



## Mike's Report to the AGM .....

This past year has been another one of very good growth. Our membership is now 49 with many members actively involved in club activities and we have been upgrading the machines and tools we need to allow our members to get the best out of our shed.

I would like to highlight some of what we have achieved. A lot of our progress you will have read through our Newsletter and I would like to thank Peter Smith for the excellent quality he has managed in this under his writing and editorship.

**Health and Safety:** Peter is also our Health and Safety officer and reviews our policy on this to ensure that, not only is it up-to-date, but also to monitor whether these policies are being followed by members. There have been several instances over the past year when a major accident has been avoided because of the diligence of other members. We are trying to overcome these by ensuring that reminders are in place near machinery and emphasise to members that, if they have an accident, it affects all of us and perhaps the successful continuation of the shed. One aspect that we often don't recognise is health issues, and at our age we must expect them to creep up on us. Our policy of having at least two members on site at any time reduces the chance of a medical event happening when there is no support nearby.

**Social:** During the year members joined other MenzSheds in the area for the opening of Paeroa MenzShed which was supported by the generosity of a local philanthropist and is developing well. We were asked by Te Awanui Hauora Trust to have a stall at its Whanau Ora Day on Matakana Island, and we found this very interesting and successful. Our knife sharpening machine worked over-time once hapu embers knew it was there, and Andrew McWilliams was kept busy all day making hunting and fishing knives razor sharp. Some members have been visiting other Sheds when they have been on holiday and this helps us to find other ideas, as well as on the posts we find on the NZ MenzShed Face Book and web site. Having a stall at the monthly market not only provides us with extra income but also allows us to interact directly with the community. The club's thanks go to Bill Cahill and his helpers on this. In order to share the load, we would like more volunteers to assist here. We hope to organise club visits to other Sheds, invite guest speakers to lead discussions on a variety of topics, and have more open days and barbecues for our members, families and the community. To assist in this we are seeking a coordinator to take on the role of seeking ideas and helping to organise such activities.

**Finances:** Our finances are in good shape thanks to our Treasurer, Tony Pollitt, who often reminds us of our spending boundaries and has helped us put limits around these. Secretary, Allan Hughes, has been able to secure excellent funding by applying for grants through a range of sources, and through these we have been able to obtain some excellent resources. I would like to pass on our thanks to both these gentlemen for the time they have put in improving the club, often under great personal time restraints.

**Community Support:** We recognise that we are an integral part of the wider Omokoroa community and reach out to it wherever we can. Besides those mentioned elsewhere, local groups with which we have had contact are the Bowling Club, Whakamarama Incorporated, Pirirakau, TOLO, Acacia Park, and Omokoroa Environmental Management Inc. With the latter, we are currently in discussions on the bird hide at the Cooney Reserve and seating at the Precious Reserve. We have also been able to help several community members with personal projects (often repairs) and have received generous support in the way of tools and good quality timber.

We have recently also trialled a programme of introducing youth into the sheds. Under the leadership and tuition of Len Riggir, an ex-woodwork teacher, two boys from Number 1 School have been working on a couple of games for their school. As this is successful, we may expand and continue this in the future. Len has also offered to teach members how to use the wood lathes. Thank you, Len, for devoting your time and experience to these activities.

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Member Profiles - Each month we normally profile our members. This month we learn about Bill Boulton, who is currently helping out on the school project.....



“My name is William Boulton, but everyone calls me Bill.

I was born in St Blazey in Cornwall, England, in 1949. Then in the late 1950's my family moved to Crawley in West Sussex, where I finished my school education. I left school in 1965 and started an apprenticeship as a coppersmith at A.P.V. Co. Ltd working on brewery, dairy, and chemical fabrications under insurance codes for five years, to become a qualified coppersmith, and a class 1 welder in Tig, Mig and Arc welding on various metals. I then earned qualifications, by one day release in my apprenticeship, to do seven years training to get my qualifications in fabrication, engineering, planning, estimating, and costing in West Sussex and London.

In 1973 I moved from UK to New Zealand with my wife and two children, to work for the South Island Dairy Association – working on stainless steel milk powder silos in Christchurch, before working as a fabrication foreman for a stove company in Christchurch.

Then becoming a solo dad, I went to Christchurch Teachers' College to become a trained teacher. In 1983 I took up a position at the Tauranga Intermediate School as a technology teacher, doing metal and wood work, and later electronics.

In 2003, I took a years leave to travel back to the UK on a working holiday - teaching. Two years later, my new partner encouraged me to return to the UK for another three years on a working holiday, where I worked on aircraft going cabin maintenance, and becoming a company stamp holder.



In 2009 I returned to New Zealand, working at the Boys' College, and later at Aquinas College, and now one day a week as a technician.

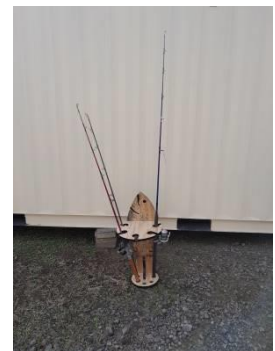
My new interests are the MenzShed, travelling in New Zealand in my motor home, overseas travel, and family – with past interests sailing and rock and roll dancing. I moved to Omokoroa five and a half years ago from Maungatapu, Tauranga, and love living here.



### ***From around the shed.....***

← Carter and Jake are on the home stretch with their school project – looking flash!

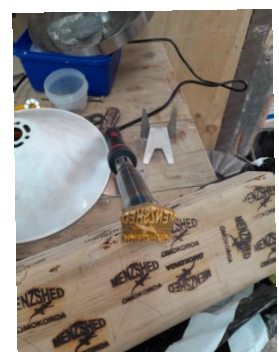
Another Dick creation – a fish rod holder. You will be able to buy this at our market stall. →



Gerald is setting the pace with these walkers. CHT Acacia Park Home & Hospital has given the Shed four walkers which are in disrepair. Gerald is busy cleaning and servicing them, and they too will be available from our market stall. ←



Watch where you sit! We now have a branding iron with our logo so that our wood products can be labeled and marketed. →



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**Security:** Being slightly distant from the housing areas, and with two buildings, we are very conscious of our security. With the expertise and generous help of Rob Lyons we have an integrated alarm and entry code system, and now internet access thanks also to our neighbours, The Garden preschool. This latter allows us to record files electronically. We are currently preparing to install external security measures.

**Tools and Machinery:** We are continually upgrading the tools and machines which we need to allow us to produce projects to a high quality. As several of our members are experienced in the trades, their advice has been very helpful. Andrew McWilliam has been enthusiastic in sorting out the best items for us and Richard Wilde has been quietly fixing the machines and maintaining them. Paul Zeeders has used his expertise in not only checking for any electric faults in them, but has also fully overhauled the wiring in the two sheds. Many thanks, Guys.

**Management:** One of the more successful aspects of how we operate is the role of the Supervisors. Currently we have six of these under the leadership of Bill Cahill. Working on a roster, these members are responsible for the day-to-day running of the shed and decisions on donations of tools, furniture and timber as well which projects – both personal and community – should be undertaken and when. As Supervisory leader, Bill liaises with the community on outside work and initiates the paper work. Without their leadership I feel the Shed would soon disintegrate into chaos. Many thanks, Guys, for taking on this, at time, onerous, role.

**The Future:** An immediate plan is to seal the area between the containers, erect a “roof” over both them and the space between, and to cut a side door in one for easy access in wet weather. We would also like to erect shelter between them and number 2 shed.

The Council has advised us that we should have the use of the sheds for another eight years. However, we are aware that plans and personnel change and are concerned that the few suitable Council reserve areas may be ear-marked for other developments. Therefore we hope to be able to get support from the Council that an area be noted for our use in the future. As we are both a recreational and educational organisation, we are optimistic that our goals link closely with those of the Council. I have suggested that our future Shed will be designed that it may be used in the future by Council for similar purposes if, for some terrible reason, Omokoroa MenzShed ceases to exist. We hope the community would support us in this aspiration.

Finally, I wish to thank all the members for what you do in the Shed. Your actions and camaraderie make the Shed the fun place that it is. I would also like to thank the Omokoroa community for its support. We are not only here for our own pleasure but to do what we can for this great community.

*Mike Hayden*



## Have you visited a Menzshed website lately?

**menzshed.org.nz** will take you to our national website. The first page will take you to a link for Men's Health Week which was in June. Then click on the “**What's Your Score**” logo, and this will take you to a survey which will take you about two minutes to complete. It's private, no one is looking over your shoulder, and you don't have to supply your name – and it will give you your current health score, and hints about what steps you might need to take. It'll be something to think about.

Then if you click on **Shed News**, you can look at Latest News and Newsletters. The latter will take you around the country with news from the regions and individual sheds. There is heaps of ideas about what we could do ourselves. And you will even read about us!

Then click on **Library**, and **Media Reports**, and you will access the MENZSHED NZ channel featuring videos from NZ sheds.

Make a cuppa – sit down at your computer – give it a go.

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The Shed is open -  
 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

## Trivia Questions -

1. Taika Waititi's hit film *Hunt for the Wilderpeople* was based on a story by which author?
1. What is Thailand's capital city?
2. In 1893, New Zealand became the first country to do what political first?
1. Which New Zealand actor, born in 1947, starred alongside Sean Connery in *The Hunt For The Red October*?
1. In English, what does the latin word *tempus* mean?
1. What is the name of the world's largest ocean?
2. What is the nearest planet to the sun?
3. Who is depicted on the US hundred dollar bill?

- Answers -**
1. Barry Crump
  2. Bangkok
  3. Give women the vote
  4. Sam Neill
  5. Time
  6. Pacific Ocean
  7. Mercury
  8. Benjamin Franklin



## WANTED!

Seven members responded to the call at the AGM to sit on the committee for the coming year, and were duly elected -

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| Mike Hayden     | President        |
| Dick Megchelse  | Vice President   |
| Tony Pollitt    | Treasurer        |
| Rob Lyons       | Minute taker     |
| Richard Wilde   | Committee member |
| Gerald Paterson | Committee member |
| Paul Veeders    | Committee member |

Thanks guys. A vacancy still exists for the position of Secretary. If you could assist, please contact Mike.



## Just a minute.....

The committee got straight down to work and met for the first time on the 18<sup>th</sup> -

- The disposal of the lathes, and other old or excess tools is going ahead – either by giving away or scrap metal.
- There will be a visit to the Shed by WBOP reps on 4<sup>th</sup> August.
- The branding iron is a great investment, and the price for a bigger head will be investigated.
- Electric power tools – tools have been checked by Paul and have been tagged. Members must only use tagged tools. If a new tool is to be tagged, then it must be put aside for Paul to tag.
- Container roof/shelter – clarification is needed on the specs required to obtain a guarantee on the completed work, and to validate the funds donated.
- A presentation supplied by Nigel for another two containers with doors cut and moved, was unanimously turned down as too expensive, and will not proceed.
- The purchase of new wood turning chisels was deferred.