

Auckland Central Community Shed (Inc)

SHED NEWSLETTER



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It's amazing to see what happens when a member gets a bit between their teeth and gets going with it. New members join the shed with new ideas and see the potential so the Shed does continue to change and evolve as time goes on. Currently Neal is helping to re-organise the Engineering area. It is still a relatively under-utilized area but the space is definitely beginning to feel a lot more user friendly. We have just added a linisher (belt sander) in that space (often referred to as the 'tractor shed') for sharpening garden tools and the like.

On the same theme it was a delight for me to recently see Andrew's self-made linisher in the 'Tractor shed'. I just love to see these home built 'Heath Robinson' creations that people make and for me this is what being a 'Sheddie' is all about.



I have just completed a Market Garden Cart for a community group I am involved with in South Auckland (see photo).

The main wooden structure was pretty straight forward but the 'running gear' (wheels) presented more of a problem but I finally got there with a lot of ideas and advice (not *always* useful) from other members. Anyway it is good to have the input folks.

Don and Deniz finally sorted out a long term problem with our big old Masport Table Saw (nearest to toilets). It had a tendency to burn the wood when cutting its way through and also the guide and stop needed repairing. Machining should be nice and square now. Thanks guys.

Cheers

Patrick Harris

Chairman

MATARIKI. The rising of Matariki, or the star cluster known as Pleiades, usually occurs near the end of June and the beginning of July, marking the start of the Māori New Year. Traditionally it's a time to come together and share stories, remember loved ones passed and look to the future. Since we have our AGM around this time we thought it would be nice to come together afterwards for a late lunch/early dinner.

There's even talk of a quiz with prizes and we would love some volunteers to help make that happen. We'd need an MC for one so if you're handy with a mic (if we can find one too!) let Nikki or a [Committee Member](#) know.



WORKSHOPS. After the success of our Tools 101 workshop where we upcycled some old rimu panels into platters we are looking to run with our next one soon. Keep your eye on the notice board in the Shed entrance if you are keen to sign up to future workshops.

HEALTH AND SAFETY. If you've recently visited the Shed you may have seen the results of an acoustic survey posted in the entrance. It makes for interesting reading, especially if you value your hearing. We provide ear muffs for protection but would strongly advise to invest in good quality ones yourself and to wear them. They're significantly cheaper than a hearing aid :)



We still need another Member to step up as a health and safety rep. Please see Nikki if this is something you are able to help with.

AED/FIRST AID TRAINING. To compliment the new (soon to arrive) defibrillator, we would like to offer a basic first aid course. St John's charge around \$60/pp and The Shed will pay \$30/pp towards this cost if we get the minimum of 20 people. If you've never done a course, they come highly recommended as a useful addition to any Sheddies' toolbox as what you learn also applies to things that can happen to home. See Nikki if you are interested or just want to know more. Literally, it could be a life-saver.

SHED HELPERS. Whilst sometimes it is handy to have a friend come along to help you with your projects, we ask that Members don't allow their helpers to use the Shed's power tools or machinery. The Committee have now agreed to joint Membership fees of \$200 should you have a partner who wants to join the Shed fun :)

COMMITTEE MTG. Our next Committee meeting is due to take place on Monday 31st May at 6.30 pm in case anyone is keen to come along and find out more about what we do behind the scenes, especially ahead of our AGM.



COMMUNITY WORK. We recently hosted a visit by the local Kea group (1st St Judes, Mt Albert). They were let loose with saws, drills, hammers and drivers...safely of course... and the feedback was very positive.

The Cubs from the same Scout Group are next in line *so look out for calls for help with that.* Many thanks to Craig, Richard, Don who helped make the evening a success.

TINY HOUSE PROJECT UPDATE. We have a few Members interested in this project. Nikki and Garry are meeting with the Council this week to discuss viability. Get in touch if you wish to learn more or be involved.

MEMBER PROJECTS. Some of our regulars have been hard at work on their latest projects. Deniz has made this [waaaay too nice for chopping on] chopping board from a mixture of English Kahikatea and Tawa (native woods) plus walnut and purple heart glued together with his go to glue Titebond-3. (See last page for details of which wood is where).



Meanwhile Chris S has been fixing his bench which it looks like he built just to showcase this beautiful artwork he named 'Morrison the Moa'. *Ka mau te wehi! (That's awesome).*



And if anyone is keen to incorporate some old NZ coins to their arty project they are hanging around in the office waiting for a new home.

HOUSE KEEPING. *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 108 Members (our maximum is 110). There are some special offers available for those who rejoin (see flyer at end).

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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