

Auckland Central Community Shed (Inc)

# SHED NEWSLETTER



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Well excuse my language but.....shit, bugger, bum we're in lockdown again so the Shed is closed, for the meantime. We'll open again as soon as we are legally able to do so. In the meantime maybe start thinking about some projects you want to undertake....and draw up those plans.

I was wondering what to do myself recently and noticed my toilet roll holder...the chrome looking a bit rust pitted...so for the hell of it I decided to make one out of wood. I got inspiration for the design from the t/roll holders at the shed (see pic). So maybe if you are not sure what to make, have a good look around your house. I am not always at the shed so don't always get to see what members are making but here are a few photos of a variety of projects some members have made.



Thinking ahead and wondering about a Shed clean-up and Working Bee followed by a bar-b-que and 'bring a plate' for Labour weekend **Saturday 25th October** with kick-off from 10am and lunch at 1pm. This can also be a chance for members to review items they have 'stored' at the Shed also.

Personally, I'm finding lockdowns a real pain....I started the Shed because I didn't want to buy a whole lot of new tools but if this nonsense continues I guess I'm gonna have too. When I was starting the Shed there were alot of guys that said they had a good workshop set-up at home but wanted to have some social contact....and I have enjoyed that too but unfortunately under our present thinking (government) I'm not too optimistic that the situation will change anytime soon...lets see.

If you are getting into making things at home and need some wood...don't forget about the 'Community Wood Store' out on the greens and of course there's usually pallets around the town if you want to go that way. I'm not sure if it's still the same but when I decided to make my tool shed out of pallets just before starting the Shed I came across some really nice island Rimu, ones that Mitre 10 were bringing stuff from indonesia on...so maybe all pallets, like us, are not made equal.

Anyway, all the best to you and I hope to see you soon.

Cheers

Patrick Harris

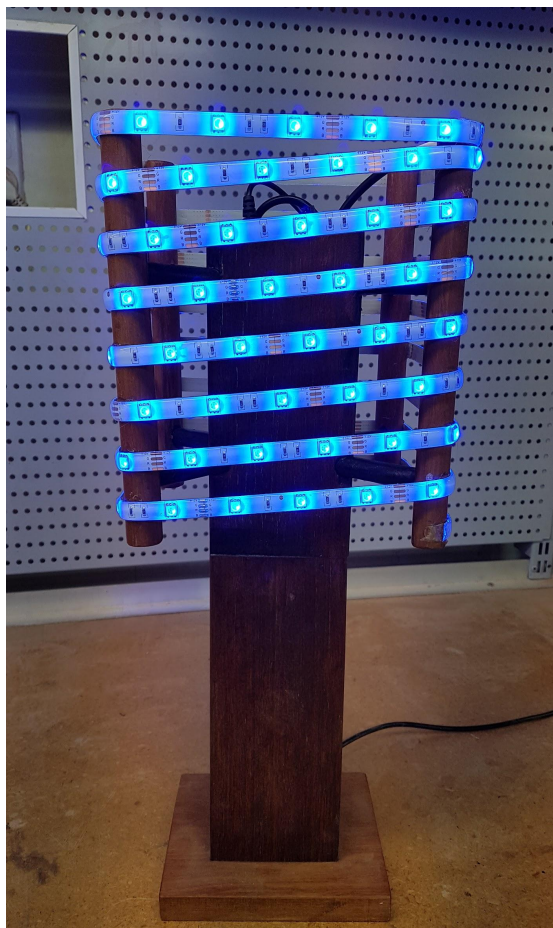
**Chairman**

**LIFE IN LOCKDOWN.** As we grapple with the challenges of another lockdown it's good to remember we're not alone in missing our Shed time. As well as an invitation to join them using Zoom, Men's Shed Auckland East have offered a [series of links](#) to videos and sound files covering a range of topics. Those by Dr Doug Wilson have been recommended by our Menzshed Rep David Broadhead. There's some catchy titles... "[Ageing - the Highlights](#)" and "[Volunteer work at a plastic surgery clinic in the Philippines](#)" and a whole host of others so do check them out.

If you've caught up with the latest Covid-19 figures, done your [brain exercises](#) and have a few hours to kill you may wish to check out what Sheds elsewhere in the world are up to. US Men's Shed's latest [newsletter](#) is an interesting read, or you can even try the beefy newsletter from Scotland's association [here](#).

**BLUE SEPTEMBER.** We've had a reminder that September is the month that the [Prostate Cancer Foundation](#) runs its annual awareness and fundraising campaign. If anyone has any personal stories to share or other ideas to help raise awareness amongst our Members, please get in touch.

Some of our Members have [unwittingly?!] started their support early. Check out Chris S' latest blue creation... his new workbench/outdoor coffee table. His pooch is definitely impressed.

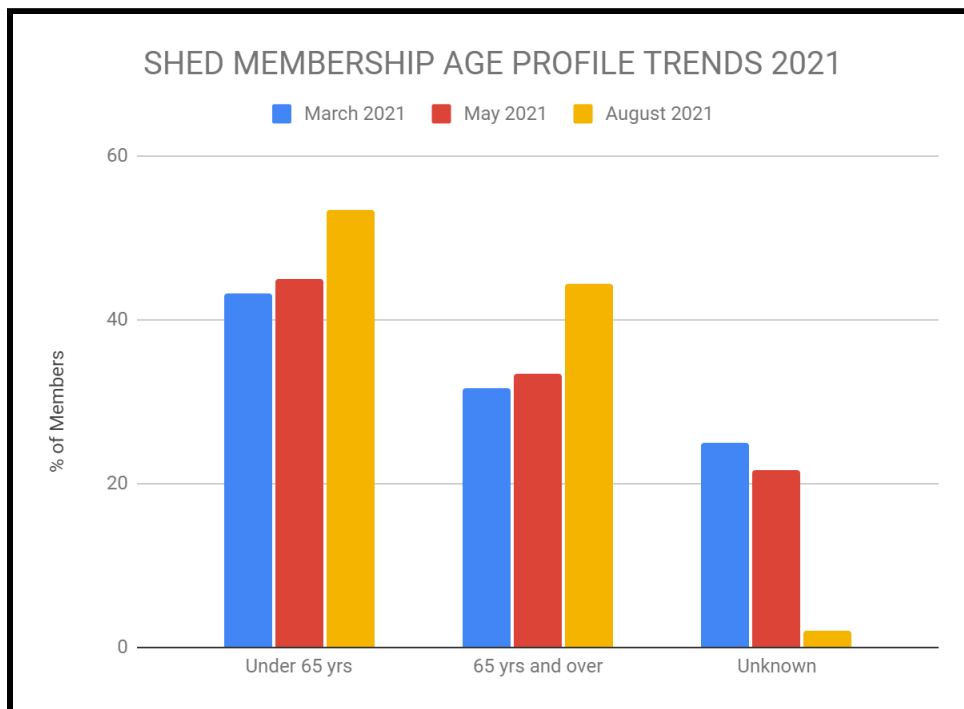
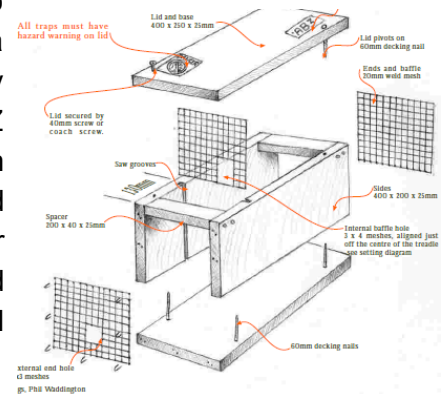


And young Terry V put together this great looking lamp using a strip of LED lights that change colour at the touch of a button. You can bet that's been played with over the last 10 days.

Ka pai guys!



**COMMUNITY WORK.** News of the great work undertaken by our Members has got around ;-). Auckland Zoo have asked us via our community partner [Urban Ark - Manawa Taiao](#) to make a different type of predator trap box in addition to our usual rat trap tunnels. Called a DOC200 it's designed to humanely kill a larger range of our pests in NZ (rats, stoats and hedgehogs). Don has put together a prototype and we're currently finalising approval for the design. Once we're back up and running we'll let you know when we'll be doing our next working bee.



## MEMBERSHIP

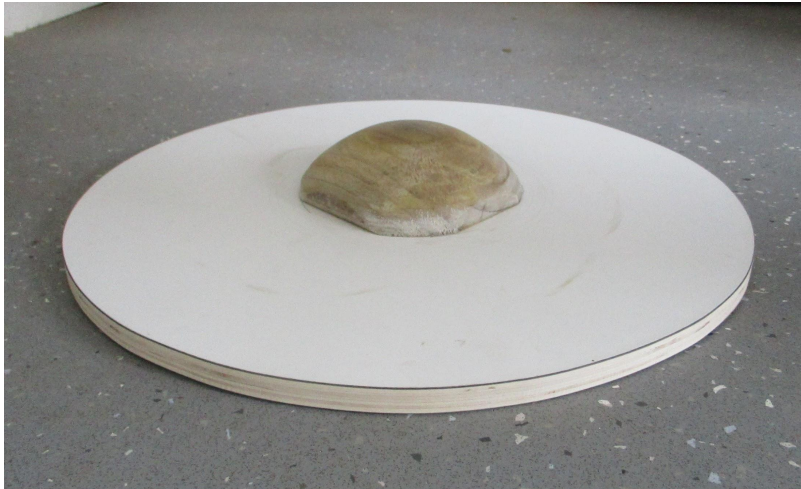
**PROFILE.** Earlier this year, our Shed reached the limit of 110 Members so we've been restricting Membership to retirees over the past few months to help make space for people who want to join for the [primary purpose](#) of the Shed. To help us achieve this, we have put your date of births to good use to monitor our membership profile. This is what it currently looks like. Thank you everyone. We have also

drafted our [privacy rules](#) online if you wish to look and offer feedback.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY.** Think you know your way around the Shed's electrical safety dos and don'ts? With the help of Guillaume, we've put together an [online 'test'](#) which we're piloting as part of your safety induction to raise awareness of what we should or shouldn't be doing according to legislation. If you want top marks, it's probably best to read the [Member Guidance](#) first. Otherwise, if you like living on the edge, go for it cold 😊



**YOUR PROJECTS.** Before we were rudely interrupted by another lockdown, Members had been busy as always with their projects. There's been a chess board being made for a son's 30th birthday (great idea!) and letter boxes being repaired, not to mention a picture frame for a shrine, and a new holder for an old thermometer. And one of the many projects our talented Ross has made now includes a wobble board (to keep boredom at bay and possibly his joints moving too?). He's certainly looking very adept at using it here.



Lastly, if you're lucky enough to have some space for tools at home but you're a bit stuck for ideas there's a few freebie ideas here:

**BuildEazy**

Don't forget Operation Clean Up. We know everyone likes nothing better than a good clean up so pop the **Saturday 25th October** into your calendars/diaries and keep those fingers crossed.



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