expertise in fitting this equipment, particularly in the field of the nuts and bolts of airflow and extraction, please contact Graeme Chamberlain or any committee member. We are going to need “all hands to the pump” when we start installing. Thinking at present is to try to install outboard of shed to help maintain as much space as possible inside, this will necessitate building waterproof/soundproof shelters to house them. It really is a challenge on an industrial scale - any suggestions let us know.

Since the last newsletter, I've read a couple of books relating to woodworking. Both are available from the Wellington Public Library. regards Jerry Ball.

### **Handmade: learning the art of chainsaw mindfulness in a Norwegian wood**

The title intrigued me – what could “chainsaw mindfulness” possibly be?

The author's setting for the core of the book is the construction of a privy (outhouse) for a cabin in the Norwegian mountains, and the evolution of her skills and confidence in the process. The narrative however weaves a much broader canvas – spanning personal background through social change over the last century and on to the importance and enjoyment to be had from learning and using lost or fading “cultural heritage” practices.

It is a relatively short and very readable book. It was not what I expected from the title. It was more philosophy and observations on the value of preserving and applying practical crafts than actual description of techniques.

I found it quite easy to translate the observations to a New Zealand context. I'd like to think that in some small way, the Tawa MenzShed also supports the preservation of our own cultural heritage.

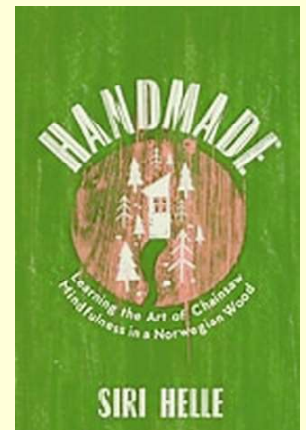
I enjoyed this book, and recommend it to others.

Author: Siri Helle

Publisher: Granta Books, 2023

ISBN: 978-1-78378-823-1

Available: Amazon (hardback/paperback/Kindle);  
Wellington City Library ([physical book](#))



### **The way of the woodshop: creating, designing & decorating with wood**

The title of this book caught my eye when browsing the library shelves. The photographs were good, and I quite liked the section on the different types of wood. It was interesting to see the range of items made by someone whose preferred approach to smoothing timber is an orbital sander, with no mention of any sort of plane. The actual woodworking content was less than I was expecting, maybe less than a third. The other two thirds, which included meditative approaches, Californian travel and lifestyle aesthetic were somewhat too “new-agey” for me! There is an assumption that most the base items can be readily purchased locally. While this may be true in the US, I think this is much less likely here in NZ. I did like the statement “I find by working with wood, with all its imperfections and inconsistencies, I can also tackle my own”. How true! Overall, I was disappointed in this book. I felt it didn't live up to the promise I took from its title.

Author: Aleksandra Zee

Publisher: Dey Street books (William Morrow) 22 Oct 19

ISBN: 978-0-06-287862-5

Available: Amazon (hardback/Kindle);  
Wellington City Library ([physical book](#))



## Tawa MenzShed Firewood For Sale.

Winter will soon be upon us and the evenings are already getting cooler. Need to build up your stocks of firewood? Tawa MenzShed is running a fundraiser project to sell boxes of firewood to assist with shed development and as a service to the community.

Banana boxes of firewood sell for \$10.00 each and can be delivered within Tawa. The firewood comprises cut up pallets, and off-cuts from other MenzShed activities.

To place your orders please contact Richard at [027 4455942](tel:0274455942), 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](https://www.nzba.co.nz/bank/020552004012300) Reference "your surname" "firewood" "your address" (house number and street name only).

Stay safe. Keep warm.



The tenacity on this project of Lees has to be admired, the plans are being followed to the letter ( I think it should be converted to a rocking chair) and is really taking shape now, we are all quietly keeping our eyes on whats emerging.

