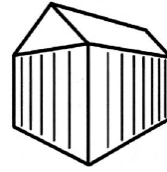


MENS SHED

Auckland East



Newsletter

December 2016

2016 has been our first year as a new Mens Shed, and we have been fortunate to have the support and participation of lots of people – thanks to all of you.

Coffee mornings

We are all new to this and to each other so we met fortnightly on Friday mornings at Stonebake Café which gave us a chance to get to know each other. At our final morning for the year on 09-Dec we had a big turnout of 24 people, and we visited the site at 84 Morrin Road (cnr of College Road and Morrin Road) to talk about our ideas for planning a new shed if we succeed in our efforts to lease the site from Orakei Local Board.

We will resume these coffee mornings on **Friday, 27 January** after most people have come back from summer holidays, and will resume meeting every 2 weeks after that.

Location Search

We made a presentation to the 08-December monthly meeting of the Orakei Local Board requesting that they help us get an opportunity to lease an empty site which is part of 84 Morrin Road, near Stonefields. The site has ample room to allow us to build a new purpose-designed workshop of 4-500 m2, and to have a car park for 20-30 cars. It may be a slow process for Orakei Local Board to get the preliminary work done, but we are hopeful of being able to complete the application for the lease during 2017, allowing us to move into the design, fund-raising and construction phases of the project by this time next year.

Here is the site in Google Map:



Community Projects

Our participation in community events and contributions to community projects has been key in creating our identity as a group, and it has been a big success. We completed several Community Events – led mainly by Keith Hanning - and Community Projects – led mainly by Ken Duncalfe.

Community events

- Ellerslie Fairy Festival (run by Ellerslie Business Association)
- Stonefields Community Fair (run by St Johns Rotary, for Stonefields School)
- Glen Innes Day (run by Glen Innes Business Association)
- Panmure Toddlers Day Out (run by Panmure Business Association)

At the Panmure Toddlers Day out we borrowed an idea from Massey Mens Shed and made wooden toy car components, which young kids assembled with a screw driver, decorated, then raced down a ramp. It was such a success that all 100 cars were gone after only 45 minutes of the 3 hour session.



Kids loved Barry McNutt's fairy house



Car components made by Dave Lamb, Don Morrison and Barry McNutt were hugely popular

Community projects

- Fun and Games Toy Library (Glendowie), repair toys
- Stonefields School, assist caretaker
- Ellerslie Theatrical Society, assist with set-building
- Orakei disabled preschooler, build physio ladder
- Orakei Community Centre, build planter boxes
- St James Anglican Church, assist with storage units



Max Wadey and others built some very impressive planter boxes from pallets at the Orakei Community Centre

Upcoming in 2017

There are several things in the pipeline for 2017, so everyone is welcome to email us about your interest and come along to be a part of these events and projects:

- Panmure Basin day in March, more toy cars
- Ellerslie Theatrical Society production in March, set-building
- St James Anglican Church, assemble storage units
- Orakei School, assist with mosaic tiling of feature wall

Membership

We have 39 financial members plus another 75 prospective members making a total of 114. If you want to become a financial member, simply bring \$20 to one of our coffee mornings or pay into our account as shown below, then send us an email so we can send you the receipt. Membership will give you a vote at the 2017 AGM and will help us meet our expenses.

Amount:	\$20
Account name:	Mens Shed Auckland East
Account number:	03-0263-0009381-00
Particulars:	Member
Reference:	<First Initial, Surname>

Happy Holidays – See you in 2017