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Odds and Ends
from the Shed
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In the Project Pipeline

We have two new projects, currently being negotiated by the Trustees.

One is a purely commercial project that may bring us in some funds. A contact wants us to build 12 indoor surf boards. Yes, that sounds odd, but the boards are apparently all the rage in the Yoga world. They are used as an unstable platform on which to do your Yoga exercises. They are about 2 metres long and they sit on semi-circular feet which make them difficult to balance upon.

Our second project is to build a seat around a tree in Khandallah. This project is to be tribute to the well known Wellington architect, Ian Athfield. We are told that the Wellington City Council is backing the project and will help with materials.

Because of the nature of this project the design has to be in some way a reflection of the innovative work of Athfield.

AGM Time

With the passing of the financial year we are now required to hold our Annual General Meeting and send the approved accounts to the Charities Commission. This will mean a lot of work for our Treasurer, George Sutton, as the government is instituting new accounting standards that we must follow.

George and Secretary John Shrapnell have attended various courses in the past few months learning about what it required.

In essence previous accounts were just a report of numbers showing how much was earned and what was spent. Under the new standards we are re-

quired to describe our activities and their purpose and show how this relates to our financial position.

The AGM will be held at 11am on Wednesday, 27th of May. This will be followed by the traditional barbeque. You've got to come to the AGM or there'll be no saussies for you!

This is one of the chances for all of our members to have their say about how the City MenzShed is being run and what improvement we must make.

At this AGM two of our Trustees, Jim Baltaxe and Don McKenzie will be retiring. Jim because he has completed his three year term, and Don because he was appointed last year to fill a vacancy.

We would like to keep our number of trustees in tact so please consider at least two people that the AGM can elect.

The Trustees are the people who make decisions about the Trust and how it is run. They must be regular participants in the Trust's activities and able to make decisions. The Trustees have responsibilities determined by our Constitution and by the Charities Act.

If you would like to nominate a member to be a Trustee, first get their agreement to stand and then ideally find another person to second your proposal.

Please send all nominations to Secretary John Shrapnell, shrapnell@clear.net.nz, or post to Shrapnell at 46 Frederick Street, Te Aro.

A formal note will be sent to all members about the AGM and asking for subscriptions. The sub was set at last year's AGM and remains at \$20/year.

New Neighbour

Our friendly landlord, Maurice Clark, popped his head in last week. Maurice told us that he will be allowing the Wellington Free Ambulance to have a standby area on the Frederick Street building site during daylight hours.



Apparently sending an ambulance from Taranaki Street can save an average of a minute in getting to an accident and then back to hospital. That minute can be critical.

Maurice suggested that the ambulance people could use our toilet if needed while they are on standby.

We are glad to be able to be able to support Maurice's humanitarian gesture in some small way.

It does however raise the question of the state of our toilet. Recently it has acquire a familiar but unpleasant odour.

We are all cleaners at the MenzShed. If have an accident in the loo or you see of smell something you don't like, please take action a leave the place as you would like to find it.

Remember we now have a first woman member and many of the ambulance staff are women.

Steve in the Cook Strait News

Our Restorer in Residence, Steve Vaney, made the Cook Strait News this week with a short story on this work.



IN PROGRESS: Steve Vaney with one of the pieces of furniture he intends to restore. PHOTO: Sam Duff

Sorry about the quality of the pic but it's a scan of a scan from an email.

Incidentally during the time that the reporter was interviewing Steve in the shed about his work, the earth had a great shake. We all looked at each other and got ready to drop and cover, but the building just fluffed out her skirts. You could almost hear her saying "Don't worry, felt lots of those in the last hundred and ten years!"

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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