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Odds and Ends
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And the Work Keeps Coming

Although it's frustrating that we're currently homeless, it's encouraging that the work still keep coming in. That's a clear sign that we are still needed by the community at large as well as by our senior citizens.

Last week a call from a commercial company that wants us to make scooter boards for disabled children. Basically different shaped boards supported on wheels. Apparently the boards not only increase the kids mobility, but build their confidence. The differing shaped boards are to cope with different disabilities

Today a call from a company that is determined to do something for the homeless.

They have had certified plans drawn up for accommodation mounted on a trailer. They are currently working on material suppliers and would like us to build the units. They also have plans for an accompanying unit to provide power.

We were recommended to this company by the National Menzshed organisation.

Mission Hall Now Empty



Our old home now looks somewhat forlorn. Gone are the people, gone are the tools, gone are the projects, gone are the energy and enthusiasm. All that's left now is a silent empty shell.

Even our neighbours the Wellington Free Ambulance have left the site.

Where to now?

The option of the Northland Memorial Community Centre is still on the table but was stymied by the Council saying it was their building and that we would need consent to partition part of the Lower Hall. There was also a misunderstanding about Council help with lease fees. The \$10K mentioned apparently had a sub clause of "1/3 of lease" up to \$10K. That left us finding \$6K which is way beyond our means.

Our current hope is with the Wellington Regional Hospital. They are considering letting us have disused building on a remote part of their site not far from the old Chest Hospital. It's some distance from a bus route and up a very steep path.

There is sufficient room there if we can remove some non-structural walls, and we still don't know what the lease may cost if the Hospital agrees.

We live in hope.

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.

Until we find a new home, we will meet on the first and fourth Thursday of each month in each other homes.

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