

Auckland Central Community Shed (Inc)

SHED NEWSLETTER



April 2022

You will probably see me around the Shed a bit more now as I am happy to say at the time of writing this, the need for Covid vaccination passes has been discontinued and so we are relatively back to normal at the Shed...aside from the wearing of masks which some members are choosing to ignore....and so be it...no one is waving a big stick.

I believe it is time for me to move on as Chairman of the Shed. That being the case, I have formally resigned as Chairman which will take effect at the AGM in June. Brent Russell will take over from me and I will be 'showing him the ropes' in the meantime. I will however continue as part of the Shed Committee.

We are still looking for a Secretary which will make the Chairman's role a lot easier as the Secretary provides a sounding board for issues that come up from time to time and decisions that have to be made rather than having to wait for the committee to meet, which is only once each month.

For those that have an interest in seeing what the [Committee](#) does and how the Committee operates you are welcome to join us as an observer. You would be surprised as many have found, they are normally quite lively and interesting. Currently meetings take place on the last Monday of each month 6.30 to 8pm at the latest. Just let Nikki know.

In finishing I would just like to wish Brent all the very best in the role and hope all the members will support him in that, as indeed I will.

Patrick Harris,
Chairman

COMMITTEE NEWS. Due to the public holiday, our next Committee meeting is this Wednesday 23rd April at The Shed.

COVID-19 UPDATE.

As advised by our Landlord, Auckland Council, we ask that you continue to wear a face mask and maintain a physical distance from others, particularly for our older Members. As mentioned though, we no longer have the need for you to declare your vaccine pass.



NEW MEMBERS. Please welcome our newest Members Pascal (The Hub coordinator), Samuel and Toby (they'll have a yellow sticker on their badges to indicate they're newbies!). Toby is an ex-Auckland East 'Mens Shed' member and Samuel is also already a keen woodworker. Check out his rather splendid mallet and chisels 🛠️.

Please also welcome back Lane and Mathilde who were members a few years ago. Lane is an architect, and Mathilde is a spatial designer and cabinet maker. We look forward to seeing their creations in future newsletters 😊

WEDNESDAYS (AND DUTY MANAGERS). In case you weren't already aware, we have reopened our Wednesday evenings again. We would still like some more willing volunteers to become Duty Manager. Chat with an existing Duty Manager or get in touch if you would like to know more aucklandcentralshed@gmail.com



EQUIPMENT. If anyone has borrowed equipment, or moved items into other areas of the workshops, please can you return them to their rightful home.

And if you're not familiar with which sanders are best for the job in hand, or how to change the paper, don't be shy...just ask! No Sheddie wants to find a sander on the shelf in this condition.

Likewise, if you're looking to sharpen a planer blade, have a read of the attached article kindly forwarded from Ken and feel free to practice your sharpening skills on the Shed's chisels!

BEE HIVES. If you notice a few more bees around the Shed area it's because Auckland Beekeeping Club (ABC) have moved their hives to the Greens. They usually keep themselves busy collecting nectar and pollinating plants but if you do know you're allergic to bee stings you'll probably want to carry your epipen with you, and let us know. They were a bit aggressive last weekend (I have a sting to prove it) and it would be good to monitor if this continues so we can let ABC know.



WORKING BEES. Talking of bees, unfortunately the last working bee we had was so poorly attended, we feel unable to promise our partners, Urban Ark, that we can complete another one any time soon. We know that Covid has put some Members off but we would still like to support [Predator Free NZ Trust](#). If you are keen to help out, let us know.

And don't forget... We are setting aside the morning of Sunday 15th May for equipment electrical testing. **The Shed will NOT be available to Members to work in until 1 pm on that day.**

We need one or two more Members to help out with the testing. It's more of a time consuming task than a difficult one and we will provide training on the day if you need it so if you're looking to do 'your bit' towards running our Shed, this is an opportunity.

WOMENZSHED. You may have already seen references to [WomensShed](#) around the Shed. It's a new initiative that came about from The Shed receiving enquiries from women who have never had the opportunity, often because of gender and/or cultural barriers, to get any experience in woodworking or DIY. WomensShed aims to offer an opportunity to address their needs by running workshops and training. The Shed Committee are very supportive, as are the Local Board and Auckland Council. It's the first of its kind in New Zealand and makes Auckland Central Community Shed a leader in its field. Shed researcher [Barry Golding](#) would be proud!



COMMUNITY WORK. Don is busy at work again helping fix a heap of tables designed for disabled players at Table Tennis NZ as well as a cart for Kelmana Gardens. And WomensShed are helping to finish the last batch of rat trap tunnels.

MEMBER PROJECTS:

Last but not least, check out the rather lovely table made by our Member Aru. A chair is next apparently :)

If you have any project of your own you'd like us to include in our next newsletter, please get in touch.



Ka kite anō (See you again)

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