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## SEASON'S GREETINGS NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2024

### Welcome to Our Christmas Newsletter

As the festive season approaches, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year and those who have helped to shape our Menzshed experience in a most significant way. We value our relationship with you and look forward to working together in the year to come. We hope that 2024 has been just as memorable for you, your families, and your friends.

### Festive Greetings

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! This time of year, brings us immense joy as we get to extend our heartfelt wishes to all our "sheddiess". Also, the laughter, warmth, joy, and support surrounded by colleagues and friends that we have had throughout the year.

### A Year in Review

As we look back on 2024, we have many reasons to be grateful. Our team has accomplished remarkable projects, cultivated new partnerships, and overcome challenges with resilience and dedication. Here are some of the highlights:

- Successful community involvement, which has transformed our approaches to sustainability.
- Expansion of our membership strengthening our presence within the community.
- Introduction of innovative products that have received positive feedback from our clients.
- Community outreach programs that have made a significant impact locally.

### Looking Ahead

The new year promises to bring more exciting developments and opportunities. We are committed to continuing our journey of innovation, growth, and positive impact. Our goals for 2025 include:

- Launching new initiatives to enhance customer experience and satisfaction.
- Furthering our commitment to the community.
- Expanding our product line to meet the evolving needs of our market.
- Strengthening our social responsibility efforts to give back to our members.

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## Team Spotlight

Our success would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of our incredible team. This holiday season, I would like to shine a spotlight on some of our outstanding members:

- The committee for their commitment and vision.
- Those individuals who do the “extra” in the well being and promotion of the ethics upon which the “shed” values are based on.

## Community Involvement

Giving back to the community is at the heart of our values. This year, we have supported numerous initiatives, including:

- Donating to local food banks
- Volunteering our time and resources to support education and health programs.
- The construction, and repairs, of various projects both large and small.

## Closing Thoughts

As we close out 2024, I want to express my sincerest gratitude to all of you. Your trust, skills, collaboration, and support have been the driving force behind our achievements. We can collectively look forward to a new year filled with promise and potential.

From all of us at Menzshed Omokoroa, we wish you a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Warmest regards,

Dick Megchelse  
President  
Menzshed, Omokoroa



*Friendship  
Fellowship  
and  
Fun*



*Barbecue  
Beer  
and  
Bull...*

*That's what it's all about!*

Thanks to our sponsors and supporters:



The Shed Open Day was held on 7 December. About thirty people came to see what we do, and from their comments left very impressed – so much so that some filled in an application to join before they left. A common theme was “Gosh you can't see all this from the road. This is wonderful”



One of Jerry's excellent chopping boards was on display as a raffle prize.

The raffle was drawn as soon



as we closed, and was won by one of our visitors.



Bill manned the sales table with success, and happy customers.

A piece of art from local artist John Wilson showed off the Wooden '3D canvasses' that John Griggs makes for him - intrigued by the way the images moved as the viewer moved.



Alan proudly showed off the high chairs that he has made for the BOP District Health Board's Child Development Service.

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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 the name of the Christchurch river that offers punting boat rides?
2. Which book about a band of rabbits became a best seller in 1972?
3. Which blood type is a universal donor?
4. Where is Aotearoa's only northern royal albatross (toroa) colony?
5. Who is credited with creating the world's first car?
6. How many parts (screws and bolts included) does the average car have?
7. What criminal organisation, led by Al Capone, was notorious during the Prohibition era in the United States?
8. What are the surnames if the father-son duos who both served as US Presidents?

And the day was rounded off with a members' BBQ and some well earned relaxation. Thanks to all who pitched in and made the day a success.



The wood working school programme with Omokoroa No. 1 School, ended the year with four shuttle board games being completed by the students. Len, Bill and Peter attended the school to hand the games over, and Len presented the boys with their Certificates of Achievement.

The children showed plenty of excitement and enthusiasm as the boards were tried out, an Len challenged them to come up with ideas as to how they will use them, and make rules.



- Answers –**
1. Avon River
  2. Watership Downs
  3. O negative
  4. Pukekura/Taiaroa Head, Otago Peninsula
  5. Karl Benz
  6. 30,000
  7. The Chicago Outfit
  8. Adams and Bush