

Now Open 4 Days a Week

The City MenzShed Trustees have decided to extend our opening hours. We will now be open four days a week. The extra days will be Fridays from 10am - 1pm and

George Sutton will be the Supervisor of the day.



buying are basically bigger, better and more powerful. The one new device to the shed is a dust extractor. We hope to connect this up to the thicknesser and draw saw and lathe in our “noisy room”.

We are also getting a larger belt sander, a scroll saw with a 30 inch throat and a heavier drill press with a mortice cutting attachment.



Good Bye Doug



We were saddened to hear that one of the founder members of the MenzShed, Doug Walklin, has died. Doug was part of the MenzShed when we were based in Haining Street.

We haven't seen him at the shed for a couple of years now as he's been very busy

looking after his family while maintaining his business erecting television aerials.

More tools

Today the Trustees decided to accept an offer on four second hand tools. While we already have some of these tools they have been described as home handyman quality. The replacements we are

And Out With the Surplus

In order to find room for our new tools we will be going through our collection to find what is surplus to requirements. For instance we currently have about a dozen hand planes.

Surplus tools will be offered to other sheds, swapped for other tools, or sold on Trademe.

Letter to WCC CEO

Our Secretary, John Shrapnell, has written to the Chief Executive of the Wellington City Council,

Dr Kevin Lavery, pointing out that the work the City Menzshed does working with the older men in our city fits in precisely with the Council stated policy on Positive Ageing.

We are now in our third year and still working in temporary premises on a month-by-month lease.

The Council helped us with a grant to pay the rent for ourselves and Refugee Services on our last home in Southmark House in Willis Street. However the issue is not so much money as finding somewhere near the central city that we can settle into for a reasonable length of time.

Research both in New Zealand and overseas show that the increasing number of older people is placing severe demands on health services. The chairman of Britain's National Health Service, Sir Malcolm Grant, is in New Zealand now sharing his experiences in trying to reduce health care cost.

Sir Malcolm, who was born in Oamaru, was appointed Chair of the NHS a couple of years ago.



It was Sir Malcolm's National Health Service that awarded our City MenzShed a prize of thousand pounds for being an award winning method of reducing health costs.

Our MenzShed keeps our members socialised and restores their self esteem via community work and it's this that wards off depression and other ageing health problems.

We believe the work we do helps both local and national government in their ageing and health objectives, but we are left languishing in an earthquake risk building on a month by month lease.

We are grateful to our friendly landlord Maurice Clarke, for his continued support of our work.

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 Thursdays and Fridays, and 12 to 3pm on Wednesdays.

You will find us at the old Chinese Mission Hall, 46 Frederick Street.

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