

## More New Tools

Bill, who is a generous non-member from Johnsonville, has donated two of his precious tools to us. There's a small Ryobi band saw and a miniature lathe.



The band saw needs some reassembly and the mini lathe will be useful for turning small objects such as door handles or pen bodies.

Bill is still working, but he looks forward to joining us when retirement comes around.

## New Trustee



Over the next few weeks three of the Trustees are away for various reasons.

In order to maintain our opening hours the Trustees have coopted Don McKenzie as a Trustee and Supervisor until the next AGM.

## Office for Senior Citizens

You may not have heard of this new government office. It's part of the Ministry for Social Development. They are interested in the work we are doing, and

how its fits in the Policy of Positive Ageing, both at a national and local government level.

I have been telling them of how we help the older men in our community with companionship, support and health education. Also how in turn we help kindergartens, child care centres and other community groups by making or repairing toys and furniture.

As you know we have won several local and national awards for our work as well as an international award from the British National Health Service.

As a consequence the Director, Sarah Clark, and the Executive Office, Blair McCarthy, will be visiting the City MenzShed next Tuesday, the 26 August, at about 11.15 am.

It would be to our benefit if we are busy that day and we have a good turn out. It will also give members an opportunity to express their views on how the City MenzShed helps them. Please try to be there.

## A Salutory Tale of Woe

I had made some thin slices of a very hard log to make coasters for the dining room table. The slices weren't quite even and the surface was not as smooth as I would have liked.

We have just had the blades in the thicknesser sharpened so I thought I'd use that to cure both problems. I have used the machine many times before and felt quite competent.

I adjusted the height to just trim the top and pushed the wood slice towards the blades, keeping my fingers well clear of the mouth. There was a loud crack an intense pain on my finger and the noise of something hitting the wall.

The blades had kicked the wood slice back out of the machine and broken itself on my finger tip.

I learnt from those more experienced that I should have use something thinner than my slice and much longer as a push stick to avoid this sort of accident.

## City MenzShed AGM

**Minutes of AGM held on Thursday 10 July 2014**

**Present** Matheson, Shrapnell Hudson, Vaney, Kluger, Swann, Wilson, Sutton, Stokell, Grindley, Culling. **Apologies** – None.

**Moment of Silence** The chair called for a moment of silence in which to remember our two colleagues who died this year Norman Kabak and Doug Walklin.

**President's Report** The following had been circulated to all members. The report was accepted. and comment that it was a good report.

**Treasurer's Report** The report had been circulate to all members. The Treasurer reported that grants were down substantially from the previous year. The donation were mainly from Trustees who had donated their janitorial fees to the Trust. There were questions about the unspent grant money. The Treasurer explained that two supervisors had not claimed their janitorial expenses by the end of the financial year but that these has now been paid out. The Secretary said that the second year's rent grant from WCC was intact because our landlord has not charged us rent. The Treasurer said that he had initially put aside \$10,000 to cover the cost of storage and moving to a new home should we find one. On further reflection he had reduced this to \$5,000. Since this money was essentially the unspent WCC grant the meeting asked the Treasurer to invest the money in a suitable Term Deposit.

**Vote of Thanks** Stokell moved a vote of thanks to our landlord Maurice Clark. Passed with acclamation.

The Treasurer pleaded for members to clarify their use of the Petty Cash box. At his last accounting there was \$100 more in the box than he could account for. He is instituting a system to help members record any money they remove or place in the Petty Cash box.

**Annual Sub.** It was moved Sutton, seconded Hudson that the membership fee for the coming year remain at \$20.

The question was raised about the fairness of people joining late in the financial year being charged \$20 and then a short time later a further \$20 for the next financial year. It was agreed that \$20 would be the fee from the 1st of July for the full year and members joining after 1 January would only be required to pay \$10 for the remaining part of the financial year.

**Elections** Messrs Hudson, Matheson and Shrapnell have completed their three year stint as Trustees. All three volunteered to stand again and were re-elected unopposed.

There were no other nominations for trustees. From the Trustee the following were elected, President Matheson. Treasurer, Sutton. Secretary, Shrapnell.

### Any Other Business

Matheson said the shed should have ongoing community projects that members could work on. Shrapnell suggested we should start making Christmas presents now such as toys, either for family or for sale just before Christmas.

At this stage Baltaxe joined the meeting and suggest we should take stands in suburban fairs.

Grindley suggested we should place articles in The Wellingtonian to raise our profile. Shrapnell said he had offered articles to The Wellingtonian and the Dompost but none had published. Shrapnell was asked to try again.

The meeting closed and the BBQ was held in the workshop.

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.

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