

Auckland Central Community Shed (Inc)

SHED

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At our AGM last month which was well attended by the members I resigned as Chairman as did Ken Buckley as Secretary and Brian Furness of the Governance and Management Committee. Both myself as Chair and Ken cited the responsibilities and ever increasing tasks connected with those roles as the reason for resigning. Members expressed their appreciation to the outgoing Committee with applause.



Garry Bryant (second from right in photo) remains as Treasurer as do the rest of the Committee, Craig Lynch-Blosse (not pictured), Don Hook (second from left), Brent Russell (left), Aaron McFarland (right) and myself (centre) staying on the Committee as an ordinary committee member.

At the AGM I recommended that the Shed engages a paid Co-ordinator and that person takes the wishes of the Management Committee through to an operational realisation. Members present supported this proposal.

A Management Committee meeting was held immediately following the AGM where a number of pressing business issues needed to be discussed, the most pressing being the huge amount of new membership applications having been received but temporarily put on hold post Covid Lock-Down.

Nikki Powell, a Shed member, attended the Committee meeting as an observer and at the close of business put herself forward as a candidate for the contracted role of Coordinator.

No-one has been elected (or co-opted) as Chairman so this position remains vacant. Since the meeting Garry Bryant has come forward to become both Secretary in addition to his role as Treasurer.

Nikki officially took up the Shed Coordinator role from the 6th July. She has a contract for 10 hours a week, initially for three months which we strongly hope will become six months at which point if funding applications have been unsuccessful we will look to increase Shed subscriptions. Anyway that is into the future but letting you know how the Committees thinking is on this.

The Coordinator role is as wide as it is varied. Nikki acts on behalf of and is responsible to the Management Committee. The Duty Managers take care of the day to day responsibilities of the Shed and can call on the Coordinator for administrative support.

The Committee is still looking for responsible members for Duty Managers to fill our duty roster. The more we can get the more we spread the load especially with the possibility of being open more days (looking to add a Friday). Approach any of the current Duty Managers or send an email to Nikki (aucklandcentralshed@gmail.com) if you are interested in this role.

Please share any thoughts and suggestions and criticisms with the Shed Committee. We do our best to represent you but don't always know what you think, want or need. We've recently replaced the tired old Ryobi saw bench with an updated version. We were going to get rid of it altogether (how many table saws do you need?)....but then feedback from some members suggested that a smaller (and less scary) saw was better for doing rebates and the like.

It's great to see Members getting involved and helping out keeping the place clean and tidy and sorting stuff.....good job on the screws Emil. Please don't feel 'got at' if you get a call about your 'stuff' in storage. Space is limited so we need to keep moving it on to give everybody space.



I have just heard the blade on one of the saw benches needs replacing as some of the teeth are chipped, which suggests it hit some nailsso a reminder to use the Metal Detector (we have two - see pic left) before working on any recycled wood. PLEASE!

The engineering lathe has now been locked down and Members will need refresher training by Brian Furness or Charles Martens to be used. A key for its use will be looked after by the Duty Manager and a log sheet must be completed when used.

MEMBER PROJECTS



Kauri table by Claire (with help from Don and Charles)



A rimu box created from recycled Rimu made by Dean (*right*)



(*left*) Rod and daughter Hanna using the wood lathe

Just a thought....sometimes you feel almost undermined by the availability of cheap imported merchandise...so you think why bother to fix it or try to make it yourself...but you do get a sense of satisfaction of doing a project...don't you...I was going to say a job well done but some of my jobs I can't always say that. So anyway just recently I had cause to be asked to fix a heavy duty builders wheelbarrow. It had had a hard life and the bearings on the front wheel were completely shot. I went about repairing the wheelbarrow, knocked out what was left of the old bearings, sourced some new ones and fitted them and great... it worked like a treat. Then a few days later I was shopping in Bunnings and out of interest I checked to see if they sold front wheels for wheelbarrows. Well they did and a complete wheel with tyre and bearings...the lot for just about the same cost of my wheel bearings....Ho Hum!

Patrick Harris
Committee Member

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