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Odds and Ends
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Thieves hits our Menzshed

This week someone entered the City Menzshed and stole both of our DeWalt cordless drills sets, together worth more than \$1,000. They also stole an antique corner cabinet that belonged to a client, some other small tools and a cheap white wooden stool. Just to add to our distress they smoked a cigarette in the workshop and stubbed it out on the floor.

The theft has been reported to the police and they will be fingerprinting this week.

The drill sets, like all our other tools, had "City Menzshed" burnt into their sides, which should make them difficult to sell. If anyone sees them in a shop, or being used, don't approach the shop or the user, call the police. Our Police incident reference number is 160722/0670.

As there was no sign of a break-in we assume the thieves had access to a key. The keys to the front door were only issued to our Trustees. The keys to the back door were issued by Wellington Free Ambulance to their staff and their cleaners.

We have now replaced the front door lock. We have also put a lock on the smoko room.

IMPORTANT When you use the toilet please make sure the door to the toilet area is bolted shut when you have finished.

This will prevent anyone entering by the back door from gaining access to the rest of the building.

More Pleasant News

A couple of Thank You letters should help raise spirits. The first from Forest and Bird and then from the Wadestown Kindergarten

Forest & Bird Wellington Branch has been fortunate over the last couple of months to have been able to use the services of the City Menzshed for modifying a selection of odd-sized timber panels we inherited to make nest-box components for our Places for Penguins project (PFP).

It was fairly uninteresting work compared to some of the other projects City Menzshed undertake but our PFP nest-box co-ordinator, Karin Wiley, was greeted with enthusiasm and warmth whenever she arrived with an armful of timber lengths to be modified to suit our requirements. They were also keen to know more about the PFP project.

The work was done to professional standards and has given PFP a store of components ready to be assembled into penguin nest-boxes as we require them. These men are providing an indispensable service, repairing furniture to give it a second life, repainting and repairing large wooden toys that get a battering from enthusiastic use and building things that community organisations would otherwise not have ready access to because of the cost.

They take pride in what they do and deservedly so. Forest & Bird is very grateful for City Menzshed's assistance with its Places for Penguins project

Colin Ryder Chairperson
Forest & Bird Wellington Branch

Wadestown Kindergarten

Dear City Menz Shed,
On behalf of the Wadestown Kindergarten community I would warmly like to thank you all so much for the contribution of wood and cutting service that helped shape and further our plans to make our environment reflect the cultures of Aotearoa.

We appreciate your support.
Linda Muollo, Head Teacher

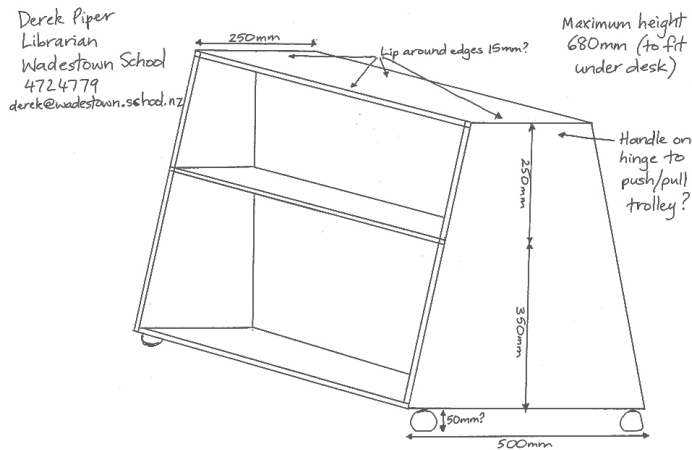


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New School Library Trolley

A request from the Wadestown School Librarian for a mobile library trolley came with some very specific instructions. The illustration of what was needed said it could be no more than 680mm high.



It all looked quite straightforward until it became obvious that none of the measurements had taken into account the thickness of the material used for the construction. The client's assumption had been that it would be built out of thin ply and the wheels would be very small. We had to point out that four shelves full of books might weigh 25 kg. Thin ply would bend and the small wheels would be difficult to pull over a carpet.

After a lot of compromises and recalculations the trolley was built.



But now the handles were unusable because the librarian is very tall so an extended handle was needed so that he could pull or push the trolley without bending.

Read the next issue of our newsletter to see the next steps in this saga.

Naenae Menzshed Gets More Council Money

The Naenae Menzshed made a presentation to the Hutt City Council in June, and with the support from their patron on the council the shed was given \$20,000 towards an extension to their building.

The cheque was formally handed over at an official presentation by the shed's Patron on Council, Barbara Branch. She was accompanied by the mayor who also spoke of his support for the great things the Shed was doing in the community and how it would form part of the hub of activities in that area of Naenae.



For the record the Hutt Council supports three Menzsheds and has given them leased land and property at \$1 a year rental.

The Wellington City Council should take note.

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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