



AUCKLAND CENTRAL COMMUNITY SHED

Newsletter October 2024

Greetings Sheddies,

October already and we are as busy as ever.

We continue to make improvements.

Dust Minimisation

Our experiment with an auto dust extractor system on the Saw Stop table saw and Planner/Thicknesser has proven very successful. This has now been applied to the Bosch drop saw and the three-phase table saw.

The router is already on its own setup and the sanders are being reviewed for another dust extraction system. There is a noticeable reduction in airborne dust during the day. You may have noticed that the sliding doors in wood working now have a secondary lock position. This means doors can still be open but by a reduced amount, allowing air circulation but stopping uninvited guests from entering the area.

Health and Safety

You will notice some changes to workshop signage and procedures as our very active Health and Safety (H&S) committee works its way through updates to comply with the changing regulations.

H&S is a very important part of our procedures, and you will see more emphasis on this in the near future.

The safety teams focus is to ensure that our sheddies are safe to use the large amount of tools and equipment available. This involves audits on our gear to ensure its safe and the appropriate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) is used i.e such as safety glasses and hearing protection.

Security

As you maybe aware we were broken into July this year.

We now have a 24/7 monitored security system that covers all areas. All Duty Managers who open or close the premises have the entry and exit security codes. Please be aware, there is an extremely loud siren should you enter without entering the code and rapid attendance by either on-call committee members or security personnel. Also 2 new Ring Cameras have been installed, one in the Wood Working area so we can see if anyone is in the area and has not notified the security company. We can ensure it will not be used for any other purpose. The other camera is installed to monitor the entrance area and focuses on who is around (at the door) out of hours. Our current two cameras cover the Welding Shed and path and the other looking at the walkway from the carpark.

Material Storage

Storage is an ongoing issue with limited space available. A lot of people are bringing in timber on 'spec', for projects they might do one day. Unless you have immediate plans to use timber, please keep it at home and if you have timber in the Shed currently unused it may become public after a month or two. With a still growing membership of over 120, storage and bench space for working is a problem. I continue to encourage people to use wood we already have in the racks to ensure it is utilised and managed.

Woodworking Happenings

A Pataka Kai has been completed for Wesley Community Centre and we have had a number of furniture restoration projects pass through over the last couple of months. We seem to be getting a reputation for restoring these back to their former glory.



We have an issue with damage to some wood working benches being damaged from members miss-using portable "skilly" saws. Please ensure that when you want to cut wood over the bench it is raised above the bench or is over the centre gap of the bench.



Finally, just for your planning, our Xmas shutdown dates. The last day will be Sunday 22nd December 2024 which will be a clean-up day. There may be a BBQ. We reopen Monday 6th January 2025.

Brent Russell
Chairman

An elderly patient gets hearing aids from a doctor. After short time, he meets the doctor again.

Doctor, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased."

Patient, "Oh, I am in a funny situation now. I haven't told my family yet. I just sit and listen to their conversations. In a month, I've changed my will three times!"

Just a reminder

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/>

Monthly BBQs

Monthly lunchtime BBQ's are popular, so please come along. The BBQs are on the last Wednesday of the month round 12pm. Next one 30th October 2024 put in your diary now.

The Shed and You

Members may think " there's no point in going into the Shed, I have nothing I want to do". There is always something to do at the Shed. If it's not obvious to you, just ask the Duty Manager (the person in the Hi Vis Vest). It can be just simple things like sorting nails and screws, changing a sanding belt or choosing a machine or piece of equipment and giving it a thorough clean.....your help is always welcomed and **needed**. At the very least just come and have a cuppa and hang-out. Quite often I come along to the Shed not having any particular project to do because for me it's just a place to go 'a destination' plus I get some exercise if I use my bike. Patrick Harris

The ACC Shed Committee