



Mike's Mutterings

The Shed is very busy, especially on Thursday as I have noticed. Presently we have 39 paid up members, but I believe that there are another half dozen who are also willing to join, and have been approved by your committee. New members are inducted to the Shed to familiarise themselves to what we have, safety procedures, what we can do, how they can help, and to meet the other members there on the day. One of the supervisors will look after you for this. We also discussed whether all members should go through a refresher induction course and this received positive responses. A timetable for this will be organised soon.

Our display and attendance at TOLO for Blue November/Prostate Awareness was well received. We are considering whether we should have a permanent display there. To promote ourselves and also to show the community some of the items members are creating, we have taken a stall at the next market at Settlers Hall on 29th October. Come and visit us or help to set up and man the stall. We would love to see you.

We have discussed the possibility of establishing an engineering workshop at the Shed because of a strong interest in this. To begin, we would need two shipping containers with a roofed area between them placed behind the existing buildings. Members are researching from where we can get good quality containers and at what price. We understand that they are going for about \$8000 each. This needs to be checked and also where we can get the money to pay for them. We shall probably be applying for grants again so it may take several months before they are on site. One advantage of having such a workshop is that we have the opportunity to do contracting work for an engineering business. We are waiting for a response from WBoPDC over the possibility of doing some Council projects. We are also hoping to work in co-operation with OEMI (Omokoroa Environmental Management Incorp.) on some of the projects they are working on. Omokoroa Country Estate have expressed a wish to visit us and we are discussing with them a possible date for this. Although we have completed much of the basic paper work needed for us to comply with local and central government requirements, have become incorporated, have the necessary insurances, have a sound Health and Safety Policy in place, and have acquired some great tools and machinery, we find that some members are still not aware of, or complying with, our Rules. Hopefully, our refresher programme will help to get all members on safe and workable practices. Even small details such as cleaning up before you leave will avoid irritation from those who will have to do it for you.

We have a happy work site. Let's ensure we keep it that way.

Mike Hayden



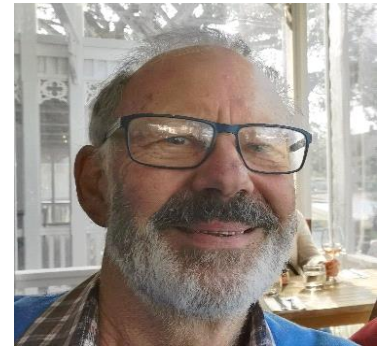
New members in September and October are -

Steve Raymond, Mark Ryan, Gary Meynell, John Knipe, Nigel Jolly, Robert Temple, Steve Gray, Samuel Johnston, Alan Cave, Peter Ehrlich, Shane Myers, Alan Gregory, Allan Fox, Len Rigger.

Welcome guys – we look forward to sharing good times with you.

Member Profiles - Each month we normally profile our members. This month we discovered another gem, with hidden skills that we didn't know about. Meet Gerald Paterson.

Back in 2005 I was introduced to Oamaru Limestone while living in Timaru. I could go to the Oamaru Quarry and select pieces I thought I would need. Selecting is rather important, as not all is fine enough for my type of pieces.



I would spend many evenings just sketching possible designs. I didn't always know what I was going to do until I was looking at the stone on the bench and a shape would come to mind. I would draw, saw, drill, rasp and sand my way to a finished shape, about a full day's work if I stuck to it.



I used to sell at shops but mostly as people visited they bought from me direct. I took about 10 sculptures to California for selling. They were great for wedding presents I found. I have exhibited a few pieces at TOLO and each time made a sale. I am not so keen on commissions as I have less control of what I can do.

I am happy to show others if interested. The hardest aspect is to get a balanced form.

Limestone carving is a beautiful medium and it is always a delight to touch the end product.

I am also interested in photography, which I have been enjoying for many years. I used to belong to the Dunedin Camera Club and exhibited regularly. (before the digital days.) I have a Canon 70D with some L lenses and filters.

From the age of "0" I have been enthralled with trains. Why not when I lived opposite the Ashburton Railway Station. My father bought me a Marklin train set for Christmas in 1954 and over the years it has grown with plenty of buying and selling until this present day where digital operation including sound and smoke, is amazing.



My working life in Dunedin was mostly clerical/accounting and after moving to Timaru, for a necessity to put food on the table, I became a Handyman, for 10 years, doing mostly painting, plastering and other repairs. All my life I have been renovating, so the MenzShed is an extension of that.

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A piece of fine furniture just completed by member John Griggs. Made from macrocapa, and stained, it is going to grace the home of his daughter.



Off to a new stable.....
Our nameless thoroughbred, came into the Shed's possession over a year ago by way of donation, and being without a mane, and a shabby coat, she was mostly off her rocker.....so she languished on the shelf watching other toys head off to the Toy Library, and play centre. Recently a visitor to the Shed spotted her, and offered her a home if she was refurbished. So the rockers were replaced with a baseboard, for her new decorative purposes, and thanks to Veronica Cahill, her coat was remedied, and a magnificent new mane was attached. She's now a winner, and paid a small dividend to the Shed.

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The Shed is open -

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Brain Teaser

1. What is the edible food that never goes bad?
2. What is a group of porcupines called?
3. Area 51 is in which American state?
4. What tissues connect muscles to bones?
5. Which cartoon character lives in a pineapple under the sea?
6. How many NBA championships did Michael Jordan win?
7. What is the currency of Vietnam?
8. How many taste buds does a human tongue have?
9. What day of the year is known as Star Wars Day?
10. Who received 817 votes and came third in the Election for the Omokoroa Community Board recently?

Just a 'minute'... (extracts from the minutes of the Committee in September)

- The recent death of Bruce Kirk led to a policy for the future. A Sympathy card will be placed at the Shed for a week for members to sign and comment. It will then be forwarded to the family by the Secretary.
- Expenditure without approval – members are reminded that any purchases made without prior committee approval, may not be reimbursed.
- There has been a discussion on metal working at the Shed. Is this something that would interest you? If there were such a facility, what skills could you bring to it. Bill Cahill is to progress discussion on this topic. If you have applicable knowledge and skills, please have a chat with Bill.
- Jobs – Members are reminded that jobs must be referred to a supervisor, and the proper paperwork completed. Members doing private work, as a matter of courtesy, should discuss it with a supervisor. The involvement of other members in the Shed in all jobs is encouraged.
- When using a machine for extended periods of time, be aware that other members may wish to use it. Keep an eye open and see if you can share.
- When you have finished for the day, tidy up the work place, return tools, sweep the floor, clean the toilet area etc. Be a Tidy Shedder!

Brain Teaser Answers
1. Honey. 2. A prickie. 3. Nevada. 4. Tendons.
5. Spongebob Squarepants. 6. Six. 7. The Vietnamese Dong. 8. About 10,000. 9. May 4 (May the fourth be with you!). 10. Alan Hughes – congratulations.