



MENZSHED - TAWA -



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September 2024

Dear Menzshed Members

Its with great sadness I am informing you all that Joey Cabrera passed away suddenly on 2 Sept 2024. A few of our members attended his funeral on 10 September 2024.

A few of us got to know Joey quite well, and found out how skilled and adventurous he was – no job, repair or problem seem to phase him. We benefited from his wisdom and sensible advice.

If a job needed doing – he got on and did it.

Joey – you will be greatly missed.

In loving memory of

Joselito E. Cabrera

February 21 1956 – September 2, 2024

Joselito E. Cabrera, also known as Joey, 68, of Tawa, Wellington, passed away unexpectedly on 2 September 2024. Born on 21 February 1956 to Apolonia Enriquez and Manuel Cabrera. Joey graduated from University of Santo Thomas and passed the CPA board exams. He was an accountant by profession but was known to be a jack of all trades, the best advice giver, fixer of all things broken, an audiophile of the highest degree, and a humble charity worker.

Beloved husband, father, grandfather, mentor and friend.



*Always use your imagination
and only fear a life not lived*

A fitting tribute to Joey

Some time ago we had donated to us, a combination game – table footy and pool table – to be refurbished for a worthy cause. The last job Joey tackled and finished was the “table footy” game.

He never had time to find out where it went. I had organised for it to go to Challenge 2000 in Johnsonville.

This is a social work organisation that provides services and programmes to children, young people, families and community groups in Wellington Region. A very worthy cause.

When they heard Joey’s story they suggested they should put a small plaque on the table as a tribute.

We now have to finish the pool table which Joey had made a start on.

I am sure Joey would have been delighted to learn that his work would be providing a lot of pleasure for young adults involved with Challenge 2000



Challenge 2000 in Johnsonville



Let the game begin.....



JG measuring how far away his shot was.....



.... actually being used!



This is the lovely Caroline from Pregnancy Help in Tawa, who wanted to say thank you to you and the Menzshed team for fixing this high chair.

Well we now know our bird feeders work fine - a bit too well.
This pussy cant wait!!
pic supplied by Jonathon Gibson



Peter will be delighted to see how popular his B/Feeders are.....





Wall Park In the beginning.....



proof that John did measure something?



.... not sure how well tho'



Eventually it got erected on site



Looking lonely without the BBQ

and here it is - ready to go!



Guess who got the glamour job?

Finished - just need the sausages now



Wall Park BBQ

Some background to our involvement in building this facility. The Tawa Residents Assoc. asked us for a pricing on building it for them, John Gibson negotiated and we got started - there has been some discussion regard “the most northely erection” in Tawa. This I think will need to be verified by by NASA with their GPS gear?? Anyway its completed and thanks to EVERYONE that helped get it off the ground. They are planning a Grand Opening - will keep you posted.



John Gibson has found the time to send us a selection of old American tools. We might need a bit of help identifying them?



Book review

Router: a craftsman's guide

This is one of the best “how to” books I’ve come across in a long time. The writing is to the point. The sequencing is logical, the text is to the point, and the pictures and diagrams are clear.

This book is about how to use a standard plunge router. It does not cover trim routers or router tables.

There are three main sections:

- What a router is, how it works and related discussion and explanation.
- Techniques – 8 techniques explained in detail, along with guidance on associated jigs.
- Projects – how to build and entertainment unit and a round table.

Reading this book and applying some of its lessons increased my understanding of how to use a plunge router more effectively and (I hope) more safely.

There is a DVD included, however I did not look at that. I enjoyed this book and recommend it to others.

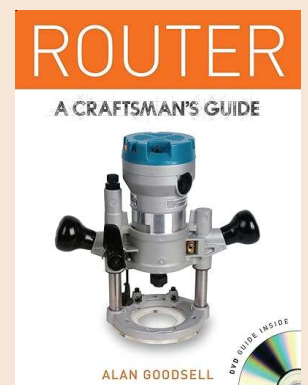
Author: Alan Goodsell

Publisher: Guild of Master Craftsman Publications Ltd, 2013

ISBN: 978-1-86108-901-4

Available: Amazon (paperback);

Wellington City Library ([physical book](#))



Sweeping the shed floors in no time: the shed welcomes its latest future member.

Āio Khōi Orchard. Born at Hutt Hospital by emergency cesarean at 20:52 on 9 July, weighing 3.85kg (much higher than mama's culture's average weight). Mama and father, Lee, wanted him to have Māori, Vietnamese, and English names to represent the bulk of his whakapapa (heritage). The basic kōrero (story) is that on the morning of the day that he was born, Lee looked up at the clear sky at the stars and noticed how calm the weather was and how peaceful it was, especially for Wellington. The weather was very calm, with clear skies over the course of the days of him being born. His given name means peace, calmness, and tranquillity. Āio: eye-o ('o' said like that in Orchard). His middle name is Vietnamese and is Khōi (said like Koi, but with a guttural 'h' like the Scottish way) and means a few things, such as 'handsome', 'smart'.

After a somewhat traumatic first few weeks, one in the Hutt hospital because of mother's high blood pressure, both mother and baby are doing much better at nine weeks.

Lee says that it is good to be back at the shed a few hours most weeks, but it is hard to think about making woodworking decisions through the lost sleep!



Firewood For Sale.

We're now approaching Spring and its not time to turn the heating off for the summer - yet! and so it's time to check your firewood stock for the remainder of winter.

The Tawa MenZshed are still promoting their fundraiser project to the sell "banana boxes" of firewood to assist with the shed development and as a service to the community.

Can MenZshed members please help spread the word to neighbours and circle of friends who may have wood burners.

Banana boxes of firewood sell for \$10.00 each which includes delivery within Tawa. The firewood comprises cut up pallets, and offcuts from other MenZshed activities.

To place an order please contact Richard Herbert on 0274455942, or email herbert.r@xtra.co.nz. Payment either on delivery or to the MenZshed bank account: 02 0552 0040123 00. Please Reference "your surname" "firewood" "your address"



FOR SALE MACHINERY WHICH IS SURPLUS TO OUR REQUIREMENTS

We had no response from members to purchase any of these items, we will now put them up on trade-me

If you interested in one of these machines please contact Jack at 232 2594 or jackfry@nowmail.co.nz

Tool Shed Bench Saw TMZ 95

This machine was purchased new by the shed and became redundant when the Grizzly saw was given to us. Is in good condition complete with stand, fence, mitre guide, 10 " saw blade.

[Price to shed members \\$300.00.](#)



Somac Lathe TMZ No 38

Model No WL1100 In reasonable condition complete with stand, face plate, 3 spur drives, 2 tool rests, hand book and screw adaptor to take a Technatool chuck with 7/8 th U.N.C. thread. Passed as electrically safe in 2021.

[Price to shed members \\$200.00.](#)



Scheppach Router table Model HF50.

This machine has been replaced with another router more suitable to our needs. It is in good working order and comes complete with Mitre guide, 1/4" and 1/2" collets, 2 push blocks, spindle guard etc.,

Today's price at Machinery House is \$700+

[our price to members is \\$300](#)



Ozito Table Saw

This machine was built upside down in a bench with the blade protruding through the top to be used as a panel saw. It was built by one of our members before our shed was formed and has not been used since then. It is in good working order and has been removed from the bench. Needs the switch to be wired up

New today's price \$209

[our price to members is \\$300](#)



Tips & Techniques

We are looking to all members to share some of their experiences - we all have a tale to tell - while a lot will be very interesting we have to probably confine it to Wood-working, tools etc.

If you have had some woodworking challenges or even come across some interesting articles , youtube etc. please share with your fellow shedders

Here are pictures of a couple of planes you may not have used.

Scrub plane – this looks like a normal wooden pane; but can be used to remove larger amounts of wood from the surface of timber, such as when trying to remove a twist (which a machine may not easily do). It usually has a slightly curved blade, and a wider throat (slot) before the blade – to allow thicker shavings to be ejected from the plane.



Router plane – this was a precursor to the motorised router, but they still have their uses. It can give a better finish than a 'router', as well as being more peaceful & less dusty. Using this to create a housing can sometimes be quicker; such as in this case when making a tapered groove for a shooting board. One can easily spend more time making guide for a router .



After using any of these tools, please check they are ready for use. If you inadvertently end up with wet glue on them, clean them up hence, be kind to the next person who wants to use it.

We need to attend to this:

Hi Guys

At a community meeting recently I was approached about the community pantry that the MenzShed build a few years ago and is installed in Oxford Street outside the Kindergarten next to the Community Garden.

Some of the wire mesh is coming away from the front door, but the real issue that they would like resolved if possible is some better protection of contents from rain entry while still having visual access of the contents. Any ideas welcome regards

Richard Herbert



From: Sheryl Rule <shez_nz@hotmail.com>

Subject: Community pantry

Date: 12 September 2024 at 8:09:25 PM NZST

To: Richard Herbert <herbert.r@xtra.co.nz>

Hi Richard,

Photo as discussed, and ideas on how to make this more weather proof would be amazing thanks .

Dear Tawa Men's Shed past and present members,

It is with sadness I am writing to inform you that one of our members, Neil Strugnell, passed away on Monday the 16th of September.

He is survived by his wife Jeanne, children and grandchildren. I will visit the family on Thursday the 19th of September.

Below is the funeral information put out by Major Mat Badger, Corps Officer

The Salvation Army, Johnsonville.

Neil Strugnell - Funeral Details

I am writing to you all to confirm that Neil Strugnell passed away peacefully at 5.30PM on Monday evening.

A funeral service celebrating his life will be held here at Salvation Army Church this Friday afternoon, September 20th, at 1.30PM. All are welcome to attend.

Following the service, there will be a private memorial time at the cemetery for family and invited guests only.

If you can't make the service, but would like to take part via the internet, then you can join in on this link:

Celebrating the life of Neil Strugnell (youtube.com)

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jeanne and the family at this time.

Kind Regards

Gary

Gary Beecroft

Chair,

Men's Shed Tawa

C/o 58A Kiwi Crescent

Tawa

Wellington

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Woodwork Skills, Furniture, and Project Courses

at the Tawa Men's Shed, 86 Oxford Street, beside the Rural Fire Depot

Enrolments via the Tawa College Community Education's Programme, Home and Garden section. Just click the URL below, for Tuesday or Thursday nights. And you will be taken to the website for enrolment.

WOODWORK: Skills & Projects (Tuesday) One night a week for 8 weeks

goto:

<https://www.tawacommed.co.nz/Course,woodwork-class-Wellington,1147>

WOODWORK:Skills & Projects (Thursday) One night a week for 8 weeks

goto:

<https://www.tawacommed.co.nz/Course,woodwork-class-Wellington,2448>

Tutor/Facilitator: [Gary Beecroft](#)

You get to choose which night you enrol; Tuesday, starts on the 15 October from 7-9 p.m., OR, Thursday which starts on the 17th of Oct 7-9 p.m.

This is an introductory and intermediate woodwork skills course, so beginners and people with woodwork knowledge and their own project, and who want access to woodwork tools and advice may join. The course outlines woodwork skills, Power tools found in the home, plans, furniture

building
methods,
material
specifications
list(wood,
screws, glue,
etc.) and project timelines. The aim is that

people learn at their own level. You can undertake simple supplied projects, or undertake your own project plan to fit the course time frame. Students must supply their own materials, fixings and finishes. Recycled materials are not allowed on power tools. This course will be held at the Tawa Menz Shed Davies St, Tawa; down from the Tawa Pool, and beside the rural fire building. Fees: NZ\$180.



Alice and April

You will learn wood working skills, using hand tools and the types of power tools found in the home, or in the Men's shed. Learn woodwork skills, make furniture, or you choose your own project at your level of ability and learn skills while completing the project. You provide your own materials. No recycled timber allowed on power tools. This course will be held at the Tawa Menz Shed Davies St, Tawa, down from the Tawa Pool, and beside the rural fire building. Fees: NZ\$180



Jerry





A quick update, Jack is waiting for a response from Mitre10 re supplying paint for this project..... watch this space??

MENZSHED TAWA DAY SUPERVISORS' ROSTER September - October 2024

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| Tuesday, 17 September | Nick Crocker |
| Thursday, 19 September | Bryan Hawkins |
| Saturday, 21 September | Graeme Chamberlain |
| Sunday, 22 September | Neville Wong |
| Tuesday, 24 September | Jerry Ball |
| Thursday, 27 September | Graeme Chamberlain |
| Saturday, 29 September | John Holloway |
| Sunday, 29 September | Peter Manson |
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| Tuesday, 1 October | Nick Crocker |
| Thursday, 3 October | John Melville |
| Saturday, 5 October | John Holloway |
| Sunday, 6 October | Diana Phillips and Ruth Pirie |
| Tuesday, 8 October | Jack Fry |
| Thursday, 10 October | John Melville |
| Saturday, 12 October | Graeme Chamberlain. <u><i>Suggested Supervisors gathering</i></u> |
| Sunday, 13 October | Peter Manson |
| Tuesday, 15 October | Jerry Ball |
| Thursday, 17 October | Peter Nalder |
| Saturday, 19 October | John Holloway |
| Sunday, 20 October | Neville Wong |
| Tuesday, 22 October | Nick Crocker |
| Thursday, 24 October | Jerry Ball |
| Saturday, 26 October | André Lategan |
| Sunday, 27 October | Diana Phillips and Ruth Pirie |
| Tuesday, 29 October | Graeme Chamberlain |
| Thursday, 31 October | Bryan Hawkins |

Spring into Tawa Day

Next Supervisors Gathering is scheduled for Saturday 12 October 2024 10:30.

For changes and further info please contact Richard Hebrert herbert.r@xtra.co.nz