

Auckland Central Community Shed (Inc)

SHED NEWSLETTER



July 2021

We had the best turn-out EVER from members making rat trap tunnels, with 16 Sheddies participating. It was absolutely amazing, making 60 traps in a little over an hour. The wood was cut to length and the mesh was cut prior to assembly....but still a great feat...thanks everyone. Auckland Zoo wants supersize traps made which is quite a different construction to the tunnels we usually make. We're currently working out costings and we will put out a call next month for some helpers, no doubt.

We had our AGM last month. The full report is available on the Shed website. I would encourage members to read this as it provides a good summary of the Shed's activities over the past year and also a look ahead at things we are considering and planning for in the coming year.



Apart from the ongoing work the Shed does for the community, making industrial sized salad spinners, repairing items of furniture as well as some appliance repairs, making rat traps etc, it was good to give some on site help to an elderly person from Papatoetoe who's garage and shed (see picture) were destroyed by the cyclone which hit last month. Charlie, a retired engineer now in his 80s, was blown-away (not quite like his buildings) by our offer of help. He turned around this 'act of god' into a positive, and used it as a time to re-evaluate his collected (hoarded) tools and bits 'n bobs eventually deciding to downsize

and get rid of a load of 'valuable' stuff (he thought) by donating tools and fittings etc to the Shed.

Our Hub neighbours upstairs have requested that no vehicles now be driven on 'the Commons' (former bowling greens). They are also requesting the Shed's help to develop the site for them. The latest is to build planter boxes to replace the aging ones currently on 'the greens' so they can make them more available to others and more in keeping with other community gardens. They have also asked for any ideas we might have for the site.

Cheers

Patrick Harris

Chairman

AGM/COMMITTEE MEETING. Find the AGM minutes, yearly financial report and the Chairman's report on our [website](#). Use password MyShed to access. Our next Committee meeting is due to take place on Monday 26 July at 6.30 pm in case anyone is keen to come along or would like to raise a matter.



If you're looking for a pub quiz participant, contact Brian (usually found in engineering) who was the lucky recipient of our quiz prize of quality Stanley chisels. If he swaps some Beethoven for a bit of Billie Eilish I'm sure he'll get 40/40 next time.

SHED VISITORS. Through our website and email enquiries we encourage potential Shed Members (currently just retirees) to visit the Shed during office opening hours when our Coordinator is around, or to join a monthly tour on the first Sunday of each month to support those who may prefer to join with other interested parties. However, if any visitor pops by outside those times, please ask a Duty Manager to give them a guided tour rather than turn them away..



MEMBER CALL FOR HELP. Our helpful Member Roger has asked if we can put a call out for help. Mt Albert Grammar School is holding their annual Art show in August. They are looking for help to put up artworks the week leading up to the Show - preferably during the day, although some evening work as well. The art is mounted on temporary walls that are installed separately.

- Tuesday 10th August
- Wednesday 11th August
- Thursday 12th August

Bring a hammer and spirit level, if possible. All the fittings are onsite and there are plenty of helping hands, they just need competent skills to do the work rather than random volunteers.

Please contact directly: Wick Nixon - 021 470 974



WORKSHOPS. We had the pleasure of hosting Bruce Wood from South Auckland Woodturners Guild discussing turning wet wood and doing a woodturning demo. It was a popular occasion and there was a lot to learn but hopefully he'll be back again soon. Thanks Robin for organising.

Keep your eye on our [website](#) and

[Facebook](#) page (yes we have one!) for news and upcoming events.

FIRST AID. Unfortunately we didn't get enough takers to run the St John's first aid course so we are looking at alternatives. It would have come in quite handy for some recent accidents with the table saws. The last one needed 3 stitches and a large whisky. Please take care, get to know where your first aid kit is (**covered in your annual safety induction ;-)** and report all accidents and near misses to the Duty Manager or Coordinator so we can take remedial action if needed.



COMMUNITY WORK. We recently hosted a visit by the local Cubs group (1st St Judes, Mt Albert). They had great fun putting together some Shed made pencil case kits. Those little planers came in very handy. Many thanks to Craig, Alana, Richard, Kate, Chris, Guillame and Don who helped make the evening a great success.



MEMBER PROJECTS. Please post your projects on our Facebook page!

HOUSEKEEPING. *This section is added for repeated information as Members come and go!*

MEMBERSHIP. FYI about 2 weeks before your Membership is due for renewal, we will email out a reminder to you stating the due date and the amount (currently \$150). We currently have 104 Members (our maximum is 110).

BADGES. Please remember to wear your badge. Not only does it help new Members to get to know people's names, it shows you are a paid up Member. There have been a couple of occasions recently where people have been helping themselves to Shed tools without being a Member. And if you see yellow tape on a badge, it indicates a new Member. Feel free to welcome them and introduce yourself. You may recall it can be quite daunting when you first start at The Shed not knowing where Don has found a better place for equipment ;-)

A hard copy of this newsletter is also available on the notice board at the Shed.

Ma tini ma mano ka rapa te whai.

Many hands make light work.

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