

January 2023 Newsletter

Greetings all, Happy New Year for 2023 and welcome back to what looks to be a busy year for The Shed.

Here we go again:

The Shed reopened on **Monday, January 9th** and was immediately busy. The Router table ordered last year finally turned up in the first week of January and John and I figured out how to assemble it and how it worked. Don has since made a mobile base for it so it can be used where best suits. It has some novel features that make it easy to adjust and safer to use. If you have a need for it please see me first so you can learn how to get the best use of these features.



The next equipment buy will probably be to replace the big belt sander. It has decided it wants to run backwards ! A new capacitor for the motor has not resolved the issue and the bearings are getting very noisy as well so we are investigating options to replace it.

Projects:

We already have a number of community projects on the go and more requests coming. Before Xmas a local kindergarten asked if we could repair some old (1930) kiddy chairs. We have done 10 of them but there are another 16 or so to do. You may get roped into regluing legs and fixing seats if you are looking for something to do. Check with Don to see where this is up to.

Membership:

Our membership is now nearly 100 and we are getting a steady number of enquiries still. A number of new members have joined recently and I'd like to welcome them all to The Shed community and ask long standing members to make themselves known and keep an eye on them as they become familiar with our equipment and practices.

We are still receiving a lot of tool donations mainly from personal workshops. They are useful in that we can replace older tools and have spares if useful but there will be surplus. Once we sort out the donated goods we will get out a list for members to peruse for their own use at suitable prices. Trademe will then be used to move anything else on and will offset future maintenance and upgrade costs.

Local events:

We have been notified of the proposed schedule for the Pacific Super Rugby Season at Eden Park. It runs on the weekends from March 18th till June 2nd with probably an extension to June 24th for finals. Confirmed dates will be notified so we can plan for any access issues. This may entail the local Eden Rugby Club fields being used for practice as has happened last year. We have been promised minimal disruption to our parking and access during this.

Also note that Ed Sheeran is doing 2 concerts at Eden park Friday 10th and Sat 11th of February. The Shed is not open those days so we should not be affected but local traffic will be disrupted by road closures. Avoid the area if you possibly can.....unless you're going to one of the concerts of course.

Committee Meeting:

The first committee meeting for the year is **Friday morning, 27th November, 10:00 am**. Please note the new schedule and time. Please let me know of any items you want on the agenda.

Cheers all

Brent Russell

Chairman

**Albert-Eden
Local Board**

