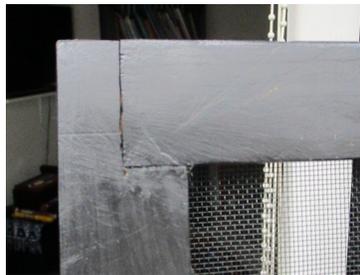


Auckland Central Community Shed (Inc)

SHED NEWSLETTER



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In preparation for Summer I have been making some insect screens for windows and doors. I have used thin pieces of treated wood (used for making trellis). The mesh I used was

fiber-glass for the windows and aluminium mesh for the ranch-slider frame (pictured), all from Bunnings. Because of the larger framing for the ranch-slider I needed to use a stronger joint than the butt joint on the window screens. I got advice from Don about using a joint I had never used before (see middle photo). This allows for a greater surface area to be glued....and a good result.

A not so good result, however, is broken equipment. After ripping a heap of expensive timber on one of the table saws, a Member complained that he thought the blade needed replacing and he was less than happy with the result of his work. I explained that we had replacement blades for all of the saws but then he said that he didn't know how to change the blade. The Duty Manager was informed, a new blade found and it was exchanged for the old blade. The Member was a little remorseful that he had not followed 'protocol' and as a result ended up with a lesser quality finished wood. Then, within a matter of weeks of each other, two of the orbital sanders were used without sandpaper being attached and, consequently, were stripped of their velcro pads (used for attaching the sanding discs).

The moral of this story? With so many Members using the Shed at the moment you just can't expect everything to be...well, not absolutely perfect but lets say 'as it should be'. So BEFORE you use something, do take the time to CHECK things over first or speak to a Duty Manager, as not everything is going to be READY or even fit to use. We are a Community Shed and it is the 'nature of the beast', so to say.

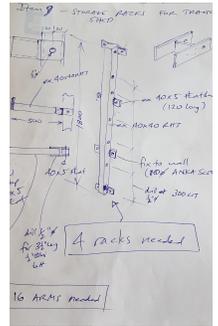
Anyway, do have fun and enjoy the Shed but please try and be mindful and keep safe. We take it a bit for granted but as a new Member said to me just yesterday, we should bear in mind that the Shed is a HAZARDOUS place.

Patrick Harris
Chairman

COMMITTEE MEETING 'HIGHLIGHTS'. The Committee met for last time this year on Saturday last. Garry, our Treasurer is always looking out for funding opportunities which, in the current Covid climate, are proving a little more challenging than before so if you have any leads, do pass them his way. Likewise, if any new Members are looking for a way they can contribute back to the Shed, the Secretary's position is still waiting to be filled.



Our Membership role is currently 106 (110 is our current limit) and we are delighted to see Members' enthusiasm to improve areas that have been neglected. One of those areas is the Tractor Shed. A keen Member, Neal, has recently started painting the floor whilst Brian is



drafting plans (see pics) for racking to store the large amount of metal hanging around. We are planning to include action on this in the working bee (see below) .

And in the spirit of engineering, Brian has kindly offered to run another refresher training for the engineering lathe. This will take place at 11 am on Wednesday 25th November. Let Nikki know if you plan to attend so you can do the pre-training reading.

We are also running some Duty Manager half hour information sessions to keep existing managers updated with their role and responsibilities, and to enable prospective DMs to join the team. These will run on:

Saturday 28 November @ 1.30 pm

Monday 30 November @ 12 pm

Wednesday 2 December @ 7 pm

A reminder too that we have a 'clear bench policy' so when you leave you need to tidy up and store your materials in dedicated spaces, or take them home. Only projects that are glueing can be left until the next open day. If unsure, check with the Duty Manager.



BBQ TIME. As you may have seen by email, to celebrate the end of this [surreal] year, we're dusting down the BBQ for **Wednesday 16th December at 6 pm**. Open to Members and their families, either bring a plate or pay \$5/head (kids go free) to share some tasty food and have a yarn with your fellow Sheddies.

XMAS SHUTDOWN. Our last day is the 23rd December (- a working bee day only - see below) and we will reopen on Monday 4th January.

WORKING BEE*. Another important date for your calendars is **Wednesday 23rd December**, our last day of 2020 which will be dedicated to 'deep' cleaning, tidying, building shelving for the Tractor Shed and closing the place down for the Christmas period. *That means equipment is not available for personal work on this day.* This is a chance to contribute a little of your valuable time back into The Shed especially if you haven't already :-)

Also, we need to make some room for current projects so if you have materials that have been hanging around for longer than 3 months, *please can you collect it before it ends up on the fire wood pile or the trailer for the tip!*

** This working bee will replace the one usually held on the last Thursday of the month.*

If you are not able to join the working bees, and you are still looking for a way to contribute to your Shed, don't forget you can always check out the Members job list in the entrance way. Of course, deep cleaning of machinery is welcome anytime ;-)



MAINTENANCE and SAFETY. We are really fortunate to have the space and so much machinery to choose from to work on our projects. One of our Members, Glen, recently spent a lot of maintenance time on the thicknesser/planer. It's a well used machine in our Shed and worth getting to know how to use its full capability: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=st1Y8Pjngv8&feature=youtu.be>

Look out too for safety information sheets that Rod (our health and safety rep), is placing around equipment. We want you to keep your sight and all 10 fingers intact! This goes hand in hand with well maintained machinery so keep your eye out too for sheets that guide users on how to carry out essential cleaning maintenance. Of course, if ever you get stuck with something a Duty Manager will be able to help. Don't be embarrassed to ask.

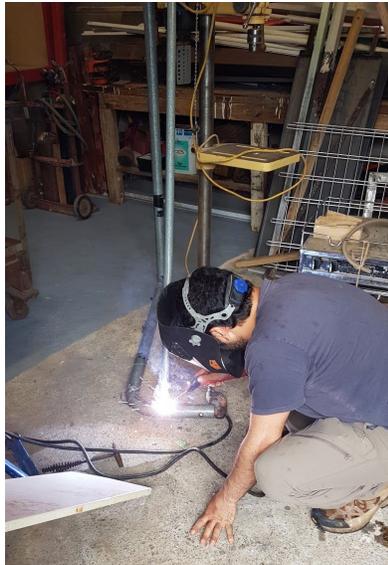


MEMBERS PROJECTS. There's always some creative work going on at The Shed. As well as this beautiful bowl created by one of our regular Members, Ross, one of our newer Members, Alex, has

recently been busy making trays for the arms of his sofa. It's even been stained (purposefully!) with coffee. Neat!



COMMUNITY WORK. Much of our Members community work gets done quietly in the background of the noise. Fixing an antique chair, a coffee making machine, and straightening and welding goal posts for Waterview primary school were just some of the work our Members



have undertaken over the past few weeks. As well as this, we have Members putting their time into the rat trap tunnel building for our Community partner Urban Ark - Manawa Taiao on our regular working bee days.

They also appreciated help at the recent Sandringham Festival where Garry spent the day 'helping' the public hammer the prepared tunnels together (although rumour has it that the public actually preferred watching him do all the work).



Check out their website if you are interested in getting involved in the great work Urban Ark does to promote biodiversity <https://urbanark.nz/get-involved/>

MEMBERS ONLY. If you're a new Member you may not be aware that you can access the latest Committee minutes using the password **MyShed** (inc capitals).

OUR HISTORY. We are still keen on putting together historical information about The Shed's Gribblehirst site to be included in the website. If you think you can help, please contact Nikki (aucklandcentralshed@gmail.com).

And finally, don't hesitate to get in touch if you want to include anything in the next newsletter. Festive greetings and thanks everyone. *Ma tini ma mano ka rapa te whai.*

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