

We're Going Oriental!

The last month has been a worrying time for the Trustees. We've been on a month-by-month lease agreement now for a year. Two weeks ago we were given notice to vacate Southmark by 15 March..

We knew that day would come, but we kept hoping it wouldn't. Southmark House met all our requirements - central, so easy to reach from all part of Wellington, on bus routes, so we could use our gold cards, enough space, and even some parking.

Panic Stations! Where can we put all our tools and benches, our timber, and half finished projects for community groups.

Jim Baltaxe had a contact with Wellington property developer Maurice Clark. Maurice said we could store our stuff in the derelict Chinese Mission Hall in Frederick Street that he owns.

As we began moving things into the hall it became apparent that it would make an ideal MenzShed.



We put the idea to Maurice and he kindly agreed with the proviso that everyone had to formally acknowledge that they knew the building was earthquake prone.

The WCC requires the building to be brought up to current earthquake standards by 2027, but it's stood up to all the quakes since 1905 so we felt comfortable with that.

During the last week we have moved most of our possessions from SouthMark to the Chinese Mission Hall.

This week will be the last time we will be open in Southmark House so come and have a last look and a cup of coffee.

Researcher Wants to Talk to YOU

Tomorrow, Wednesday, at 12.30 Victoria University researcher, Maree Martinussen, will be at the City MenzShed in Southmark House.

Maree is working on a Master's thesis on men's friendships in New Zealand and would like to invite our members to take part.

Talking to those who agree to be involved will take place in April. Tomorrow will just be a chance for Maree to meet with us sheddies and have a cup of tea. I've got some fresh milk and there might even be the odd biscuit.

As well as tea, biscuits and Maree you could also acquire any of the things that we won't be taking to our new home. There are heaps of magazines full of useful ideas and techniques, chairs, timber etc.

Come and have a last look, have a rummage and hear more about our plans for our new home.

The MenzShed is open to all Wellington men, but especially those in the older age group.

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.

We meet from 10 to 1pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 12 to 3pm on Wednesdays.

You will find us through the loading bay at the top of Feltex Lane which runs beside Warehouse Stationery in Victoria Street.

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