

More Tools

I'm pleased to report that we've just been given three more tools by a member who wishes to remain anonymous.

We now have a Makita Power Planer, the 1900B model.



We also have a Black and Decker hammer drill and a Ryobi jigsaw HJ50A with blades and a hand-book.

Thank you.

Council Turn Down Grant Application

Earlier in the year we put in an application of the Wellington City Council Grants Scheme for the modest amount of \$500. This was to buy a couple of sharpening stones, oil and some hacksaw blades.

I'm sorry to report that the Council rejected our application. In doing so they said:
“the committee felt that before funding could be allocated to your trust that they would like some clarity about the relationship between your organisation and the existing MenzShed group who were funded by the Council last year for operational support.”

To answer the Council's request for information, an email was sent to the Council, the key paragraphs are as follows:

We did not set up the City MenzShed to compete with the original trust, but as a means of giving the shed-dies some sense of ownership and responsibility as we had been asked to do by the original Wellington MenzShed.

This raises a number of urgent questions for us and we would appreciate any answers, or guidance that you can give us.

1. Is what Helen Young says correct, that we have to take over all fund raising for the rent of Haining Street? Apparently \$15,000 pa

2. Has the rent been paid in advance? and if so for how long?

3. Since the foreseeable income of the City MenzShed would be the range of providing a cup of tea or coffee, and maybe a packet of hacksaw blades, is the Council able to help with a more affordable premises.

So far we have not received a response from the Council.