

A Quiet Month

Probably the last of the summer sun and the onset of rain and cooler temperatures has kept many sheddies at home. Certainly numbers have been down, except on Thursdays and the frequent promise of cheese scones from Stuart.

We have picked up quite a bit of work from the Penguin Lady who is busy repairing old boxes and making new one for the Little Blue Penguins that live around the harbour.

We also have had an approach from the child care centre at Island Bay who need something built to store the kids real tools. The sketch of what they wanted turned out to be an architects drawing of a very complex 2 metres unit with eight sliding door which they thought we could build from pallets and off cuts!.

We've asked Jim Baltaxe who lives in Island Bay to visit and make some progress on the issue.

President Don Matheson is overseas this month and his opening duties have been undertaken by our new Trustee Katrina de Graaffe. There was a ripple of amusement the other day when Katrina gently brought Gary to order for not warning people he was starting up a noisy machine and ear muffs were needed.

He's got a suit!

Our Secretary John Shrapnell is habitually seen in rather grubby blue overalls. So it was perhaps a surprise to some to see that he actually owns and occasionally wears a suit with collar and tie.

The costume change was required for an occasion with the Wellington City Council when they gave John an Absolutely Positively Wellingtonian Award.



After all if the Mayor is going to wear her ermine trimmed robe and gold chain of office you've got to look smart.

The award was for John's 40 years of community work in Wadestown but when it came to the speech of thanks he managed to turn it into a plea for the Council to find us a new home.

He also suggested the next APW award should go to our friendly landlord Maurice Clarke who had provided us with a home for four years - something no one else in Wellington had manage to do.

The City 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 some Fridays, and 12 to 3pm on Wednesdays at the old Chinese Mission Hall, 46 Frederick Street.

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