

Tools, Tools and More Tools

Last week we were almost buried in tools. Tools in boxes, bags, suitcases and some that wouldn't fit into anything. All delivered by Steve Jardine.

We understand that the tools came from an elderly man who no longer needs the tools. Judging by the collection the man must have been a motor mechanic or a car enthusiast.

As the sheddies sorted through the tools there were frequent queries "What on earth would you use that for?" To which some sage would take a ramble down memory lane and describe how he used such a tool to lift the tappets on his Austin 10.

Amongst the collection was an old wood lathe. As the existing lathe has a couple of major problems that we've been unable to resolve, it has now been stripped down for useable parts.

Steve, if you give us a name and address of your donor we could at least write him a Thank You letter.

Opening Hours

There's been no feedback so far to our suggestion of longer opening hours. Our present thoughts are to start small with extended hours on our current days, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The suggested hours of 10-3 would enable people to use their Gold Cards on the free public transport.

If we are to do this, we need to find a suitable person for the task. Again we are still thinking this through, but it would seem the person would essentially need good people skills and the ability to deal with any issue that cropped up in the shed.

The job would probably be on a contract at an agreed hourly rate. A great way to supplement the pension.

It would be helpful to have some feedback from members, and ideas on possible candidates. You can email us at info@citymenzshed.wellington.net.nz, or shrapnell@clear.net.nz.

Guest Appearance

If you watched that great television drama on Sunday night, *Tangiwai*, you might have caught the occasional glimpse of one of our sheddies making a guest appearance in the crowd at Johannesburg's Ellis Park during test against South Africa.

A free coffee for the first right answer!



The MenzShed is open to all Wellington men, but especially those in the older age group, who for many reasons, may be feeling isolated or alone or just want to "man time".

We offer a place where you'll find companionship, and a chance to revive your old skills, or learn new skills.

We help Kindergartens, Plunket, Refugee Services and other community groups by repairing and painting broken furniture. We have a great collection of tools. The workshop meets from 10 to about 1pm on Thursdays.

You don't have to work at the MenzShed. On Wednesday afternoons there's a Grumpy Old Mens session from 1 to about 3 when we just sit around drinking coffee, eating stale biscuits and moaning about the world in general.

Come and join us. You're bound to find something that will interest you.