

Auckland Central Community Shed (Inc)

SHED NEWSLETTER



April 2021

Breaking News...we have just heard that we have received funding from the Kerr Taylor Trust to purchase a defibrillator for the Shed (about \$3000). Thanks Garry for your efforts in doing the application. Alex has also kindly stepped up to take over as new Treasurer which means Garry can now focus on being just the Secretary. Look out too for new equipment generously donated by Alex's cousin who works at De Walt.



Also a big thanks to Brian (purchasing) and Deniz changing out the motor on the Delta table saw. It wasn't a straight out swap out, there was a fair bit of 'fettling' needed, but it works brilliantly now and without any stoppages...triffic job guys.

Keeping on top of Shed cleaning will always be an on-going job.

From now on please spend at least 15 minutes each visit **before** you start any of your own project work on cleaning/vacuuming machinery, floors, shelving etc. Not only will it be much appreciated by everyone, it might even reduce some of the grumbling and complaining, aside from their aches and pains, of the older members.

I was honoured to receive a Local Heroes Award earlier this month. It was given by Albert Eden Council to various people nominated for outstanding community contributions. Mine was for the establishment and ongoing oversight of the Shed. I was watching an interview with a decorated soldier not so long ago and he believed that no one (in their right mind) sets out to be a Hero...it's just that you find that you're the only 'bugger' around when a job needs doing... so you just do what needs to be done! Ken made the nomination and when I asked what I might expect to receive for this award...mentioning keys to the city for 24 hours, that kind of thing.... he said unfortunately that wouldn't be possible because someone had stolen them...!!???

Cheers

Patrick Harris

Chairman

WORKSHOPS. There are just a couple of spots left on the Tools 101 workshop to be held at 2 pm on Saturday 8th May. It will be \$70 well spent and not only will it count towards improving your competence in some tools, you will be able to go home with a chopping board for your mother-in-law too. See posters in Shed entrance or Nikki if you want to know any more.



Emil has also kindly offered to run through using the thicknesser in a few weeks (once he's finished his own workshop move), and Don has offered to run some measurement workshops too. If you are interested in either, please let Nikki know so we can work out if/when they can happen. You might be surprised what you don't know.

SUNDAY OPENING. When the Rugby season kicks off, we find our Members are unable to access parking at the Shed on Saturdays so we revert to Sunday opening instead. This year, this change will be effective from **Sunday 9th May**.

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 ;-)

HEALTH AND SAFETY. Everyone remembers the Pike River disaster which led to an overhaul of NZ health and safety laws. With the dust created in the Shed, there is a genuine danger of dust explosions if we're not aware of how they can happen. If you don't believe it, check out this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70fZqHsEdMo>



Aside from regular vacuuming of dust, there are other steps to ensure this doesn't happen at our Shed. These include:

- Clean up after yourself including the floor and area around where you have worked
- Sharpening of tools **MUST NOT** be carried out on the linisher. Use the grinders in the engineering (tractor) shed instead
- Join a working bee to clean the Shed... the next one will be coming up soon

We need another Member to step up as a health and safety rep. Rod, our only current rep, has created some fabulous shadow boards as well as signage to remind Members about PPE but more needs to be done if we are to come close to meeting modern standards. Please see Nikki if this is something you are able to help with.

AGM. The Shed's AGM is coming up. We will meet in The Hub space upstairs and it will start at **2 pm on Saturday 26 June**. It was well attended last year so come early to secure a seat.



COMMUNITY WORK. Sarah from St John's Anglican Church Royal Oak approached the Shed recently with a request to build a community pantry / pataka kai which Don duly did and it is now being put into good use.

Don has also been doing some great work on a number of projects off site at Kelmarna Gardens. This could be on-going as they have lost their resident Handyperson there. If you are able to help out, approach Don directly. It's always a lot more fun working alongside someone and he does have a wealth of knowledge to share.

TINY HOUSE. Talking of community work, one of our Members has suggested the possibility of Shed Members working together to make a Tiny House (eg https://youtu.be/LOF_LzNlbi8). It could be an awesome

project if we can get it off the ground. If you are interested in getting involved in any way, please see Ellen or Nikki to chat further.

MEMBER PROJECTS. There are always so many interesting projects going on in our Shed. Two Members who have kindly sent pics of their handiwork for scrutiny include Emile (left photo) and Alex who have been building some fabulous furniture for their homes. Thanks for sharing 🙌



PROFICIENCY. As we have mentioned, talks have begun about introducing a competency system for **all** our tools and machinery. Not only will this help us keep everyone safer, we think it will also help with the problem of breakage and maintenance. We are, of course, keen to hear all suggestions to deal with these issues so feel free to discuss these with a Duty Manager, [Committee Member](#) or Nikki.

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

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