

We are now well into 2018 and our temporary Shed is taking great shape. We have some great new machines that have added to our inventory and increased the range of woodworking activities that we can undertake.



This is your shed, which a diligent group of members have been putting together over the last couple of months, and many of these have dug into their own pockets to supply little bits and pieces that were needed to make things go or work better – so our collective thanks to all those guys.

An initial group of volunteers has been trained in the use of most machines. To aid easy identification, we have introduced coloured dots to name badges, which signify what machinery they are ably trained to use and can instruct on.

There has been some feedback that some members feel that this is 'heavy-handed.' However, the Trustees are responsible for overseeing our safety and have put these actions in place in the hope that we all go home from each Shed experience with all the digits we came in with, and provide that Duty of Care to each other. All Sheds have some form of training and control over machinery usage – from something

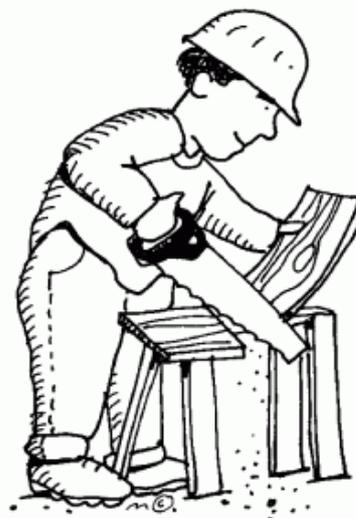
as simple as ours, through to key locks on machines. Our safety programme is a 'work-in-progress' and time will ultimately dictate what works best for us, so your patience and understanding is requested.

We are now open and operational from 9.30am to 12.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, except Public Holidays. These are the times that you can come along and develop those projects that you may not have the gear at home to complete, or work on one of the projects coming on stream for various community organisations. As usage increases, additional days and times will be added to our opening roster.

In order to cover greater opening hours, we need more trained Supervisors and helpers, to ensure that work proceeds safely and that our collective Duty of Care to our fellow Shed members and ourselves is well covered, and to build teams that are able to take responsibility as increasing needs dictate longer opening hours.

If you think you can help by becoming one of the Team Supervisors, please contact Des Brosnahan on [admina@hibiscusmensshed.co.nz](mailto:admina@hibiscusmensshed.co.nz)

We encourage you to come in and participate on the tools – or sit with the guys over a 'gingernut and a cuppa' swapping life's experiences and/or just chewing the rag.



This Shed is your facility, so come and enjoy being part of this great experience!

**Stuart Johnston**  
Chair