

# MENZSHED

## *Wellington City*

**Hi Sheddies,**

You may remember the meetings we had about a year ago when the trustees of the MenzShed Wellington tried to persuade sheddies to take some responsibility for the running of the shed. They employed an attractive woman facilitator to generate some enthusiasm.

Although a few hands were tentatively raised. Nothing much happened. It was pointed out that none of the sheddies could belong to Wellington MenzShed because the constitution did not allow membership.

Over the next few months many attempts were made to persuade the Trustees to change the constitution to allow membership, but they refused.

A new charitable trust has now been established, the Wellington City MenzShed. It has been approved by the Charities Commission and by Inland Revenue. Its charitable objectives are the same as Wellington MenzShed, but the big differences are YOU can become a member of the City MenzShed, and YOU can have a say and a vote on how it should be run.

The City MenzShed is not in competition with the Wellington MenzShed. John Gibbons, a trustee of the Wellington MenzShed, says their role is as major fundraiser, and that they have the skills and contacts to achieve this function.

The City MenzShed is in effect doing what we were asked to do last year – take responsibility for the day to day running of our shed.

I hope that you will join us soon so that we can get on with our core tasks of using our skills for the benefit of the community and providing companionship and support for our members.

Don Matheson  
Chair, Wellington City MenzShed Charitable Trust



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## **Minutes of Inaugural Meeting of the Wellington City MenzShed**

**Meeting:** held at the MenzShed rooms, 6 Haining street, Wellington on Thursday 24 March 2011

**Present:** Founding Trustee, John Shrapnell, Henry Hodge, Jim Yates, Don Matheson, Robin Bodley, Stuart Hudson, Les Collins.

**Invitation:** In accordance with section 9.4 of the Trust Deed, Mr Shrapnell invited those present to become Trustees and/or members of the Wellington City MenzShed.

As a result of that invitation Mr Matheson volunteered to become Chairman, Mr Yates to be Treasurer, Mr Shrapnell to be Secretary and Messrs Hodge and Hudson and Bodley to be Trustees.

It was moved Matheson and seconded by Hodge that the appointment of the Trustees be accepted. The motion was passed unanimously.

It was proposed that a bank account be opened immediately. There was unanimous support and Messrs Matheson, Yates, Shrapnell and Hodge adjourned to the Kiwi Bank in Marion Street where an account was opened.

During the meeting at Kiwi Bank it was suggested that there should be a minimum annual subscription. It was unanimously agreed that this should be set a \$1 per year.

The meeting ended at 11.50am