



### **A new community relationship for the Shed.**

The MenzShed has been invited to collaborate with the Pirirākau hapū on an installation that will be located at the end of Prole Road, on the cycle way that heads towards and under the railway bridge 48, and across the Waipapa River to Pahoia. There are six cultural designs and ninety panels that will be installed. Three pergola structures will house the six panels, and the balance will be placed on the bridge's metal vertical rails. The details and the design stories of the panels cannot be told yet, as they will first be told at the installation site in a karakia ceremony.

Pirirākau hapū are the mana whenua people of Ōmokoroa – their rohe (area) spans from the Wairoa River to the Aongatete River, and from the Tauranga inner harbour, known as Te Awanui, to Kaimai Mamaku ridgeline. Manu whenua status means that the Pirirākau hapū is recognised as holding ancestral and territorial rights over the area, an arrangement that is understood by other hapū and iwi, which is also helpful to councils.

Pirirākau values the importance of our community, and felt it was meaningful to offer a collaboration opportunity to have the

MensShed involved in the pergola structure they are building to house the panels and stories of their cultural design.

As many MenzShed members live in Ōmokoroa, Pirirākau considered that we have Mokopuna and Whānau, and giving us a role in the project would also enable our story telling of how the arrangement came to be. This is a good story of collaboration and will be a great place to visit with our families when the wetland reserve is also completed at the end of Prole Road, to the left. The name of the wetland reserve is Wahi o Waipapa, which means the place of Waipapa.



*Shedder Michael Galloway working on the pergola uprights which will have the six panels inset into them.*

Accidents are designed to take place when you least expect them.  
So, "Be Aware!"

## Around the Shed this month.....



*Les and Len with Roxanne Young from the Tauranga Cancer Society receiving the Wig stands. Also for the cold weather some woolly hats from Another source.*

### Wig stands for Cancer Society – Len Riggir

An idea came to us from one of our members, Richard, that his father is part of a MenzShed 'down country', and they made wig stands for the Cancer Society. It is well known that after chemotherapy, hair loss is a side effect. Often these people wear wigs until their hair grows back. The wigs are costly items, and these stands assist with the care of them. Alan Lacey, Les Lilly and Len Riggir undertook to make 10 stands and donated them to the Tauranga Cancer Society on behalf of the Omokoroa MenzShed.



Peter Ehrlich and Jed Whitehead have agreed to act as our welfare officers, and we thank them for their willingness to serve. Should you the need for personal assistance, a shoulder to lean on in troubled times, or a sympathetic ear, you will find both Peter and Jed have your concerns and interests at heart.

Jed is shown in one of his other roles – in the Shed garden cutting spinach for delivery to the local food bank.



**New Members** – three new members were accepted this month – Cliff Clokie, Donald McDonald, and Rolf Drost. Welcome – we look forward to working with you.



### Get to know the drill!

Thanks to Rob, all the drills, and other battery powered tools now have their own place and home. But at a glance we can see that one of the drills is missing. It is number "7" with which it is marked, and it has a colour coded mark on it. Have you seen it? Did you leave it somewhere? Did you borrow it? If the answer is yes to any of these, please bring it back

## OPEN DAY

**Saturday 7 December  
10 am to 12 noon**

Come along as you normally do, and do your work, activity as you normally would. Let the public see us in action, answer their questions, sell them something, invite them to be members, and acknowledge and thank our sponsors.

*And afterwards, stay on, and we will enjoy some member-only camaraderie with a BBQ.*

*Thanks to our sponsors and supporters:*



### **Dick says..**

Over the past month we have once again been able to complete a number of different projects - some of which we have been commissioned to make, those that have been brought in for repair, to those of members own needs and idea's. Our gardening team also continue to enhance the variation and production of produce for our members and those of need within our community.

We are extremely grateful for the grants that have been received enabling us to purchase, maintain and update our "commercial quality" equipment. Our members are now using this equipment to complete work that is of a high standard... or at least they can't blame their tools!

For some time now I've been thinking of the role that our Menzshed has in the community, and in particular for its members. Our membership continues to grow, with another three applications recently approved this month. There is a great sense of camaraderie, humour and a willingness to share knowledge within the group. At a recent committee meeting I shared my thoughts about the welfare of our members - we all face different needs in our lives, health issues, personal circumstances, etc. Usually, we don't know and indeed don't need to know all the details, but.... I believe that we can and should support each other. To this end we have appointed two Welfare Officer's. If as a member, or you know of a member, who would like some extra confidential support, please utilize this benefit.

In acknowledgement of the support, and curiosity, of our community we are planning on holding an "open day". The date is still to be confirmed but will possibly be early in December. Thank you to all our members, and particularly our committee members, for your time and efforts that you have given to making our experiences at the "shed" enjoyable and rewarding.

*Dick*



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

## Trivia Questions –

1. What year did Auckland's Harbour Bridge open to the public?
2. Which country is the second largest producer of coffee?
3. Which lucky native bird took home 2024's Bird Of The Year award?
4. What 1994 Quentin Tarantino movie stars John Travolta and Samuel L. Jackson as hitmen?
5. Which Kiwi band wrote the hit song *April Sun In Cuba*?
6. What 1949 science fiction book by George Orwell Describes a dystopian world in the future?
7. What are baby rabbits called?
8. In the context of email what does "cc" stand for?
9. Which planet is the hottest in the solar system?
10. How many films did Sean Connery play James Bond in?

## More around the shed .....



How to build a collaborative relationship – deliver the men a cake! Thanks to Julie from Pirirakau hapu. Under Rob's careful dicing, the 26 members for morning tea last Tuesday, all got some – and left some for Thursday. Kapa!



Richard gives some guidance to David on the use of the milling and drilling machine in the engineering shop.



Gerald involved with the mind work side of setting up the pantograph and the router – making an "Observatory" sign to be installed at Cooney Reserve bird hide project.



Des working on more rat traps - with an order for 75 to be deployed at Whakamarama. The small boxes on the bench will be fitted to the front of the rat boxes and will prevent precious native birds entering the traps.

- Answers –
1. 1959
  2. Vietnam
  3. Hoiho (yellow eyed penguin)
  4. Pulp Fiction
  5. Dragon (1977)
  6. 1984
  7. Kits
  8. Carbon copy
  9. Venus
  10. Seven