



MENZSHED - TAWA -

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Tena koe,

Important Community Notice

We are reaching out to ask for your support for our **Annual Community Food Drive**, taking place on **Saturday 1 August, 10.00am to 3.00pm, at New World Tawa**.

This important initiative is a collaboration between [The Salvation Army Tawa](#), [Inner Wheel](#), and [Rotary Club of Tawa](#), bringing our community together to support local families and individuals facing hardship.

We would be deeply grateful if you could share this message with your members, colleagues, friends, and community networks.

Food insecurity continues to affect far too many New Zealanders. Today, **one in three households experiences challenges accessing enough food**, while the cost of feeding a family of four has risen significantly in recent years. For many families, putting food on the table has become an ongoing struggle.

On the day, we'll have our much-loved **sausage sizzle**, an enthusiastic team ready to gratefully receive donations, plenty of smiles and hugs, and [Tina from Making Faces](#) providing face painting for the children.

We gratefully welcome donations of:

***Thank you for helping
us make a difference.***

With gratitude and best wishes

Non-perishable food items
Canned foods
Pasta
Rice
Breakfast cereals (Weet-Bix, oats, etc.)
Long-lasting vegetables (potatoes, onions)
Female hygiene and period care products

Did you know?

Every month in New Zealand, an estimated **70,000 women and young people struggle to access period care products**. A lack of these essentials can affect health, dignity, confidence, and participation in everyday life.

That is why we are also encouraging donations of **female hygiene and period care products**, which are always in high demand and greatly appreciated by those who receive them.

Every donation, no matter how small, makes a real difference. Together, we can help ensure local families and young people have access to the essentials they need and remind them that they are supported by a caring and compassionate community.

On behalf of The Salvation Army Tawa, Inner Wheel, Rotary Club of Tawa, and the many Tawa families who need and value our community's support.

Michael Nestman, President, Rotary Club of Tawa



Firewood



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:

Faith on: 027 322 1372,

or email

Richard at: herbert.r@xtra.co.nz.

Payment either on delivery or to the MenzShed bank account: 02 0552 0040123 00 Reference "your surname" "firewood" "your address" (house number and street name only).



AGM Saturday 19th* September.

Nominations for officers by 7th September please.

Remember - only financial members can vote.

***Provisional date, more likely 22nd September**



Let this be a warning.....

New light by tool room door showing if batteries are being charged or not, its a back up to the timed system.

Supervisors please check when arriving if light on and when leaving to check it goes off - it should be bright enough to see from a distance? It is timed to come/off on to coincide with time of shed opening times.



Welcome aboard Guys!

We would like to warmly welcome 2 people that want to become more involved with our shed, one is already a member and already quite involved, the other wants to become a member and be more involved.

Recently our shed had had interest from both of them to become committee members, they are Mike Robinson (also a member of the Guild) and Dan Vukcevic.

They have both been seconded on to our present committee until formal proceeding at our upcoming AGM.

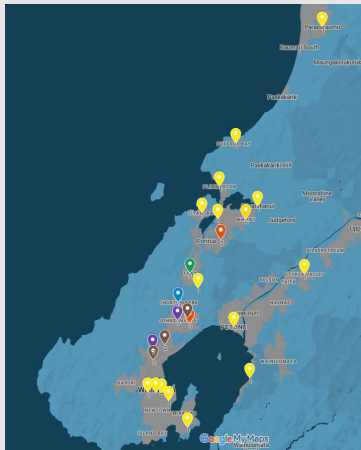
Mike Robinson

Mike is a member of both the MZT and the Guild and runs the Woodturning classes for the Guild at the MZT.

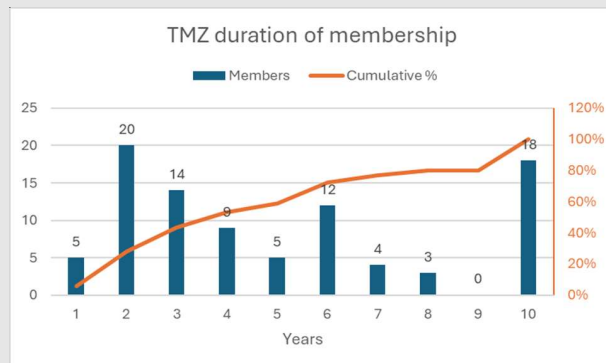
Dan Vukcevic

Dan has a bachelor's degree in information technology and 20 years' experience in corporate environments on complex IT issues.

He currently owns two small businesses in the Arboriculture and Landscaping industries (Wellington Arborists Ltd & Wellington Landscapes Ltd), has a passion for woodwork, machinery, and tools, and would like to be part of the Tawa MenzShed committee.



Approximately 50% of members live in Tawa or Churton Park, with other members living across the region from Paraparaumu in the north down to Miramar in the south



As @ 30 April 2026 TMZ has 90 paid up financial members.

20% of these have been members since the shed started, the overall average duration of membership is 5 years.

Thank you to Jerry Ball for these statistics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ih9FZBGQOVQ>

Nick Crocker supplied this link to a very informative video explaining the do's & dont's when using a table saw. Stick to these guidelines and you work will be spot on.





.... another new lock....

..... the new lock has been installed today Saturday 18 July.

Trying a Yale brand this time.

To open, set the code, press the hasp IN to the lock and release. Springs open.

To close, muddle the combination so our code is NOT set. Press the hasp in. Note the lock will NOT close if our code is set.

Any questions?

Cheers, Gibbo.....



..... just abit of background on this,

I was supervisor last Tues, there had been various emails shooting around about problems with locks and talk of taking bolt cutters to them but i was assured that all had been sorted. I turned up, opened 1st gate combo lock no problem, on to second gate, combo lock was on strike wouldnt open even tho' I put in "correct" code. Back I go to 1st gate get key for Keylock at second gate, opens fine. Now at front door, I find someone has put our combo lock on "backward", I thought I will use key on keylock on door - no cant do that different key needed from lockbox on wall - by this time I have a small queue forming - I try code on lockbox no luck, I try another older code, no luck.

I persist with the upsidedown combo lock and finally fluke the numbers (turn all another 5 digits) difficult with queue mounting!!

Finally we get in - I wont even go into problem I had at end of session setting RuralFire alarm which Greame C had to help me with - I went home for a stiff whisky!!

The lock that would not open was operated on by JG and myself, I wanted to euthenase it but John insisted on operating, it didnt survive anyway - hence our brand new lock



On the left is pic of combo lock on front door, this how it should be mounted with the red line outwards so the number can be read/entered easily and correctly



Supervisors Roster

Saturday,	18 July	Stuart Lavin
Sunday,	9 July	Diana Phillips and Ruth Pirie
Tuesday,	21 July	Nick Crocker
Thursday,	23 July	Peter Nalder
Saturday,	25 July	André Lategan
Sunday,	26 July	Salil Khasnis / Richard Herbert
Tuesday,	28 July	John Holloway
Thursday,	30 July	Graeme Chamberlain
Saturday,	1 August	Mike Robinson
Sunday,	2 August	Salil Khasnis
Tuesday,	4 August	John Gibson
Thursday,	6 August	Graeme Chamberlain
Saturday,	8 August	Stuart Lavin
Sunday,	9 August	Peter Manson
Tuesday,	11 August	Nick Crocker
Thursday,	13 August	Bryan Hawkins
Saturday,	15 August	John Gibson
Sunday,	16 August	Diana Phillips and Ruth Pirie
Tuesday,	18 August	John Holloway
Thursday,	20 August	John Melville
Saturday,	22 August	André Lategan
Sunday,	23 August	Neville Wong
Tuesday,	25 August	Jeff Scott
Thursday,	27 August	Peter Nalder
Saturday,	29 August	Graeme Chamberlain
Sunday,	30 August	Richard Herbert

For changes and further info please contact:

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Couldnt resist, Tour de France is on and yesterday they showed this wonderful piece of Land Art, while tour is on, locals put on some spectacular messages crowing about there locality but this beats them all.



Attn Supervisors:

New folder on sign in desk to record incidents, machine maintenance issues and equipment loans and other stuff ask Graeme and Nev for more detail.

