

A Guide to The Tin Shed Map

OUR SHEDS

THE TIN SHED

The Tin Shed was built in the late 1800s as a horse stables. In the 1900s it was enlarged and converted into a grain shed. It was opened as a shop in 1976 and has been extended twice to its current size.

Display of old useful objects for farm and home

Outside of the Tin Shed on the north east facing wall is a mixed display of agricultural hand tools and domestic equipment used on farms in this area in the days before electricity and petrol driven vehicles.

THE OLD THINGS MUSEUM SHED

A walk-in area where the following items can be seen:

Iron Mangle used for cutting up turnips for stock food.

Wooden Wool Presses

Used to compress freshly shorn and baled wool.

Beatty Bros electrical washing machine.

Patented 1933 and made in Canada from enamelled steel.

Antique Hand-operated Wooden Butter Churner

Old Wooden Horse-drawn Potato Planter

Locally sourced from a nearby farm.

Water tank Made from steel by F. Braby & Co, London and used for storing or carrying water on the farm.

Austin A50 Van (1963) Manufactured in Australia and kindly donated by a local collector.

THE TAR DRUM SHED Built in the 1940s and used as workshop and foundry. Its walls were made from flattened tar drums used for local road construction. It is now being converted into a gallery that will sell locally carved wooden sculptures.

THE FARM SHED A modern building used now to store cardboard and plastic before recycling pick-up, and for storing hay and stock feed pellets for the animals.

OUR OBJECTS (interesting things lying around the yard)

The Old Grubber Once used on a local farm and pulled by horses to till and break up the earth prior to planting.

Horse-drawn Seed Drill Used to plant crops.

Horse drawn wooden cart

Used to transport goods and supplies.

Case Tractor Made in USA and used for many years on the land before coming to rest at The Tin Shed.

Old Palometer (fuel bowser)

Steel Diesel Tank

A more modern tank used to store farm fuel.

Dry-stone wall Constructed from Rangitata River greywacke stones found abundantly on all land in this area.

Large metal rooster sculpture

Created out of metal scrap from around the property by Michael Armstrong and Keith Millhouse.

Old Sheep Dip The sheep dip is no longer used and has been filled in with soil. All that can be seen now are some old posts, the remains of the track and yards used to contain and guide the sheep through the dip.

OUR ANIMALS

Pedro the Donkey was born in November 1997. His attractive white and tan coat is called skewbald. He is friendly fellow with a great voice who enjoys his food and a friendly pat. However please watch children around him as he does bite occasionally.

Hadley the Alpaca was born in January 2002. He is a friendly inquisitive animal. Alpacas are members of the camelid family and have been bred in South America for over 6000 years. They are now bred in New Zealand for their exquisite fine fibre.

The three Kune-Kune pigs: Winnie, Lucy and Pigly

Winnie is a standard size pig who has lived at The Tin Shed for over ten years. *Pigly* the ginger pig and *Lucy* the spotty pig are mini kune-kunes who came as piglets in November 2012. Most kune-kune pigs have little tassels that hang from their chins called wattles.

The Sheep

A collection of different pure and mixed breeds that are moved from paddock to paddock to graze. At times some of them may be grazing in the paddock to the right of Lesley's house. They are generally quite friendly and usually have a lamb or two in the Spring.

The Hens

More information about the specific types of hens that we have in our five hen enclosures can be read from the signs posted on the outside of the enclosures. A range of interesting heritage breeds and modern egg layers are kept.

The Enderby Island Rabbits

Not in their normal home at present as their enclosure is awaiting repairs, but our heritage breed Enderby Island Rabbits are usually kept here. They are descended from rabbits left on the Sub Antarctic Island in the 19th Century.

OUR PLANTS AND NATIVE GARDEN

New Zealand native shrubs, grasses and trees have been planted all around the grounds. These plants thrive in our area in spite of dry summers and cold winters. Many have very interesting forms and foliage and are creating a great environment conducive to native insects, geckos and birds. You can learn more about these plants by reading the signs that have been placed by some of the plants.

