

What's This?



No, we're not expanding, much as we'd like to. This Portacom is to be the base for a standby Wellington Free Ambulance.

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. This is a contribution from our landlord, Maurice Clark, to help improve the ambulance service in Wellington.

The Wellington Free Ambulance will be standby alongside the City Menzshed during daylight hours.

We'll have a close connection with the ambulance people because they'll be using our loo and the City Menzshed is supplying power to them.

You might note the city's vandals tagged the portacom as soon as it was placed there and then they did our building (see next pic).

If you can identify the perpetrator, or recognise the initials MTS and GMF please call the police and mention Crime Reporting Line reference 150603/5709.



Minutes of the Wellington City MenzShed Charitable Trust AGM 11am on Wednesday 27 May 2015

Present Matheson, Shrapnell, Vaney, Kluger, Wilson, Sutton, Aitchison, Prockter, Shearer, McKenzie. **Apologies** – None

President's Report

City Menzshed is now entering its fourth year and its second year in the old Mission building in Frederick Street. Our thanks, as always, go to Maurice Clark for his generosity in letting us use this building. We are constantly on the lookout for a new permanent home, but so far all our pleas to both local and central government have been met with apparent interest, but no action.

Last year I reported trying to resolve the amalgamation of the two sheds but unfortunately this has not happened but as you may have seen in the "Wellingtonian" the Haining St shed is closing at the end of May. A verbal invitation has been extended to those using that shed to visit our shed.

To the year ending 31Mar 15 we had over 1,000 visits by members which is an increase over the previous year. This increase is due to now opening four days a week and also a request, from younger men still working, for a Tuesday night to undertake projects. Due to this increase Don McKenzie was

co-opted as a trustee to supervise some of the additional opening hours.

Our community assistance continues with the following groups:

- * Wellington Municipal Croquet Club - making handicap bisques.
- * Wellycom National Board Game convention.
- * Wadestown Playgroup - dolls house repairs.
- * Beramphore Kindergarten - chookhouse
- * Made a portable 2 frame beehive for schools.
- * Clyde School – Constructed dumpling trays.
- * Wadestown Kindergarten - refurbished of two hand carts.
- * Mount Cook School – reconstruction of wobbly bridge.

Notable visits this year include:-

Mayor Celia Wade-Brown and Councillors Paul Eagle, Simon Wolf, Nicola Young, Jo Coughlan, Sarah Free and Malcolm Sparrow.

Sarah Clark Director from the Office for Senior Citizens, Ministry of Social Development and Advisor Sophia Seo

Their apparent interest in what we are providing has not so far resulted in a permanent home for us.

I thank the following people and sponsors for their continued support:

Wellington City Council

Bunnings Warehouse

Medibank

*Mazda Foundation

*Mary Potter Hospice

*Maurice our landlord for his generosity.

My thanks once again to all the trustees especially John Shrapnell, our secretary, who puts in many hours attending meetings keeping our shed permanent accommodation requirements before the council and George Sutton our Treasurer who keeps our books in order. Don Matheson, President

Treasurer's Report The accounts had been circulate to all members

The Treasurer reported this year we are trying to follow the government's new reporting standards that we must employ from now on. This is a major change and has required both himself and the Secretary to attend workshops on the new standards. The new standards required the Menzshed to describe its purpose and how it was achieving that.

The accounts then had to relate to that story and demonstrate the organization effectiveness.

This year we had won another grant from Medibank to pay for the additional opening days, and from the Mazda Foundation for tool maintenance.

Last financial year the shed had a small deficit, this year we made a small surplus

It was agreed that a contingency to cover the cost of storage and moving to a new home, should we find one, should be increased back to \$10,000

It was agreed the membership fee for the coming year remain at \$20.

Elections Mr McKenzie who was appointed fill a vacancy was elected as a Trustee for the next three years. Mr Baltaxe was elected for a further three years, but concerns were voiced that he was not at the AGM, nor had he offered any apology.

Any Other Business

Shearer asked for membership numbers. The Secretary said that we currently had 46 financial members.

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.

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

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