

Menz Shed open days set

15 May, 2014 - By Mick Jensen - A steering committee tasked with setting up and developing a Menz Shed in Ashburton has found an ideal venue and plans a two-day open day next week to show it off.

An agreement has been reached to rent a large 300 square metre building at 182 Methven Highway.

Ashburton Menz Shed spokesperson Lindsay Barnett said the venue had been a ``great find".

The building was light, had space galore to move and included a small kitchen and toilets.

Open days on May 23 and May 24 (9am until 4pm) would provide an opportunity for local males of all ages to come along to find out more about the Menz Shed concept and how it worked.

Membership for the shed initiative would also be taken on the day, with annual subs set down at \$25 per year, said Mr Barnett.

``We've just been notified of our approved incorporated society status, which means we can now go out and canvas for financial support and backing. With that backing we plan to pay the rent on the building."

Already a number of items have been donated to the new Menz Shed including some brand new drills, work benches, shelving and surplus furniture.

More donated tools and equipment have been promised, as well as a log burner.

Mr Barnett said the Menz Shed was aimed at males of all ages and all abilities, including ex tradies, hobby tinkerers and novice handymen.

Those joining would likely work with wood, metal or on small engineering projects.

Signs will be out at the gate on the open days and organisers will run a barbecue.

Stewart Dunlop and Lindsay Barnett get handy at the new Menz Shed venue.