



*Odds and Ends
from the Shed
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Amalgamation?

You may remember that last month the Wellington City Council began negotiations to amalgamate us with the Wellington MenzShed in Haining Street. The Council said it made little sense to have two menzsheds so close to each other, and if the two sheds amalgamated it might be possible to find a suitable building.

At the Council request we met with John Gibbons from Haining Street. Apparently Gibbons, like us, is on a month-by-month lease too.

There was common agreement with the Council's position and as a result we formally wrote to John Gibbons.

We pointed out that as we had double the space that was available to Gibbons shed in Haining Street. It would make more sense for his shed to join with ours in the Mission building. We offered membership to all at Haining Street.

We have received no response from John Gibbons neither has the City Council. The Council officer did ring him but he was in Buenos Aires and unwilling to talk until he got back to Wellington.

We'll keep you in touch with any developments.

In the meantime, our neighbours, the musicians in the house next door have vacated the property at the request of Maurice our friendly landlord. Maurice says he will demolish the house which will give him access to the right-hand wall of the Mission building so that he can assess whether to demolish or restore the Mission building. We have been asked to actively seek a new home. We are looking but so far we have found nothing available. A previous possibility the old Ladies Bowling Club Room

on Mount Victoria has been let to another party on a ten year lease.

Keep looking chaps and let us know of any possible new homes for the City MenzShed.

Christmas BBQ

We will be holding a barbeque on Wednesday 4 December from noon to about 3pm This is an opportunity to bring your family and friends and show them what you get up to at the shed

We will provide the BBQ items tea and coffee but feel free to bring something else to share if you are able.

Help will be needed on Tuesday 3 December or before to make sure we are spic and span. General tidying and sweeping, towels and drying cloths to be washed, kitchen and toilet to be cleaned. Volunteer now. It's your shed and you should be able to feel proud when your partner or friends come to visit.

It would be helpful to have some idea of how much food to provide so an RSVP with numbers please to shrapnell@citymenzshed.org.nz

Thank you Patrick

You will remember when a couple of months ago we were given the Dynamic Learning Award. One of the co-sponsors, Patrick McCombs has helped us once again.

Patrick has donated a Dycos combination buzzer, table saw and horizontal drilling unit. Last week Steve Vaney even and I collected it from Waitarere and it's now up and running a great piece of equipment. Thank you Patrick.

Menzshed National Conference

National Conference 2014

Conference theme

‘MenzShed In The Community’

**Reserve in your Shed Diary to be at El Rancho Christian Holiday Park, Waikanae
14 to 16 March, 2014**

MenzShed Kapiti took up the gauntlet to hold the next MenzShed National Conference and plans are progressing well.

We know from our experience that you all need to be there because; you meet up with amazing like-minded people; you see some interesting things; you hear useful information; you can influence National development; and it's FUN!

- To make it easier to attend we are making it affordable:
- Registration fee kept to a level that will encourage attendance.
- Venue secured with 3 accommodation blocks of 7 twin rooms right next to the conference room PLUS full motel accommodation available PLUS Motor home and Caravan sites within the complex.
- To make it worthwhile the programme will be relevant to the theme of “MenzShed In The Community” with the content and activities focused on MenzShed matters and interests.
- To make it fun our visits within the Kapiti district, which has an amazing selection of national and world-class places to see, will be varied and related to MenzShed activities.

If any shed members would like to contribute to the programme with a short presentation about your shed and the community or any related topic then please let us know so we can include it in the programme.

To help our planning with attendance numbers please contact Nigel as soon as possible with your expressions of interest by
Email: nclough@paradise.net.nz
or Telephone: 04 904 2932

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 at the old Chinese Mission Hall, 46 Frederick Street.

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