



Mike's Mutterings

It's really great to see the Container Project advancing so well under Paul's leadership, and with the team of Richard, Rob, and Peter, with help from Secretary David. The way it is going, it should be operational by Christmas at the latest - but please stay away from the work zone in the meantime. Talking about Christmas, there is no need for the Shed to be closed over this period, except for the statutory holidays – if we want to. Some members may be keen to get away from the festive crowds and hide down there.

Our stall at the Market needs support from members. Bill is doing a great job down there, often alone, but can't pick up and set up the gazebo by himself. Two or three others to do this would be a great help - also, another one or two to chat up the visitors, as the stall is our best way of advertising ourselves to the community. If you are able to help him, please ring Bill on either 021 023 09491 or 07 548 2645. I am sure that he would appreciate it. Bill tells me that good sales come from the bird feeders, Jerry's cutting boards, toys, and the stag horn ferns, although these latter are probably nearly all gone by now. Your committee is investigating the hire of an eftpos machine to simplify cash transactions. We'll let you know how this progresses.

You may see a trailer firmly attached to something solid soon. This is on loan to us by the owner, who will cover insurance, registration etc, but will allow us to use it whenever we need it. It should be very useful.

Welcome to new members Andrew Ridley and Reg Millman. Please introduce yourselves to them, and show them around the tools and machines. As with all of us, they will go through the orientation course.

Finally, do we want a 'Christmas Do' for us and our families? I'm suggesting a lunch/morning tea/afternoon tea on a Saturday. What do you think? Who will help with it?

Take care!

Mike Hayden



Omokoroa No 1 School Project Update

The second term of the school project was recently completed with students William and Wilfred completing their corn bag boards, and taking them back to their school where they were presented in front of their class mates.

Menzshed mentors, Len Riggir, Bill Boulton, and Peter Smith attended and

Len presented both boys with certificates of their achievement, and gave a talk

on various tools used now and in the past. The third phase of the project has now started with students Ben and Hiki coming to the shed on Wednesdays, where they are making gutter boards for a ball game to be used at school.



Member Profiles - Each month we normally profile our members. This month we learn about Rod Galbraith, and some of the cars that he has owned

“My name is Rod Galbraith, born in Rotorua 76 years ago, moved to Papamoa thirty-one years ago, then on to Omokoroa six and a half years ago. My wife Pat and I, have been married for fifty-two years, and have two daughters, and one son.

I started work in Rotorua in the paint, hardware and glass industry. I then moved onto selling paint for a major paint company, Berger, and then went repping for a paint brush, paint roller, and paint accessories company. When we moved to Papamoa, I worked in the glass and paint industry. Before retiring in 2018.



I have had numerous cars, some I wished that I hadn't sold. I got interested in classic cars and have owned two Morris Minors, an Anglia, a Triumph TR7 sports car, and now a Ford Zephyr which we have owned for about seventeen years and enjoy car club activities. All, except for the TR7, needed some work done to do them up.

I joined the Menzshed just over a year ago, enjoying meeting other members, doing various projects, and the cups of coffee.”

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Bird Hide Project

Behind the scenes Peter Ehrlich has been working on the Bird Hide Project with other community organisations to build a facility which will allow locals and visitors to watch birds in their natural wetland habitat on the waters edge at Cooney Reserve, without disturbing them.

On Saturday 5 November a Godwit Welcome Festival was held at the reserve, and saw the unveiling of the plans for the Project. The project includes a twenty metre boardwalk - a major hide structure

that will accommodate larger groups, offering near 360 degree views – a minor hide nearby – and a very

substantial and impressive entrance sculpture of a godwit. Significant funding has already been

secured, with additional funding applications underway. The Menzshed will construct the hide, dismantle it, and then reassemble it on site. Anybody keen to join in and help bring this community project to life is most welcome to lend a hand.



David and Rod making godwits to be sold at the welcome festival



Sculpture concept

The godwits being painted by children at the festival



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Just a minute.....

Notes from the Committee Meeting on 17 October.

- An item has been collected from a widowed lady resident, a Meccano set. The many parts are being sorted, together with relevant manuals. They will be placed on Trade Me, and if sold, the proceeds are to be used by the Shed.
- An approach has been made by the neighbouring Early Childcare Centre for a visit from the children to see what goes on at the Shed. Due to the ongoing works for the containers, and the laying of concrete, this will be delayed until the New Year.
- A vote of thanks was passed for Peter Ehrlick for all the work that he is putting in to the Bird Hide Project on behalf of the Shed.

Container Project Update – Paul Zeeders

Your committee has been quietly working in the background to get the container project back on track. We went back to the grants people to get our grants reapproved as we had changed the companies that we were purchasing goods from.



The first stage of this project was completed some time ago with the arrival of 2 containers. The next stage is the ground works making the site ready for the concrete pad. You will see this happening next week with the relocation of the containers clearing the site ready for the bobcat to come in. Over the coming months we will have the concrete pad poured and the erection of the canopy between the two containers. We will be purchasing engineering tools to fit out our new metal work area with the major ones being a plasma cutter as well as a metal bandsaw. The last stage will be running 3 phase cabling from the 2nd workshop out to the container as well as a water supply. Please respect the worksite as we will have various trades people working in our normal area. We will try to keep the disturbance to a minimum. If you have any questions, Richard Wilde and Rob Lyons are our site contacts for this project.

Many thanks

Paul

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

Trivia Questions -

- 1. The *Da Vinci Code* opens with a murder in which famous museum?
- 2. What year was the Napier earthquake?
- 3. How old was Elizabeth II when she was crowned queen?
- 4. What is the currency of Poland?
- 5. Which river is the longest in Aotearoa?
- 6. How many pounds are in a US or short ton?
- 7. Which astronomer is called out in *Bohemian Rhapsody*?
- 8. What animal's nickname is "Sea cow"?
- 9. Which animal appears on milkshake cups bearing the words "*The Longest Drink in Town*"?
- 10. What is the tiny piece at the end of a shoelace called?

Food for thought

Did you know that our newsletter goes to 80 people. We also place the newsletter on our Facebook page, and we have 338 followers?

Our neighbours, the KATIKATI MENZSHED have opened their new building November 2023. The purpose built space at 33 Middlebrook Drive has been constructed by WBOP District Council into a new home for the Shed, Katikati Community Patrol, and Katikati Community Van. You can read more about this on the Menzshed website, www.menzshed.org.nz, and go to Shed News/Newsletters/October 2023. While you are there have a look at the whole newsletter which has stories from sheds right around New Zealand. There are heaps of ideas and food for thought.

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Containers on the move



On Saturday 18th, the containers were moved to clear the space so that ground works, and concreting can now be done.

The move was made with the help of Kevin from Omokoroa General Carriers, who will also assist in siting the containers back on the concrete. Thank you for your support.



- Answers -
- 1. The Louvre
- 2. 1931
- 3. 27 years old
- 4. Zloty
- 5. Waikato River
- 6. 2000 lb (a metric or long ton is 2240 lb)
- 7. Galileo
- 8. Manatee
- 9. A giraffe
- 10. Aglet