



Aged Nuts, Bolts & Shavings #20

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New Premises

We have had some very good news regarding our efforts to establish new premises at the old Silverdale bowling club. A well established drainage contractor heard about our plight in not being able to get going with the construction of the new shed base. The contractor has offered to get his equipment on site to prepare all the footings for us without charge. This is a great first step and meetings are now taking place to determine exactly what has to be done and when.

Building Committee

As discussions take place over the start of the footings work, our building committee has been re-established to give the whole project more impetus. A strategic plan has been drawn up and new committee members have been appointed. This is a very positive move and will help enormously in getting things moving along.

Our New Name

Discussions have been going on for some time about the appropriateness of our group name. It has been argued that promoting ourselves as the 'Men's Shed' is sending the wrong message to outsiders and that we need a title that is more inclusive. It has been suggested that we change to something like 'Community Workshed or Workshop' which affirms that all persons are welcome to join, whether male or female. Debate is ongoing but expect changes to be made soon. Comments and suggestions from members or prospective members would be most welcome.

Coffee Club

We again had a good meeting with 27 members and visitors in attendance. We were well served by the presentation given by our community constable and there were many questions and suggestions put forward to make our world a better place. We may not have achieved very much but a few axes were ground down and frustrations vented.

Mid Christmas Dinner

For the first time it was decided that members shake off the sawdust, put their pet projects away and get together socially as a group. A total of 46 people turned out and a large section of the premises was dedicated exclusively for our use. Well, we had a great night at the Picador Restaurant. Good food and good company and even Father Christmas turned up to give out some prizes and awards for best Christmas outfit and for contributions to the group. Andy Kramer did a sterling job in organising everything from table decorations to individual name tags and meal requirements.

Cypress Sawmill

The mill is located at KaukapaKapa and specialises in Macrocarpa timber. The manager there has agreed to give Men's Shed members a 20% discount off all purchases of short lengths which are classified as 1700mm and below. Members must show their Men's Shed name tag at the time of purchase.

Mitre 10 Whangaparaoa

Discussions have taken place with the management there and our group is now in possession of 4 discount cards which will entitle members to a discount on most products purchased. Discount rates will vary depending on the product and members must show their membership name tag as well as the Mitre 10 discount card.

HBC Grandparents

This is a local group that offers support to Grandparents that are having to raise their grand children because of some form of family disruption. Many are on a limited income and with extra young mouths to feed, the cost and overall effort is not particularly welcome by people in their retirement. There may be work that can be done by Men's Shed members on a

voluntary basis that will be of assistance to the people involved. Discussions are ongoing and highlights the efforts our group is making to become more involved in the community.

Child Support

An article appeared in the Hibiscus Matters magazine about a six year old girl that is severely disabled and needs her home to be specially adapted to accommodate her specific needs. The Men's Shed are involved in this situation and Member volunteers have come forward to assist where necessary.

Builders' Corner

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