

## There is a Father Christmas!

Yes, and we have not only proof, we know who he is. His name is George, he's our Treasurer and he's been moonlighting at Kircaldies Department Store right here in Wellington.



Of course during the last two weeks the Petty Cash box has run out of cash, but who cares it's only money, and George is performing an important community task, bringing joy to a great many kids.

The tales we've heard of George's experiences would make a great article and his story about the young German tourists who sat on his lap and took photos... we'll save that story for a private telling at another time.

## So What's Happening Over Christmas and the New Year?

We are now formally closed until Tuesday 14 January when we will resume normal opening hours.

However we appreciate that the period between now and mid January may be the very time that some of our members would appreciate a bit of company, or access to the workshop.

There may well be one of the trustees at the City MenzShed during this time. If you'd like to go too then either ring the shed direct and see if anyone is there 04210-3003, or ring me, John Shrapnell 473-7128. We will help if we can.

## News of members

I had a ring from Gary Prockter. Poor Gary has had problems with an infected hip that was not diagnosed in time. He can barely walk at the moment and I guess is feeling a little isolated. I'm sure he would appreciate a call if you have spare moment. 387-2879.

Les Collins has emerged from his winter hibernation and is moving up in the automobile world. He says he hates the cold of winter and his Daihatsu shopping basket. Les arrived at my front door this evening in his bright red Mazda sports car. The car is nearly as old as Les, but it looks good, and has a satisfying deep rumble as it takes off,

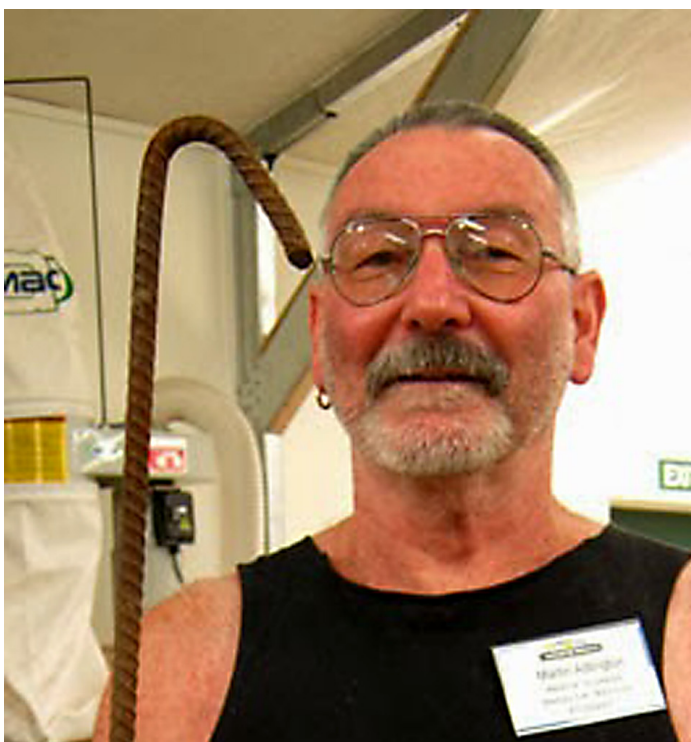
## New Community Contract

One of Don Matheson's contact has just come up with a contract that may earn the shed a few dollars. We are to make three extensions to a club's Honours Boards.

It's a project that need to be done to professional standards and requires us to purchase some expensive sheets veneered timber and to make some special moulding to match the main Honours Board. It was agreed that Steve Vaney should undertake the work.

## North Shore Blogger visits

At the shed today we had a visit from a member of the Mens Shed North Shore, Martin Adlington. Martin is currently touring the North Island in his campervan visiting as many sheds as possible.



He will be reporting what he found out about the various sheds on his blog when he completes the tour. His url is [www.shedyarns.blogspot.co.nz](http://www.shedyarns.blogspot.co.nz).

In the last week Martin has visited the three Menzsheds supported by the Lower Hutt Council all at peppercorn rentals and in substantial buildings.

Martin's own North Shore shed is a purpose built 300 square metre shed on North Shore Council land that they lease at a peppercorn rental.

### Cue Music

### Cue Singers

**“All I want for Christmas is our very own shed,  
Yes, our very own shed,  
And a lease we can afford.**

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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