

We've been offered a new home!

Yes, after five years of searching, and five months of being homeless we are about to enter a new home for the City Menzshed.

Last week we received a letter from the landlord making us an offer to use a derelict building that been unused for many years. It's covered in graffiti on the outside. There's some graffiti inside, and several broken windows.

Now that may not sound too great, but the building itself is sturdy and sound and the damage is mainly cosmetic.

The best part is the landlord wants us to be there and has already put a lot of effort into ensuring that the building has a current Building Warrant of Fitness showing that it is safe for us to use and healthy.

Already vegetation that was covering much of the building has been removed, the electrical circuits have been checked and a new breaker switchboard installed. The old Zip hot water cistern did not work and its been replaced with a modern instant hot water system.

There is quite a bit of work that we have agreed to do to bring the property into a safe condition such as repairing a section of the wooden boundary fence and replacing some of the planks in wooden deck.

The building must have been designed for older men because it has so many toilets. One of our number even suggested we could have let the place to the Lions and made a fortune.



Stuart Hudson and John Wilson doing a initial clean up of our new Menzshed.

But where is it? I can here the cries.

Sorry but I can't tell you just yet. There are two reason's. First, although the offer has been made and we have accepted the offer, we still need a Licence to Occupy.

This won't be forthcoming until the landlord has convinced the Wellington City Council that all the necessary requirements have been met.

The second reason is the landlord would like to make a news release when all is signed and take credit for their philanthropy.

We expect to be in within two weeks

Wanted a Treasurer

We don't have a great deal of money, but we do need to keep records of income and how we use this to fulfil our charitable purposes.

Our present Treasurer, George Sutton, feels the need to retire and will happily pass on the Excel systems he has set up.

Virtually all our banking is done on line and expenditure is authorised on line by two out of three of the Trustees who have authorisation rights.

Jobs keeping Coming In

Even though we've been homeless of five months the requests for us to do jobs keeping coming in. Even as I sit here writing the phone rings and a Montessori School has two tasks they would like us to undertake. Roll on access to our new home.

Any Gardeners Out There?

One of the facilities our new home has is piece of land. There's probably 150 square metres which would lend itself to becoming a garden. It hasn't been tended to or a decade of so. This means long grass and scrubby plants etc.

With a tilling tools and some hard work this could become a productive garden for fruit and vegetables. There's even a good fence for espaliered fruit trees or vines.

If your interested drop us an email info@citymenzshed.org.nz

The Old Menzshed

We peered through the letter box of our former home, the Chinese Mission building in Frederick Street.

The place has ben gutted. Gone are the mezzanine floor, the stairs, the machine room and the paint store.

The site itself has now been fenced off and cleared of rubbish. What will happen next?

AGM Very Soon

As soon as we have access to our new home we will hold our AGM. It should have been held in June, but our homeless state made this difficult.

We anticipate the AGM will be late July or early August. Plenty of time for you to consider what part you will play in the City MenzShed. Hopefully someone will take on the Treasurers Job.

CMS TRUSTEES APPOINTMENTS			
Name	Appointed	Retire 2013	Retire 2014
Matheson	24/03/11		2014AGM
Shrapnell	24/03/11		2014AGM
Hudson	24/03/11		2014AGM
Sutton	**1/04/13	2013AGM	
Vaney	**1/04/13	2013AGM	
McKenzie	**24/7/14		
Wilson	**30/10/13		2014AGM
degraaffe	**1/04/2016		2016AGM

Why not become a Trustee.

As you will see from this chart five of our trustees have completed a three year term.

They can be re-elected or perhaps you could join them on the Board of Trustees?

Let us know if you are interested.

The City MenzShed is open to all Wellington men, and women, 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 hospitals and other community groups by repairing and painting toys and broken furniture. We have a great collection of tools.

In our a new home, we expect to be open at least four days a week from 10-1pm.

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