



AUCKLAND EAST MEN'S SHED MAY NEWSLETTER

News on people and events as we work to develop a Men's Shed for the Auckland East Area

Our Expanded Committee

From Terry Moore

Bob Moran, Keith Hanning and Terry Moore started the ball rolling to start up a men's shed in our area in November last year. Following our 23-March public meeting they are joined by another seven (in random order):

Bob Soper. Retired, active with classic cars, ukulele and cancer support groups.

Dave Lamb. Retired, active in toastmasters, has home workshop.

Ken Duncalf. Retired, active in Conservation volunteers, has home workshop.

Bernie Ward. Retired, active in sports and fishing clubs.

Pete Montgomery. Semi-retired, makes furniture, has home workshop.

John Hatrick-Smith. Still working, interested in vehicles, aircraft and design.

Grant Briggs. Retired, makes furniture and custom kitchen units.

The committee has organized itself into teams:

Legal Entity

Write draft rules for our incorporated society.

Technical

Manage equipment donations and upgrades, manage one-off projects that support community groups.

Membership

Arrange meetings of members, activities such as visits to other men's sheds and coffee mornings, produce newsletters.

Community

Engage with local community groups to introduce our men's shed, invite people to join, explore opportunities to support community projects.

Secretary/Treasurer

Keep our records and our books, explore funding opportunities.

Chair/Deputy Chair

Lead our location search, liaise with Orakei and Maungakiekie-Tamaki Local Boards, keep in touch with other men's sheds.

We will update you on work and events relating to each of these teams.

Establishing our Men's Shed rules

From Pete Montgomery

Drafting of the Rules was entrusted to a group from the committee.

We have reviewed example Rules from other organisations and have also looked at the guidelines for Incorporated Societies and Charitable Organisations. From this information a draft was prepared which the group has reviewed.

A further review followed additional input and comment from the rest of the committee.

We now have a set of rules that subject to legal review will become the founding document for Men's Shed Auckland East.

Our Ongoing Location Search

From Terry Moore

At our public meeting in March we said that our most promising site was the St Johns Road depot operated by Auckland Transport, near the land used by pony clubs. Since then our Strategic Broker – Brett Young – has spoken with Auckland Transport and was told that the site is needed for the City Rail Link project which started recently and is expected to continue for the next five or more years. The Glen Innes to Tamaki Drive Shared Path project stage 2 will use part of the land at the northern end of the area used by pony clubs, and the Orakei Local Board has a priority objective of helping those clubs set up following the project's completion in about a year. If we still need a location then, we can ask to participate in that process and try to find a site for us to build our workshop.

That leaves us with no "likely" candidate locations, but we still have several "potential" candidates for our permanent location. We have therefore started a search for a temporary location as well.

First, we need a temporary small location for storage of donated equipment. There is a good chance we will get that sorted around early July. The Orakei Local Board and Brett tell us that they are working on allowing us to use one of the two storage sheds at the Mission Bay Bowling Club. These are each about 20 m² and are ideal for our storage needs.

Second, we need a temporary workshop location. We are exploring two ideas:

- Sharing an existing workshop
- Finding a vacant site to set up a temporary workshop in empty shipping containers.

It is still very early days on both of these ideas, and we will report our latest progress at the general meeting on Tuesday, 31-May at the Orakei Community Centre.

While we are searching for a permanent home, we are looking at other ways to bring members together while working on their own projects or projects of shared interest. If you have a space that you are willing to share, please contact -----

Work on projects is well underway

News from members on some of the projects already underway

From **Ken Duncalf** who has been working on repairing toys for the Eastern Bays Toy Library.

Between 8 and 10 toys from Eastern Bays Toy Library have been repaired over the past couple of months. The repairs required tend to be very minor in nature requiring a dab of glue, a couple of screws, filing off sharp edges etc. These small repairs allow many more children to continue to enjoy these toys for some time to come. Great work Ken!

The photo to the right shows Ken handing over the latest batch of toys to Robin.



From **Dave Lamb** who has built a rehab climbing frame to help India-Rose to stand up!

Men's Shed Auckland East has just completed a rehabilitation aid to help little India-Rose stand up.

An Orakei resident, India-rose's mother Amy asked the newly formed men's group if they would construct a climbing-ladder for her daughter to use at home. Until now she has had only limited access to one while attending therapy for her disability.

Afflicted by cerebral palsy since birth, India-rose gets specialist help at Wilson Home several times a week. However, that will soon cease and Amy wants her child to be able to continue with her exercise regime. Unfortunately, the equipment that India-rose has been using is not readily available.

Amy noticed a flyer on the noticeboard in her doctor's waiting room, offering the services of Men's Shed to the wider community. Shed member Dave Lamb met with Amy to

discuss the project and make any necessary modifications. The result is a piece of equipment that not only helps the little girl to stand on her own feet but also makes her smile. Brilliant work Dave!

From **Terry Moore. Megan Darrow**, Manager of the Ellerslie Business Association and leader of the annual Ellerslie Spring Fairy Festival has requested support from MSAE for making fairy doors.

If you're curious, have a look at <https://www.facebook.com/Ellerslie-Spring-Fairy-Festival-123477187668716/?fref=photo>

There will more information on this project available at the general meeting.

Guest speakers / Visits to hidden places of interest

From John Hatrick-Smith

Part of what we are working to deliver to you includes talks on subjects and visits to places of interest.

If you know of anyone (yourselves included) with an inspiring story and who might be willing to share it at a MSAE event, please let John Hatrick-Smith (john.hatrick@gmail.com) know.

Also, we know of a number of businesses who are willing to open their doors and show members what goes on. We will let you know of these visits well in advance.

You may also know of businesses or places that will be of interest to members, as with speakers above, please let John know.

In time we will be creating a calendar of talks and visits for you all to tap into.

Logo Development

From John Hatrick-Smith

Some of you will have noticed the provocative use of the Men's Shed North Shore logo on the masthead. The development of our logo is a "work in progress" and the one you see is not necessarily the one we will use – we just felt we needed to put something there and to generate some discussion.

Your committee are considering a number of options at this time, and will make a decision on which direction to take soon.

Any thoughts you have would be appreciated.

General meeting May 31st. 9:00 to 11:00

From Terry Moore

Date Tuesday, 31-May (two weeks from today)

Time 9:00-11:00am

Venue Orakei Community Centre, 156 Kapa Road

The purpose of the meeting is to provide you with a progress update on the establishment of the Men's Shed Auckland East

You are all welcome - this is a public meeting. Prospective members please be sure to bring your friends and anyone interested to learn more about us.

You can meet our committee and hear what they have been up to in recent weeks, and hear about member activities planned for coming weeks.

A guest speaker should be there too - watch for another email about that.