

Launching of City Shed Welcomed

Last Thursday saw the launching of the Wellington City MenzShed Trust and already it's had a positive response.

"Well done guys. Great to see a new leadership group rise to take to the operations to the next level" said one writer.

"Thanks for injecting a new impetus into the moribund Menzshed" said another.

The City MenzShed is not in competition with the original Wellington MenzShed Trust. It is there to give Sheddies a real ownership in the MenzShed.

Our first General meeting will be held in the next couple of months, and at that time Sheddies will be able to have their say in the running of the MenzShed. They'll also be able to elect new Trustees, or reelect our first Trustees.

Is there a catch to all this. Yes, but it's a very small one. You need to be a member, and that will cost you one dollar. Our Treasurer, Jim Yates, will be happy to relieve you of that token membership fee. A little later we'll print you a membership badge.

Projects on hand

- We are refurbishing about 10 children's chairs for the **Kilbirnie Plunket**. **Henry Hodge** is working on six of these at the moment, stripping off paint, repairing and strengthening the wooden frames, doing a great job. **Stuart Hudson** is then painting them with primer and topcoats. He could probably do with help on this on Thursday.

- **Hataitai Playcentre** may be needing some shelving in the near future. At the moment they are not sure of its dimensions. **Jim Yates** is keeping in touch with them

- We still have a request from **Marie Clare Reilly** to construct a moveable hen house. The design is a simple triangular ark with the top half closed in for a nest box and perch and the bottom open but with wire netting sides. There is a plan with pictures

- **Garry Procktor** has almost finished the shelving job in the shed. As soon as a couple of finishing adjustments are made we can start to sort out all our tools and store them in a systematic way. We want the tools to be easily accessible to members.

- If there are tools we are short of, then we have some funds to purchase them. We need someone to oversee the tools and equipment we do have - any volunteers?

- We think it was **Stuart Hudson** who brought in that big TV screen for repair, but we don't know if anyone has taken it on as a project - perhaps you have, or perhaps you'd like to ?

- Thinking of our equipment - can we get our lathe operating - and could **Les Collins** check this out for us. Our Secretary, **John Shrapnell**, was on the Executive of the National Association of Woodturners for a number of years as well as being Editor of their national magazine *Creative Wood*. This means he is a useful source of information on turning.

- Lastly our Treasurer, **Jim Yates**, is looking forward to signing up members for the shed this week. The annual subscription currently stands at \$1.00 - so get your gold coin ready when you visit on Wednesday and Thursday