



## *Mike's Mutterings*

The Container Project is on hold at the moment. We were unable to get firm specifications on the material that would make it suitable for the site. Because of the delay in getting these, we lost the canopy which had been put aside for us. However, we have learned a lot. This is our biggest project to date, predicted costings being over \$32,000. Ex-secretary Allan was able to achieve grants covering a lot of this, all with conditions attached to them as is usual. As some information we sent the sponsors initially does not now apply, we need to contact our sponsors again and request that they allow their grants to apply to our new configurations.

We need a sub-committee to work on this. This team will need to review where we are, what our final goal is, the steps we need to take to get there, a completion date and what the costs will be. We have the containers but would like the site prepared and a canopy suitable for possibly strong weather conditions over the area. We are getting quotes from two companies which do this. As we have some urgency for this because of funding, David is approaching three members to undertake the role of the Canopy Project Team. These guys will drive the project but may call on members or advisers outside the club to assist. Let's support the team.

I am thrilled that we now have a full committee with two new competent members filling the roles of secretary and treasurer. New member, David Bagley, is our secretary and Len Riggir has taken on the role of treasurer. Thanks, guys, for joining our team.

We shall be having a barbecue for members and their families at the Shed on 9<sup>th</sup> December. Further details will be given to you, but I suspect it will include byo drinks and maybe a salad to share. The bbq will be going for meat lovers. Would someone like to help organise this?

Enjoy the good weather.

*Mike Hayden*



*Seven little girls sitting in the back seat, huggin' and a kissin' with Fred.....*

***A recent show put on by residents at the Country Estate featured our own little pink cadillac made for the occasion, complete with lights.***

***The song was originally released in 1959 by American singer/song writer Paul Evans, and quickly became a hit.***

Member Profiles - Each month we normally profile our members. This month we learn about Alan Lacey, and his love of car racing.....

Hi my name is Alan Lacey and I have been a shed member for about a year. I was born in a little country village in the county of Hampshire, southern England, 75 years ago. My family background was in a farming community, so it was a very outdoors countryside childhood.

I always had an interest in mechanical things and cars - my uncles raced stock cars. When I left school I got an apprenticeship training to be a motor mechanic . Another of the apprentices was keen on motor sport and between us we built and raced a mini.



I went on to study engineering and became a member of the chartered engineers institute. My girlfriend at the time was also keen on Motorsport, so I thought I had better marry her as none of the other girls I knew had any interest in cars or motorsports. In 1974 as we were getting a bit bored with the rat race, we decided to look at emigrating firstly to Australia, but after a bit of research decided on New Zealand . We arrived here two weeks before Christmas with two suitcases and \$2000. After a few years we had settled in and purchased our first house and had two daughters.

By this time I was employed in project managing plant, machinery and heavy transport equipment repairs, and did so until retirement . So it was time to get back into Motorsport, firstly with rallying then later classic saloon car racing then later doing both rally and racing . I finished competing at age 70 and had to wave goodbye to a collection of 8 classic race and road cars. Around this time my wife passed away and as my daughters live in the area I decided to relocate from my lifestyle block in the Drury area to Omokoroa - a decision I have embraced and am enjoying.



A youthful Alan with a 1976 TVR 3000M. This was a low volume hand built English sports car. TVR's are no longer produced and this was the only one of this model in New Zealand.



This is a 1971 Ford Capri 3 litre built by Alan. It is a full race spec classic saloon car, which he raced extensively around the country.



Car 646 is a 1985 Ford Sierra Cosworth Targa rally car, extensively modified for tarmac rallies, and used to compete in 11 national Targa rallies, crewed by Alan and his daughter.

Thanks to our sponsors and supporters:



**Just a minute.....**

**Notes from the Committee Meeting on 17 October.**



New committee members appointed. Len Riggir (left) has taken on the role of Treasurer, and David Bagley (right) is our new secretary. Thanks to Tony and Allan for their past service in those roles.

New Members – John Garnett and Chris Cole have been admitted as new members. Welcome guys – we look forward to meeting you in the Shed.

Current membership is 59.

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Last month we showed a photo of the bird feeders being prepared for spring. This month we show one in action. Jerry took this photo of his bird feeder which is fixed to a pohutukawa tree in his garden. Jerry says the tuis like to fly into the tree, and then hop down to feed on the syrup, and drink a whole batch in one day. The recipe ... 4 tablespoons of raw sugar in 2 cups of boiled water. Then add 2 cups of cold water, and pour into the bottle on the feeder. Jerry says you will be the tuis friend for life - or at least until summer!



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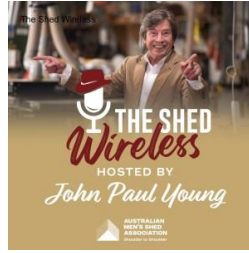


**The Shed is open -**  
 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.**

**Trivia Questions -**

1. Which famous scientist formulated the theory of relativity?
2. What is the largest organ inside the human body?
3. Which New Zealand sporting trophy, awarded annually, is named after a suburb of Cairo?
4. What is a piwakawaka?
5. Aside from marine mammals, what is the only kind of mammal native to New Zealand?
6. Who had a British No.1 hit in 1977 with *God Save the Queen*, a controversial song about the monarchy?
7. What is the chemical symbol for silver?
8. What year did the Auckland Harbour Bridge open?
9. What cult classic song by Patea Maori Club was the focus and title of a 2016 documentary?

**Food for thought .....**



On 28 September, the Shed Wireless Podcast launched the 'Men's Shed Week "Tour de Shed" Special'. The Shed took to the road to celebrate 30 years of shedding in the Men's Shed Week. This special "Tour de Shed" takes you on a journey from the Hunter Valley (NSW) to the birth place of Men's Sheds, Goolwa (SA).

You can listen in [www.menzshed.org/the-shed-wireless](http://www.menzshed.org/the-shed-wireless)

**In the shed ....**



Des is on 'brand' putting our mark on pest traps.

Jerry and Richard recycling some branches ready for the lathe.



The second two lads from Omokoroa No. 1 School, William and Wilfred are nearing the completion of their visits to the shed. The final clear coat has been applied. Next week assembly will be completed, and the bean bag games will be presented to the school later this month.

- Answers -**
1. Albert Einstein.
  2. The liver
  3. The Maadi Cup
  4. Fantail
  5. Bat
  6. The Sex Pistols
  7. Ag
  8. 1959
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