

MENZSHED - TAWA -



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Merry Christmas to all



Another year has gone by, its been quite an eventfull one for the shed. We recently had our AGM. Not much changed there.

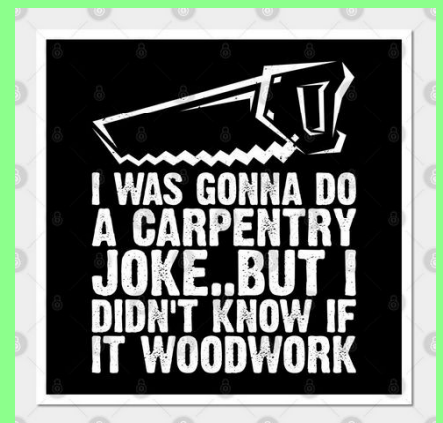
Our chairman Gary Beecroft is still at the helm, ably assisted by John Gibson - secretary and John Melville - our money man. Our committee stays relatively the same with the addition of a new member Steve Hollywood - and we welcome him on committee to share the load.

Another committee member Jerry Ball has been absent but with us in spirit, we have been getting very encouraging reports he is doing well and hopefully rejoin us again in the new year. We wish you a speedy return Jerry. Another committee member who has been absent recently is Jack Fry, Im sure he wont mind me reminding everyone but Jack is in his mid nineties and has only just started to slow down. We send our best to Jack and hope to see him in new year telling us how things should be done.

As Xmas approaches our Social Secretary decided we should be celebrating more.... he has organised the following:

Xmas Drinks at the Borough
4 p.m. Sunday 7 December.

Spring cleaning at the Shed 1 p.m.
Sunday 21 December.



Dust Extraction System

Our dust extraction system has been a real success story that Graeme Chamberlain has seen through from conception to delivery (forgive the analogy), recently one of the filters has “burst” and sawdust everywhere in the container. Graeme and John G have tracked down a replacement and fitted it, its going well again. These filters are quite expensive and to prolong their life its best to keep the switching off/on to a minimum. This is because every time this is done inside the filter there is a rotary “beater” to beat off the accumulated dust. **The decision has been taken that only Supervisors switch on/off when/if needed each session.**

Also for Supervisors attention:

Its common knowledge batteries used for powering our tools, drills etc are a fire risk. To reduce risks associated with this, where ours are charged in the shed Peter Mason has built a metal cabinet around, and fitted a “fuse” sw in there. Also fitted in line at the socket on wall is a timer. This will come on/off at shed hours. This means chargers should not be charging when shed is closed reducing further when nobody is present.

There is an override to turn on all the the time and also to turn off if necessary.

Also as last resort you can unplug the unit and pop plug back in - not recommended tho.



Our Sawstop.....

recently our SawStop Flash Harry table saw came into its own - again!

Its gone off a number of times and we havnt always seen why, but recently it was triggered and we saw why. Its only when you see it in action saving a finger that you truly realise what a great investment it was. Its certainly earned its keep. Maybe at some later stage we will get a first hand account of what it feels like to still have your job completed and all your fingers still??

Following on from that, mention must be made of the way the cartridge is replaced.

The SawStop system is this, the whirling blade detects something other than wood touching the blade a mechanism in m/c instantly locks and lowers the blade - in micro secs. This probably damages the blade - not always - but it does stop. When this happens the “cartridge” has to be replaced **(They cost \$239 now!)**.

CarbaTech where we purchased the Sawstop from send cartridge back to Sawstop, they analyse what triggered it - if it was human skin they replace the cartridge FOR FREE. Which they have done several times and I dont think there is a limit??

With this last triggering SawStop USA notified Carba-Tec that it was likely that a finger had triggered the SawStop. Accordingly they have given us a free cartridge replacement.

If your interested to see more of how this all works theres a good video explaining it.

SAW SAFETY SECRETS EXPOSED in 19,000 FPS HD Slow-Mo Video!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SYLai4jwXcs>

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MENZSHED TAWA DAY SUPERVISORS' ROSTER

November – December 2025

Sunday, 23 November Diana Phillips and Ruth Pirie

Tuesday, 25 November John Gibson

Thursday, 27 November Peter Nalder

Saturday, 29 November Mike Robinson

Sunday, 30 November Richard Herbert

Tuesday, 2 December Nick Crocker

Thursday, 4 December John Melville

Saturday, 6 December John Holloway

Sunday, 7 December Neville Wong

Tuesday, 9 December John Gibson

Thursday, 11 December Jeff Scott

Saturday, 13 December Stuart Lavin

Sunday, 14 December Diana Phillips and Ruth Pirie

Tuesday, 16 December Graeme Chamberlain

Thursday, 18 December Bryan Hawkins

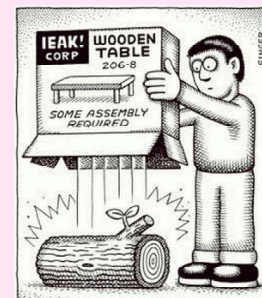
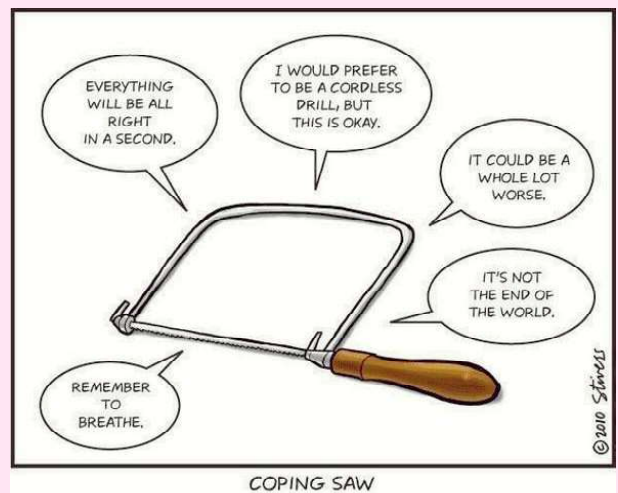
Saturday, 20 December André Lategan

Sunday, 21 December Peter Manson

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No prizes for guessing who this is - but you will be surprised

Flexible Sanding Block from the Office
Sanding curves is tricky. Sometimes you need a sanding pad that's both firm and flexible. A small notepad works great. Just wrap sandpaper around the pad and bend the pad to whatever arc you need. Slip the one end of the sandpaper between the pages to help hold it in place on the pad. Give this a try the next time you're working on a project that has curves and tough to reach spots.



Family Handyman

Who said this? . . . and a propitious proximate circumsolar peregrination to you all.