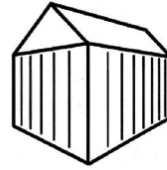


MENS SHED

Auckland East



Newsletter March 2017

It is shaping up to be a busy 2017, so here is a newsletter to help you keep track. **The key upcoming events are in Bold**, so please add them to your calendar.

Coffee mornings

We meet fortnightly on Friday mornings at Stonebake Café in Abbotts Way to give us a chance to get to know each other and to hear about our progress and projects.

We will start at 10:00am from now on.

You may need to update your calendar to the new start time. This means that the next coffee mornings will be as follows:

Friday, 7 April 10:00am

- **Visit to a furniture factory in Elizabeth Knox Place, leaving from Stonebake café at about 10:45 after we finish our coffee morning.**

Friday, 21 April	10:00am
Friday, 5 May	10:00am
Friday, 19 May	10:00am
Friday, 2 June	10:00am
Friday, 16 June	10:00am

We did have a one-off coffee morning at Mission Bay on 10 March because of the Cruise the Bays event so be on the lookout for emails about changes.

Also see our Membership section below for other events planned on days other than Friday coffee mornings.

Location Search

We continue our talks with the Orakei Local Board, and we are still hopeful of being able to complete the application for the lease during 2017. That would allow us to move into the design phase, providing the support we need to begin grant application and fund-raising. Our target is to be in our completed shed by sometime in 2018.

Community Projects

Completed so far in 2017

- Panmure Basin day in March, more toy cars
- Cruise the Bays, in March, volunteer marshals
- Ellerslie Theatrical Society production in March, set-building

Upcoming in 2017

- **Thursday 6 April, 5:00pm to 7:00pm Bunnings Mt Wellington Easter event.** Our shed will have a table where we will assemble 3 kit-set trolley carts for kids, and these will be prizes drawn at the end of the evening. Bunnings Mt Wellington are great supporters of our community events and donated materials for our toy cars for our stalls in December 2016 and March 2017.

Still in the pipeline for 2017:

- St James Anglican Church, assemble storage units
- Pt England School, help with weta houses (see Bernie)
- Orakei School, assist with mosaic tiling of feature wall
- Ellerslie Theatrical Society production in May, set-building

Opportunities to join in on Rotary and Habitat Projects

Two of our Mens Shed members are also active in Rotary clubs, and are offering our members opportunities to participate in projects.

Miles Cain, St Johns Rotary: Habitat for Humanity Global Village trip to India.

Every year Miles and a group of several Rotary members and their partners get together for an overseas trip to participate in one of the Global Village projects run by habitat for Humanity. This year Miles is going to the project in Pondicherry, South India in late October. For details see

http://www.habitat.org.nz/whatwedo/globalvillage/Global+Village+Information.html#GV_IndiaYogaBuild2017

David Broadhead, Ellerslie Sunrise Rotary: Tools for Taveuni (Fiji)

David is coordinating this project, and will be inviting contributions from all Region 1 Mens Sheds. A letter will be emailed out soon with details, but the basic idea is that the remote island of Taveuni has little or no power and are requesting tool boxes (made by Mens Sheds) and donated hand tools to be distributed to schools. Older children will use the tools to learn building skills and to assist in projects such as recovery after hurricanes. Rotary will take care of the shipping, and are requesting our help in tool donations and in making some of the tool boxes.

Membership

Events coming up:

- **Saturday, 1 April, 4:30pm – 7:00pm Mix Party at Union Post in Ellerslie.**
This is a great chance to socialize with your fellow members and their partners. A ticket is \$12, which we are using to provide platters of nibbles, and there is a cash bar for drinks.
- **Tuesday, 11 April, 10:00 – Noon, MOTAT visit.** We are joining members of the Manurewa Mens Shed – Boomer Business – and it will be good to meet them and hear about their shed activities.

We have 46 financial members plus another 69 prospective members making a total of 115. 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.

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