



Mike's Mutterings

Team Container have been working successfully on achieving the hopes of many of us in obtaining an area for an engineering department as well as a storage area. You will notice that a concrete pad has been laid between where the two containers are to be re-sited and that power and water lines have also been laid.

At the committee meeting last Tuesday a discussion arose about lack of storage once the engineering container becomes operational. It is used for some storage at present. We are being gifted several valuable items including some excellent pieces of timber. We do not want to have these and any major pieces we are working on for the community to be damaged. We also use one container for items which we are either selling or finishing for a customer. There was a strong feeling among committee members that, although we have two excellent containers, a third one used specifically for storage is needed soon. We estimated the price of this, important tools and machines, and the means to adapt one with a side door would be about \$11,000. Member Wayne Wright has generously donated \$5000.00 towards this for which we are very grateful. This means by topping it up from our own funds we should be able to get another container on site and adapt it the way we want.

Following feed-back from members and our treasurer, Len, we have obtained an Eftpos machine. This will negate the need to handle cash both at the Market and in the Shed.

Thanks to Peter Smith we have had our Health and Safety Policy reviewed which highlights several practices of which we need to be aware. As you will note later in this Newsletter, a possible fatality was avoided when a hand machine was left running as it hit a power cable. Our in-house electrician, Paul Zeeders, had anticipated this and had installed a braking system on the lines. Thank you, Paul! However, we must be aware of not only our own handling of tools, but also those of our friends at the shed. Please don't be offended if someone mentions to you a safer way of working. Steve Raymond has agreed to take on the role of Privacy Officer and Rob Lyons is our Procurement Officer.

Finally, welcome to new members Noel Sandford, and Rob Hunter. Please introduce yourselves to them.

Enjoy whatever Christmas-New Year celebrations you usually practise, keep safe and I hope to see you around the shed sometime soon.



The Shed has taken possession of this combination work bench. It was gifted to the Shed by Adam Eldieb of Pahoia. Adam had sold up his orchard and moved to the South Island. The beast weighed in at 600 kilograms, and Omokoroa General Carriers came to our assistance in moving the bench to the Shed - thanks again guys for your help. The bench comes with a bench saw, a sliding table with compound angles facility, a spindle moulder or bench router, and a buzzer. It will make the cutting of sheets of material much easier, and the ability to do angle cuts. It will replace some of the old individual machines which have previously been used, and given good service.

Member Profiles - Each month we normally profile our members. This month we learn about David Bagley, the Shed's new secretary.....



David attended Auckland Grammar School, and soon after leaving school entered the workforce in Hawkes Bay as Assistant to the Cost Accountant with Birds Eye Foods, (owned by Unilever). Then followed a 31 year career in the food manufacturing industry, with General Management and CEO positions with ETA Foods in Auckland, and the Huttons group of companies (at the time owned by Brierley Investments). On leaving the Corporate World he undertook the re-development of a turn of the century (1901) derelict three level building in Mt Eden, Auckland, and opened the first licensed premises in this hitherto “dry” suburb.



The building housed a ground floor restaurant with sizable courtyard, a middle level old English style bar, and a top floor function room, and offices/staff facilities. He negotiated with NZ Railways, and set up a loading and unloading facility from the “pub’s “ carpark to ferry patrons to rugby matches at nearby Eden Park. With his wife, Diana, he moved to the Mount in 2005, and purchased the management rights to operate a luxury apartment block on Marine Parade for holiday letting of the 16 privately owned apartments. After more than 6 years, he “retired”, built a new home with Diana in Papamoa Beach, and then they travelled overseas, indulging their love

for ocean cruising.

Within 12 months David was becoming bored with inactivity, and responded to an advertisement for a show home host for a well known local building company – 11 years later, after initiating the construction of 101 new homes for happy owners, he finally retired in April this year. The company owners rewarded him with a silver cup which he proudly features on display in his lounge, awarded “*To the salesman of the decade*”. He has two married children in Christchurch and Nelson.

On the suggestion of a good friend in Auckland, he wandered into the local Menzshed in September this year, signed an application form, and within three weeks was being confirmed at a special committee meeting as the new Secretary.

He is adamant that he was not looking for a job!!



Jerry has brought the skills that he has honed in making chopping boards, to make this occasional table which will grace his home. It is made from rimu, ash, cedar, and oak. It will be finished with polyurethane gloss. Well done Jerry!

And a Christmas groaner for you
What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?
“It’s Christmas, Eve!”



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Just a minute.....

Notes from the Committee Meeting on 17 October.



The concrete has been laid. The containers will be re-positioned, and once that is done plans will be made for fitting the canopy between them. The canopy has arrived and we have it in storage.

As indicated by President Mike, a third container is being discussed.

A recent hazard review commented on dust in the Shed, as a safety and fire risk. The new combination work bench came with a dust extraction unit. It was approved to locate the unit on the northern exterior wall. This will require some pipe work which was approved. This will reduce the risks. There will be vacuum cleaners in each shed, and members will be encouraged to do regular vacuum clean-ups.

COONEY RESERVE BIRD HIDE PROJECT

Peter Ehrlich advises that this project is now fully funded - to the order of \$160,000. A number of aspects for the construction will be undertaken by the Shed. Work will start in January, and this will include laying the foundations, and putting the paths in.



OMOKOROA NO.1 SCHOOL

Ben (kneeling) and Hiki ended this term at the Shed by completing five gutter boards. On Monday 11 December, Len, Bill, and Peter presented the gutter boards to the school, who were excited about devising

rules for new games for the coming year. Ben and Hiki will come back to the shed in the new school year for a

few weeks before new students are selected to attend. Their challenge may be to make pickle ball paddles.

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong using a paddle and plastic ball with holes. It is a game that is appropriate for players of all ages and skill levels. The rules are simple, making it a great introductory sport.

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The Shed is open -

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

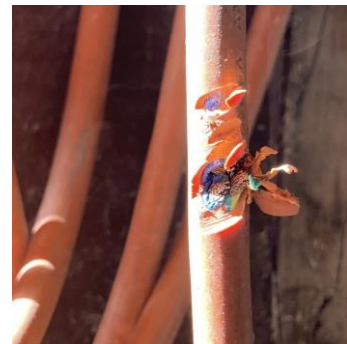
Trivia Questions -

1. Which spirit is usually added to butter and served with Christmas pudding?
2. Which country first started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
3. Which native tree has been called "Antipodean Holly"?
4. What is the name given to adult male turkeys?
5. How many ghosts show up in "A Christmas Carol"?
6. According to the song, what do you deck the halls with?
7. How do you say "Merry Xmas" in Spanish?
8. In which country is it a tradition to eat KFC for Christmas dinner?
9. What ingredients are required to make "Kiwi dip"?
10. Australia has a dessert called "White Christmas". What are its main ingredients?



Food for thought

Last week the earth leakage circuit breaker in the lower shed was tripping. An examination of the equipment traced the fault to an extension lead – see the damage in the photo where the wires are exposed. It is most likely that the damage was caused by an angle grinder, and the mostly likely cause being the grinder being put on the bench with the wheel still spinning and coming into contact with the cord, or as some information received suggests – the cord was placed underneath work which was then cut over it. The cord was not being used at the time, but because it was shorting out, it was live. If the Shed had not been fitted with upgraded wiring, the risk to members would have been significant. There are several things to think about



- Always check where cords are in relation to work. Do not place work on top of a cord.
- Always wait until a piece of equipment has fully come to a stop before putting it down.
- Always ensure that equipment and cords are turned off at the wall – then there is no risk of them being live.
- Always check a cord visually for damage before you use it, and check that it has a current safety tag attached.
- If there has been accidental damage, don't just put it away. Report it to a supervisor, so that it can be safety checked.

Remember that these things are for your safety, and for the safety of your fellow members, If you see something that is unsafe, intervene and stop what is happening, or advise the supervisor, so that he can speak to the members involved. It is far better to think and be careful, than to have a minutes silence at the shed the next day! Remember –

Shedding has to be a great time in life – let's keep it that way!

- Answers -
1. Brandy
 2. Germany (in 1419)
 3. Pohutukawa
 4. Gobblers
 5. Four
 6. Boughs of holly
 7. Feliz Navidad
 8. Japan
 9. Reduced cream and onion soup mix,
 10. Vinegar or lemon juice optional.
Copa or coconut oil shortening, icing sugar, dried fruit, desiccated coconut, and rice bubbles.