



## Aged Nuts, Bolts & Shavings #8

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### Greetings, everyone

Welcome to your latest Hibiscus Men's Shed newsletter. We will continue to use these newsletters to keep you informed about developments of interest and update you about progress with our new-build dedicated Men's Shed in Silverdale.

### So: what's happening?

We have secured the use of a temporary Shed at 1 Brightside Road in Stanmore Bay and this is



being fitted out right now with some woodworking equipment and tools that we have had stored at Guardian Storage in Silverdale. There will be a comfy lounge area, tearoom and toilets, with parking available onsite and on the street nearby. Opening date will be notified soon.

If you are already a paid-up member, you will be able to use the equipment, tools and lounge areas after opening; but, if you have not yet paid your subs, you will only be able to have a look.

You can find the application forms to join Hibiscus Men's Shed, and for payment of subs, on our website – [www.hibiscusmensshed.co.nz](http://www.hibiscusmensshed.co.nz) – which will then allow you to 'come and play' at the Brightside Road Shed once you have joined.

### Help Needed

Right now, we need donations of wood, fixings of all sorts, more equipment and tools. Specifically, we need a 14" and an 18" bandsaw, a portable

dust extraction unit and battery-powered hand-tools. In fact, anything that would be useful in a wood workshop.

If we reach the stage of having too many of particular types of tools, we share a partner programme with Rotary, whereby excess tools are donated to projects on Taveuni Island in Fiji – this is known as the Rotary "Tools for Schools" initiative. Therefore, we can never have too many!

### Our new Men's Shed

You will have seen the plans for the new 450m<sup>2</sup> Shed at our regular Coffee Club mornings at the RSA at Vipond Road, on the first Wednesday of each month at 11 a.m. These plans are also available on [www.hibiscusmensshed.co.nz](http://www.hibiscusmensshed.co.nz)

We have all resource and planning consents in place for our new Shed, and we are busy submitting applications for grants to get this magnificent new Shed built. It is a top priority for the Trust to get our new Shed built and fitted out, to become the permanent home of the Hibiscus Men's Shed, where there will be a full range of workshop facilities: electronics, woodworking, metalworking, and more – plus lounge/dining.

### And finally:

Many thanks for the tremendous support we have already received. This all points to us becoming one of the most successful Men's Sheds in New Zealand. Your membership interest will provide great opportunities for like-minded people to come and share stories – of work, hobby & life experiences – and make new friends.

We look forward to keeping you updated with developments at both our temporary and future permanent Sheds.

**Stuart Johnson**  
Chair