



# AUCKLAND CENTRAL COMMUNITY SHED

## Newsletter January 2024

Happy New Year to you all.

2023 was another great year for The Shed (except for January 27<sup>th</sup> The Great Flood!)

Membership stands at 106 with many different age and ethnic groups, both male and female and a few couples joining.

### Woodworking Happenings

#### Sawstop Table saw does it's stuff

As you may have heard Seth kindly tested the SawStop stopping mechanism. Worked as it should with a small nick out of Seth's finger!

This proved that even seasoned Shed Members can hurt themselves after a second of lost concentration.

Please be careful and keep an eye on members under your watch using powered equipment.

### Electronics Happenings

#### Electronics room refurbished

Brent, Don and John have done a great job carpet tiling, painting, installing new benches, shelving, power outlets and chairs. Makes the room cosier and now we have set areas for various tasks i.e. soldering, vinyl cutter, 3D Printing, Training video watching and electronics tinkering.



**Please Note:**

***It is not a dumping ground for “stuff” so please ensure that on your watch no one brings “stuff” in hoping it will disappear or be of some USE.***

We all need to encourage members to use this space and to watch the various machine operational YouTube videos from the Melbourne Shed.

A link has been setup on the Electronics PC to:

<https://melbournemensshed.org/workshop-safety-videos/>

**Engineering Happenings**

No new initiatives from Engineering but it would be great if you want to learn how to use a Metal Working Lathe, Milling machine or Milling Drill to let our Engineering specialist; Neil McCarthy or Charles Martens know.

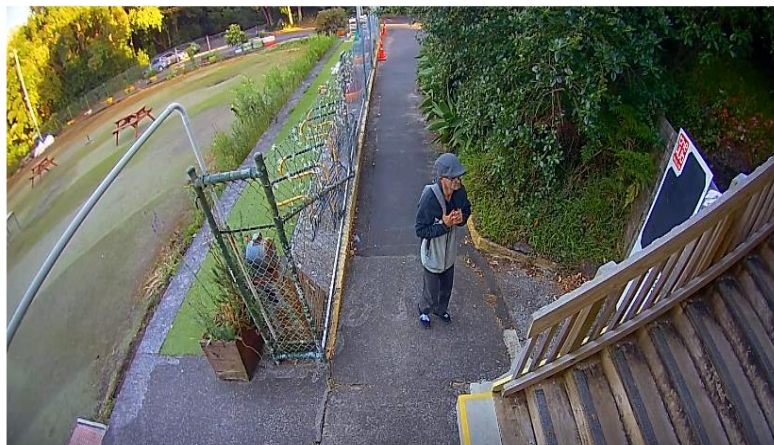
We have had our TOOLSHED PLASMA CUTTER 40 AMP



go missing from Engineering so if you know where it is please let Steve Leslie (our coordinator) know.

**Welding (Tractor) Shed break-in**

Around the 27<sup>th</sup> of November last year the Ring Camera was wrenched of the wall and the two padlocks securing the Welding Shed roller door were snapped off by this thief next evening:



We now have new padlocks, and the centre door lock now works. Two sets of keys are in the key cabinet in the office. Please ensure the centre door lock is locked as this is added access protection.

A couple of battery drills, a charger and batteries were taken.

## Shed Trailer

We now have a \$10 daily charge for the use of the trailer and indemnity form to sign. This is to protect both the hirer and The Shed. The \$10 helps to pay for trailer registration, WOF, tyres, etc. Heaps cheaper than from a service station. The forms are on the sign-in bench in the foyer. Please ensure the form is completed and \$10 paid into our bank account (details on form) before trailer leaves the Shed.

## New & Proposed Equipment at the Shed

1. A ZIP wall mounted instant hot water unit has been installed in the kitchen. It can be left on as designed.
2. A Triton Oscillating Spindle Sander has been installed in the sanding area.
3. Centralised Dust Extraction System

Brent and Rod have investigated the installation of a centralised dust extraction system, as seen at many other Sheds. The collector unit would be located in the small wood storage room and have ridged ductwork going out to every machine. It would have many benefits; reduce the fine dust present in the room by capturing it at source, stronger suction, finer filter medium, quieter system, one collection point to empty and free up valuable floor space.

A price of \$30,000 was calculated which included an automated system were the extraction would turn on and off as machines were used.

Still reviewing quote.

## Monthly BBQs

Monthly lunchtime BBQ's are popular, so please come along. The BBQs are on the last Wednesday of the month round 12pm.

## Your Shed Needs You

The Shed belongs to all its contribution (giving) or don't is see something that needs doing the very least, tell the DM about it. Any suggestions, problems or know, that way he can let the know and hopefully we can do



members. Your what the Shed is. If you or needs fixing do it, or at

complaints let the DM management committee something about it.

Have a great Year

The ACC Shed Committee

