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Welcome to our first newsletter. The committee shown in the photo had their inaugural meeting in the shed on 18 September 2021.

Since then a motivated group of 'shedders' have been working hard, progressing the shed into a viable workshop. Our thanks must firstly go to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council for assisting us to occupy our buildings in Prole Road.

The buildings have been water blasted and painted, the windows put-tied, and everything has been re-painted. The electrical wiring has been done to ensure the shed operates safely, and the necessary plumbing for the kitchen and toilets.

None of this could have been achieved without the support that we have received from community grants, and local businesses, and the volunteer hours put in by the members.

A shed brings men together in one community space to share their skills, have a laugh, and work on practical tasks individually or as a group.



Andrew McWilliam, Peter Smith, Geoff Davis, Denis Agate, Jerry Hale, Dick Megchaise, Paul Zeeder, Bill Cahill, Mike Hayden (President), Tony Pollitt.

Men are known to have smaller circles of friends than women, so the shed offers opportunities to foster new friendships outside the social circles their partners establish.

It is our aim to be a destination for men and to become an important part of our community — doing projects for local organisations. We welcome new members — come and see us, have a cuppa, and discuss what we are doing. Bring project ideas along to see if we can help ,or do it.

We look forward to seeing you.

Mike Hayden

MenzShed Open Day - 2 April 2022

Saturday 2 April, we are having a special Open Day—9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Come and see the work we can and will do for our members and the community.

The day is open to prospective members, our supporters and sponsors, local volunteer organizations wanting a hand, and people wanting things fixed or made. All welcome.

Enjoy a sausage off the BBQ!

Grants - thanks

We couldn't have got this far, without grants, and support from our community.



Bay Trust and TECT each made grants to the shed of \$10000. The TECT grant has been spent of obtaining new machinery, and the Bay Trust money also went towards machinery, and tools and first year running costs.

The Centre Omokoroa granted \$5000, which helped set up machinery, tools and costs. The Omokoroa Community Board gave \$2800, which helped us with our electrical upgrade.

Generous personal donations totalling \$5000 were received.



We are very grateful for this wonderful support - we would not be the working shed that we have today without it.

Inside and Outside the Shed

The Shed is unrecognizable to when we took it over. The most important room, the kitchen/tea room was fitted out with recycled cabinets, thanks to Andrew and Pacific Coast Kitchens - and now has a fridge, microwave, sandwich press, and water boiler. David removed panels separating the two workshop areas, so that light is enhanced, and there is a visual connection between the two areas. Jerry designed work benches and these have been constructed from recycled wood. An equipment area and storeroom were designed and build by John. A supervisors office has been established on the upper level off the storeroom.

All the electrical rewiring and installations have been done by Paul, and Rob has provided and installed security systems including CCTV monitoring capabilities.

Not only the inside got the treatment. Jerry led the way in water blasting the exterior, and a team of painters applied the many litres of paint that were donated. Mention must be made of John's re-puttying all the windows, and of Grant's quiet but steady painting efforts.

Part of the agreement with the council is the maintenance of the surrounding half acre, and to this end a ride-on mower has been bought.

For all the efforts, thanks must go to those involved.



And a Garage — Workshop

As they say on TV—”But wait, there’s more!” The facility is two buildings, with a large concrete floored garage becoming a workshop area, or machine shop. It is accessed by lift up doors, and has a lean-to on one side. Paul has ensured that the electrics are up to standard.

When it is fully equipped it will have dust extractors, and an array of machines, purchased and donated. Thanks must go to Andrew for his research and ordering of the machinery.

There will be facilities for welding, and hot work such as this will be



in the lean-to, or outside.

When everything is completed, the two buildings will be a comprehensive workshop, and a benefit to the community.

While new or prospective members may feel daunted in using the tools available, training and guidance will be given to everyone. No one will be expected to use a machine unless they have first reached a level of competence - and this will be achieved through the help of others.

Waste Not — Want not



Recycling helps keep the cost down. The sturdy benches in the photos were recycled from the disused cattle yards on the site. They were dismantled and the wood machined into high grade planks, and then fashioned into the benches. Unwanted steel framing has been obtained from a local business, and these are being converted into tables, such as under the lathe above, and outside shelving for wood storage.



Health and Safety

Our Safety Policy ends with the words - “**Shedding has to be a great time in life - let’s keep it that way**”.

To that end, a basic rule is that no one can use the shed alone, there must always be two persons present. As part of the set up of the shed, fire extinguishers and first aid kits have been obtained, and a defibrillator has been donated.

Standard operating procedures for all machinery are being prepared and will be displayed. Members will not be allowed to use the machinery until they have been trained, or demonstrated competency. Due to COVID members are required to provide their own face masks, eye protection, and ear protection.

Through a joint approach and individual effort, we propose to provide a safe facility for the users of the Shed.

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Come and join this picture

Camaraderie

Enjoy a good laugh



Share and learn skills

Complete Projects

Do some good in your community, and have fun doing it

Opening Hours

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Shed Purchases

Grants and donations enable the Shed to become the viable workshop that it is. This is also supplemented by the generous discounts and product offered to us.

From Machinery Warehouse we have purchased the bandsaw, surface planer (buzzer) that is 200mm wide, and the double bag dust extractors.

Shortly we will receive from Carbatec a drill press with a direct drive motor, and a grinder system with attachments for sharpening knives, scissors, axes, turning gouges and drill bits.

The Tauranga Power Tool Centre has supplied Makita 18 volt battery tools - a circular saw, a multi tool, a planer, jigsaw, hammer drill, impact driver, brad nail gun, and an electric hot air gun, plus two 12 volt kits for light work, and an electric bench grinder

Thanks to these companies for their help and support

Thanks also to Omokoroa General Carriers for transporting machinery down from Auckland, and to Pacific Coast Kitchens for use of their forklift, cover sheets, rubbish disposal, and the recycled kitchen.

Thanks also to those people who have donated sundry small tools and hand tools.

