



## Go Duki!

Last month we brought you the story of Duki, who had had his leg and shoulder blade amputated as a result of cancer. John Griggs was asked to help in building a walking frame for him – and a frame was duly built from aluminum and straps.

Duki is now mobile, and has a smile on his face.



## Wig Stands for Cancer Society

Recently Richard Wilde's dad told us about the MenzShed Greytown who were making wig stands, and thought it was something that we could do. Greytown sent us a model. When the local Cancer Society were asked if this would help them, they were rapt – and the initial order of ten is well under way. Len Riggir and Les Lilly have taken on the task.

At first they tried making them as one piece, but have now found that it is easier to make the base, the column, and the head piece separately and then assemble them. They have also diversified into different sizes and forms, so that the users can have a choice. Great work guys, and thanks to Greytown.

Check out their Facebook page at [facebook.com/GreytownMenzShed](https://facebook.com/GreytownMenzShed) - they do some neat stuff!



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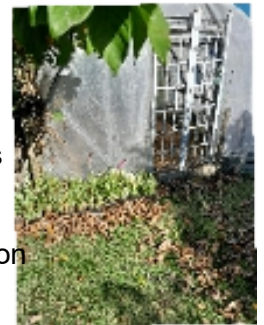
Around the shed on a typical autumn day – going clockwise -



David is set up and knife sharpening some kitchen hardware – Des is back from illness and is straight into building the pest traps for which he is renowned – Gerald is french polishing with a bottle of polish older than he is - potted plants warm in the sun waiting for sale at the market – Jed is tidying and painting the



entrance way to the workshop –Steve is laminating some timber to make a lazy susan – Ivan is trimming up the feijoa trees for easier access on the mower, and then he feels the grapefruit for size in the bumper citrus crops this year – David hangs a new door on the paint shed, much to the delight to all those who have banged heads on the old shorter door – Adrian sands and prepares a table for refurbishment.



Just another busy day at the office -  
Lots of different tasks -  
Lots of banter -  
Lots of fun -

***Come join us!***



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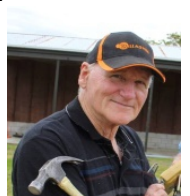
## Mike's Mutterings

One of the things I enjoy about the Shed is how members work so well together. We have a lot of experience among members and I don't just mean in the trades. There are members who have been in civil service, for example, who haven't used any hard tools in their day-to-day professions – other than an axe occasionally when those upstairs demand a reduction in spending or staff.

Because of this range of talents we are a very successful organisation and growing all the time. One of our most valuable developments is the morning tea chat. This is not only a chance to get to know each other, talk about our hip replacements or prostate problems, but is also a time to throw around ideas for future developments and projects. These get relayed back to your committee who then have the mandate to research the need for them, see what the costs will be, and who will take on the responsibility for this.

On that subject the committee had a visit from member Peter Erlich at our last meeting. Peter is deeply involved in the Bird Hide project and appears to be unofficial project manager there. This is a community project of which MenzShed Omokoroa is fully supportive. We recognise that our contribution will cost a lot of money and take some time, especially with the large bird sculpture. Richard Wilde is project manager for this but can't do it on his own. If any members with engineering skills are able to help, he would be very grateful. Or, if you have a mate who is not a member but who has these skills, please bring him to the Shed for a chat with Richard. There will probably be a cuppa and biscuits waiting for him as well.

*Mike Hayden*



### Just a minute...

- Chris Dever approved as new member. Welcome to the team.
- New piping has been approved to complete the relocation of the dust extraction unit to the new lean to shed. The project will get underway shortly.

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The Shed is open -

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

## Trivia Questions –

1. What is a group of lions called?
2. How many Super Ruddy titles did the Crusaders win under Scott Robertson?
3. How many notes are there in an octave?
4. Where in New Zealand will you find Pohutu Geyser?
5. In what year was the Chernobyl disaster?
6. Founded in 1916, which party that currently has members in Parliament is New Zealand's oldest surviving political party?
7. Who discovered penicillin?
8. Who was the first New Zealander to win an Olympic medal?
9. The Troubles in Northern Ireland were brought to an end in 1998 with the signing of what document?
10. What planet is known as the blue planet?



## It's not all wood work!

Daniel and Marco have almost finished their pickle ball bats. While the paint is drying they have been set a new task - to build a trolley to contain the nets, bats and balls, which can be moved around their

school. Not only do they have to build it, they have to design it. This has seen them having to consider the width of the doors at school, and access ways etc, but also should the wheels be on the outside of the trolley, or under the trolley, and then will what they come up with, fit on the sheet of plywood supplied, and how do they minimise waste. This is adding new dimensions to their school work but using those old skills of comprehension, maths, and explanation. After the holidays we will see what they have come up with.

## Get set up for safety -

Recently Netsafe introduced an initiative - 'Get set up for Safety' guidelines tailored specifically for older adults in Aotearoa. With support from Chorus, they have developed a variety of user friendly resources on topics such as connecting safely on social media, and how to spot a scam. This facility is promoted by MenzShed New Zealand on their site.

The Netsafe website has a full collection of safety resources, including booklets, and pamphlets, plus a series of instructional videos. Give this site a visit -

[www.netsafe.org.nz/olderpeople](http://www.netsafe.org.nz/olderpeople)

- Answers –**
1. A pride
  2. Seven
  3. Eight
  4. Rotorua
  5. 1986
  6. The Labour Party
  7. Alexander Fleming
  8. Harry Kerr in 1908
  9. The Good Friday Agreement
  10. Earth