



NAENAE
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Building:

Some of the best news for the year is that the extension is now finished to the extent of being enclosed, water-proof (and hail-proof) and secure with all the new doors lockable and boltable. With superior knowledge, Sam was able to get us organised so that the new outside door on the street side of the building can be locked with the present keys that members have got. This obviously saves a lot of chopping and changing.



From this ...



... to this



The Shed was back in business from September 12 with considerable enthusiasm from members, clearing some of the timber and bits and pieces out of the old area into the new and allowing quite a bit more space to swing the proverbial cat.

... and this!

It has been a very frustrating time waiting for the building to be completed with all the hold-ups for several different reasons.

We are indebted to Einar for his plumbing expertise and experience. Not only has he satisfied the requirement for the sink and tub drains to go through the firewall but he has been able to advise the builders on how they might finish the wall where there was a 10 mm gap between the old and new! Clearly Einar is getting better at his job as it took only two of us to supervise him this time rather than the seven supervisors required for him to connect up to the main sewer line! Or perhaps the job was a smaller one?



The message for all Shed supervisors of the several sessions during the week is to make sure that all doors (including the previous entrance door which now separates the two rooms) are properly locked when you leave and the outside ones have their bolts across.

The extension itself still needs to have the wiring and lights fitted and we will line it with ply as for the rest of the building. A suggestion that we paint the end firewall white to improve the lighting seems an excellent idea. Outside, we have to join up the storm water drainage and pave the surrounds which will include the ramp required from the exit door on the street wall. It's beginning to look more and more that this will be the main entrance door.

Equipment:

Dave L has very kindly brought along a metal-cutting saw and another sander and a band saw for use with metal. Rumours of the availability of a small watch-makers lathe from John S are also well substantiated. Graham E has also got a welder for us and Einar has supplied a 'new' old bench, an anvil and other metal working tools.

So we are all go on the metal-working front.



Members:

The steady flow of new members means that we need to be a little more organised and to that end we have spread some jobs more widely. The current list is:

Machinery maintenance	Tony Nesbit Graham Eagles Neil Roulston Ross Hardie Dave Larcomb
Rubbish Bags	Dave Winthrop
First Aid Kit	Hugh Mill
Members' Welfare	
Project Management	John Spittal Archie Kerr
Finances	Archie Kerr Peter Chambers
Kitchen	Ray Hyndman (Tuesday) Max Elims (Wednesday)
Toilet	Einar Jensen
Guild machinery maintenance	Ross Hardie
Newsletter	Archie Kerr
Firewood Sales	Robbie Hannan

Smart observers will see that there are some important jobs not catered for and more volunteers would be appreciated.

Some of our members have not been in the best of health lately for various reasons. I guess this is inevitable at our age, but it can be hard to face at times. We wish them all well and hope to see them back at the Shed as they can manage it.

Shed Activities:

The main activities over the last month are as follows:

Actually that is probably not quite accurate as I suspect there have been a lot of jobs actually started and even completed on the home front for many members who, like me, have not quite got around to doing them before.

Projects:

There is a steady stream of jobs coming into the Shed that people out in the community want done. In general these are small matters that are not able to be done by commercial enterprises because they are so minor or because the expertise and willingness is not present. We are not in the business of doing tradesmen and businesses out of a job.

Dean has been coming on Wednesday mornings as part of the Hutt Valley High School **Gateway Programme**. He has produced a very nice rimu shelf unit for his action men, done a bit of carving on the second pole for Otari and plans a Tardis so that he can escape into the future (or is it the past?). You will note that Dean is by far the best dressed member of the Shed and there has been a drive to provide him with suitable protective clothes to keep his shirt its pristine white.



Ross has put castors on a **Toy Train Table** to ensure that the PreSchool teachers do not succumb to bad backs from heavy lifting!

Archie made what he thought was an indoor nine-hole golf course for the Spotswood



Home, only to be told that ‘we used to have one of those. It was called a **Bobs Set!**’

Work on the second **carved pole for the Otari** Plant Museum continues. Slimy slugs and snails, with a selection of creepy crawlies are the order of the day for this one.

A **bench seat for the Pauatahanui** Wildlife Reserve is also taking shape and should be in place there shortly.

Events: Woodcraft, Dowse Gallery, October 8 & 9

This is the annual **Woodcraft** show for the Woodworkers Guild of Wellington and we have a table for displaying and selling work from the Shed. Plus it is a good opportunity to advertise our presence and let people know how they can join us. We need one or two people to ‘man’ the stall and it would be good for members to show their support by going along.

We also need to display our wares and presence at the **Naenae Festival** that is coming up in November.

Safety:

Why do I have to keep repeating the obvious? Absentmindedness and forgetfulness will only get you so far as an excuse. There are signs about for those who can read – perhaps we can put up stylised picture warnings for the others. The adjacent picture is a factual one of what I found in the Shed one morning. I did NOT fabricate it, easy though that would have been, and I have several reliable witnesses to the fact that someone left the key in the chuck of the drill press.

We have already had to replace the chain on the other drill press key and pick up the key from the other side of the room!

As we increase in membership there are more and more repairs to machinery needed and this is going to become a more significant cost as time goes on. I am keen to keep it to ‘repairs to equipment’ and not have to consider ‘repairs to people’.



As that is a bad note to go out on, I have included below a list of the sponsors that have supported the Shed since it started. I have included our logo as our members have contributed donations of close to \$15,000 which should also be recognised along with the other sponsors. It is a very real indication of the support they give.

Opening Hours:

Monday – 1.30 pm to 4 pm

Tuesday – 9am to 12 noon

Wednesday – 9am to 12 noon

Thursday - 9am to 12 noon

Friday – 9am to 12 noon

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