



NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2017

A PUBLIC MEETING
Including our Inaugural Annual General Meeting
is coming in September

This will be a free Public Meeting open to all members and interested people, with several examples of our community projects for the year on display. Morning tea will be provided.

Date: Friday 22-September 2017
Time: 10:00am to 11:30am (replaces the regular coffee morning)
9:45am for Member registration
Venue: Remuera Golf Club (ample parking available)

Public Meeting program

Guest speaker: Jeff Griggs from Whangarei Mens Shed.

Jeff will tell us the remarkable story of how their group took ownership of the historic Whangarei Railway Station and raised \$1 million for its complete restoration as an historic building, part of which serves as their shed workshop.

Shed location update

We are getting close – very close. Come along in September to hear the news about progress towards leasing a Council-owned property in our area. Hopefully we can talk about initial planning for the next phase – the renovation/build and fit-out of the shed.

AGM: Election of board members.

Nominations for board members will open on Friday, 25 August (forms will be emailed to all financial members), and will close on Thursday, 7 September 2017.

Our rules are designed to create a rotation of board membership aimed at getting a mix of continuity and new people each year. The term is two years, with a maximum of three consecutive terms. Of the current board of 8 members, 7 have chosen to remain for the second year of their first term. The total number of seats has been set at 10, so there will be 3 seats available at this AGM. People who fill those seats will begin a new 2-year term.

AGM: Chair's Report, Treasurer's Report, Annual membership fee for 2018.

These reports will be emailed to members by Friday 8 September, with the list of nominations for the 3 available board seats. Members will vote on the recommended fee of \$20.00 for the 2018 year.

Contact us: email – mensshedaucklandeast@gmail.com
Or come along to coffee morning at Stonebake Café, Abbots Way,
Fridays at 10.00 am (bi weekly) – next dates are 11-Aug, 25-Aug, 8-Sep ...



Thanks to Don Liggins and Grant Briggs

Don and Grant very kindly provided an opportunity for our members to visit workshops in recent weeks. Don has been a regular volunteer at the Maritime Museum workshop at Viaduct Harbour for several years. The workshop was just as fascinating as the stories of some of the past projects.

Grant is a furniture maker and took us to see a nearby factory owned by his friend. Grant explained how his suggested vertical arrangement for materials storage helped improve the layout.

Community projects Recently Completed



Dave's lectern

One of the community projects completed in recent months has been the repurposing of the pulpit from Saint Paul's Methodist Church, Remuera. This 50-year-old relic was removed from the church and disassembled by a group of our members. The pulpit yielded sufficient reusable rimu timber for the construction of a new lectern. The project was undertaken in the workshop of one of our board members Dave Lamb, and the new lectern was given a 'test run' at a recent Mens' Shed coffee morning.

Thomas's 3D-printed guardrails

The Glendowie Toy Library had a 3-level wooden parking garage that had lost its guardrails. Thomas Doo designed and 3D-printed new ones. They even have our name etched in them.

Tree Planting Day at Waiaatarua Reserve

Five members joined about 40 others on Saturday 29S July to plant 1100 trees at the Waiaatarua Reserve. Lots of mud and fun.

Ongoing and Upcoming Community Projects

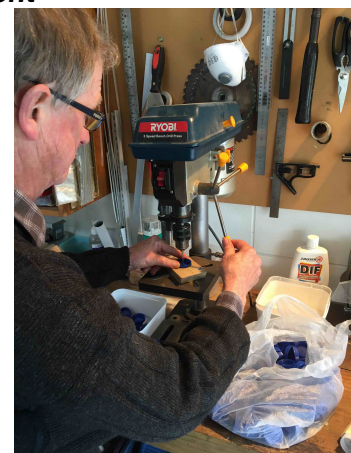
Support for Bunnings Mt Wellington pre-Father's Day in-store event

Anthony at Bunnings, Mt Wellington continues to support us with donated materials for community projects. Don Morrison and Bruce Coe have made 100 toy car bodies and milk bottle top wheels for our kids car assembly booth at this year's event.

Date: Thursday, 31 August 2017

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Venue: Bunnings Mt Wellington



Ellerslie Rotary's "Tools for Schools" project

David Broadhead is leading this project for Ellerslie Rotary and has connected with several Mens' Shed groups for support. This is a great example of how a project can span several sheds. One container of donated hand tools has arrived at the remote island of Taveuni in Fiji, and work is underway to make benches and other items for the next shipment.



Child-proof gate for St Heliers Community Centre

Keith Hanning and Barry McNutt are busy building a gate to help keep toddlers out of the kitchen area at the community centre.

Ellerslie Spring Fairy Festival & Pirates Party – October 1



Last year we made fairy houses that were a big hit, so now is the time to start projects for more fairy houses. We are pleased to support Megan of Ellerslie Business Association who places the fairy houses in shop windows and in various nooks and crannies to attract the attention of parents and toddlers.

Support for Riding for the Disabled

We are in discussions with Riding for the Disabled and Meadowbank Pony Club about supporting their set-up of facilities in a new location. Our volunteers would help assemble a pre-cut shed structure near their current training arena off St Johns Road, to be used for storing riding gear.

2018 MenzShed NZ Conference planning

Ours is one of four Auckland sheds contributing to the planning efforts for the conference next year, to be held at St Kentigern College in Pakuranga (using the dorms while the boarding students are away on term break).

More details about the programme, guest speakers and registration costs will be coming out later in the year, but in the meantime, put the dates into your calendar...

Save the date

27-29 April 2018



CONFERENCE

**St Kentigern College
Pakuranga, Auckland**

