

Date: Wednesday 17 April 2024
Time: 10:00AM
Meeting Room: Rodney Local Board Office
Venue: 3 Elizabeth Street, Warkworth

Rodney Local Board

OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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WE ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS

WHAT IS A MENS SHED?

We are often asked what a Mens Shed is. Putting it in a rather large nutshell, a shed brings men together in one community space to share their skills, have a cuppa, a laugh, and work on practical tasks, either as a personal project, or as a group for the shed or for the community.

The type of project our shed tackles is entirely up to the members, however most sheds around New Zealand take on some community projects, examples of which include building playgrounds for pre-school centres, repairing toy library stock, building planter boxes for the main street of the local central business district, building traps to make our country predator free, working with Wastebusters on recycling and repurposing projects - the list goes on.

The shed is a great place for blokes to learn new skills. We see builders teaching engineers some of their skills and vice versa, we see accountants being shown a plethora of skills they never had the opportunity to learn in their working life. Some sheds have women members or have sessions catering for women who wish to acquire new skills and get involved in personal or community projects.

Many couples find that after retirement, the shock of suddenly being with each other every waking (and sleeping) hour can cause friction, so the shed is a great place to escape the stresses of "underfoot" syndrome; the result is that women are among the most ardent supporters of Sheds. Men are known to have smaller circles of friends than women so, with "Shoulder to Shoulder" our motto, our Shed offers men opportunities to foster new friendships outside the social circles their partners establish.

MEMBERSHIP

The annual membership fee is \$50 and the joining fee is \$50. This enables us to purchase supplies and equipment.

Once & financial member, you have access to a broad range of tools but for safety reasons must demonstrate knowledge of safe operation in the use of that tool. An associate membership is available to those who wish to join us and work alongside us but have limited access to machinery. **OPENING HOURS** We currently open the Shed Mondays Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30am until 1.00pm. Regular training days will take place on Wednesdays to ensure members have the skills to operate machinery safely. A supervisor will be appointed to ensure safe practice.

OUR HISTORY After months of work we have transformed a dirty, cluttered storage shed into a men's thing of beauty - a workshop with lots of seriously useful, noisy toys. This is thanks to the generous people of the Mahurangi District who through their donations of tools, materials and labour have made it possible. The encouragement of the A & P Society in providing a venue and the support of community organisations and the Rodney Local Board have meant so much. Now we are ready to "pay it forward".

