

Auckland Central Community Shed (Inc)

# SHED NEWSLETTER



**January 2022**

Hi to all you Sheddies and a very Happy New Year to you all...I wonder what this year has in store for us Covid wise??? I hope you all had great holidays and for those of us who are retired, well, it's all a bit of a holiday really...isn't it! It's more about finding things to do to make our lives feel more meaningful eh! So I put out a call to some Members to see what they have been up to over the last few weeks so hopefully this Newsletter will be a lot more fuller than usual with some of those things.

One of the things that I myself was faced with around Xmas was some car repairs... something I haven't really done since being retired. It's usually up to the Garage 'O for any repairs. I took my car for an overdue WOF only to have it fail on me. This was Xmas week. I managed to get a couple of new front tyres no bother, but the front brakes that needed attention was another matter...every garage I tried was too busy or was just about to close. I was keen to get out of Auckland for a few days but was a bit wary of doing so with dodgy brakes. Although I had stopped doing car repairs some years ago I have always enjoyed tinkering with motor scooters...so I got thinking...how hard can this be...to replace front brake pads. So I checked out a couple of Youtube videos and I was good to go. The rotors themselves were good but there was considerable wear on the pads. Well the first side took me close to an hour to do and the other about 15 minutes but the satisfaction level... pure MAGIC.

When I did finally manage to get out of town to go to Tauranga I stopped at a Cafe in Ngatea (my halfway stop) and was really heartened to see a sign outside which read 'We filter Coffee not people' ....a sentiment I can only hope would spread throughout the rest of the country.

I enjoyed catching up with quite a few Members last week who I haven't seen for awhile. My stance on pro choice re vaccination means that I haven't been around the Shed so much and I expect that will likely continue for a while, though I have taken an interest in getting involved in some gardening on 'the greens' outside the Shed, so I am sometimes 'around'.

Patrick Harris,  
**Chairman**



**COVID-19 REMINDER.** For our entry requirements, please check out details on our website <https://www.aucklandcentralshed.org.nz/covid19restrictions>

**for Members who have provided evidence of vaccination\***

*Mondays*                      10 am to 3 pm  
*Wednesdays*              10 am to 3 pm (*evening session to be confirmed*)  
*Sundays*                      10 am to 3 pm



**for Members with undisclosed vaccination status**

*Tuesdays*                      10 am to 3 pm

The Committee agreed that if we are notified an attending Member has contracted Covid-19, we will automatically shut The Shed for 5 days.

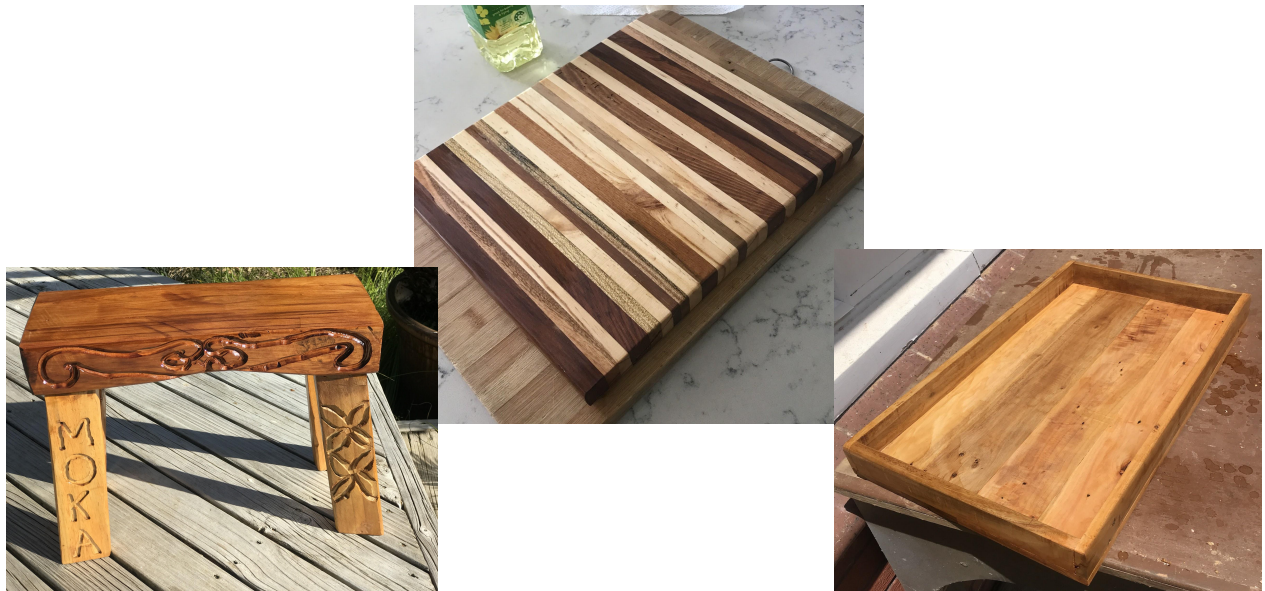
**WEDNESDAYS AND DUTY MANAGERS.** We are looking at reopening our Wednesday evenings again. If you have been a Member for more than 6 months, have a reasonable awareness of how things work then you may be able to offer your help as a [Duty Manager](#). Get in touch if you think you can help. [aucklandcentralshed@gmail.com](mailto:aucklandcentralshed@gmail.com)

**WORKING BEES.** We aim to run a working bee on the last Thursday of alternate months (January, March, May, etc.). Each one requires prep work (cutting wire mesh) so feel free to pitch in and contribute some of your valuable time to this valuable cause. It is in support of the [Predator Free NZ Trust](#).

**COMMUNITY WORK.** St Alban's Church group recently asked us to put together another community library and Don willingly obliged.



**MEMBER PROJECTS:** Our Chris S has been busy again. For his stool, he used some semi-rotten rimu found under the house. The legs are some tanalised pine railing off-cuts. It was commissioned by his Niuean niece whose full name is Mokanui Aue. I shellacked it at The Shed and satin polyurethane at home.



One for the engineers from our Member Robin:





**MEMBER NEWS.** In January, our Members Ross and Richard went to the Kumeu Classic Car show. There were hundreds of cars of 50s and 60s vintage, mainly American muscle cars, in various stages of restoration. The best were beautifully done with highly polished paint and gleaming chrome. Others were in the early stages of stripping paint and cutting out rust with many hours of labour to come! For a 'petrolhead' there was everything for sale to do the job. Part and more parts.



Ka kite anō (See you again)

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**Newsletter Editor** 😊

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