



This month we take a look around the shed – there's a lot going on, both big and small, old skills and new skills – and together they show that the shed and the members are constantly moving forward.

A few months ago Alan Lacey didn't know how to use a wood lathe. He was then given a couple of lessons by Len Riggir, and told to go for it. So he has gathered a selection of woods from the racks around the shed, and laminated them together in a block, which



he has then rough cut into a circle. As shown on the left he has then glued a finishing timber to the top to become the lip, and he has then turned a bowl on the lathe – shown on the right - with some guidance from Richard. The mix of timbers has revealed a brilliant design inside and out. The bowl is for personal use, and Alan has finished it with oil to preserve the timbers, and highlight the grains.



FOR SALE

Two fine solid wood tables. In a former life they were display tables in a fruit shop – they had upstands and lips along the edges, to display and hold the fruit. When they were given to us, they were faded weathered grey and in a sorry state. But look at them now – they have been cleaned, sanded, filled, and polished. The upstands have been removed, and received the same treatment before being



turned into bench seats. Jed, seen here applying the last of the polish says they are to be sold, with the proceeds going to shed projects, and will be placed on-line on “Market Place” on Facebook in the next week. You would find it difficult to find similar tables of such solid construction on today's market.



OUR OWN SHOP IS COMING

After a decision by the committee last month, there was quick action to determine our options, and it was decided a flat pack or kitset building, which could easily be moved was the best option. A local private donor agreed with the concept, and financed the project for which we are very grateful. At right, it doesn't look like a flat pack, but you get the idea!



It will be sited inside the fence - as shown where Peter and Richard are inserting the floor sections - with the glass ranch sliders facing out into the car park. That portion of the fence will be removed, and when the shop is completed, it will be reinstated as two gates which close across the glass frontage, giving the shop security. It will be clearly visible with the road works having cleared the sight lines to passing traffic. A portion of the shop will become the shed office, and it will become the first point of contact, and point of sale for members of the public coming to the shed.

AND THE GARDEN IS GROWING



As shown on the right, the garden has been extended with being made wider along its length. It has been prepared by being rotary hoed, and awaits the addition of more soil, which on the left shows two truck loads delivered by a local resident.



It's also welcome back to gardener Ivan, who has been absent due to surgery, and is now as fit as a fiddle.

Did you realize that Menzsheds are also about Health?

The national Mens' Health week is June 9 -15 2025, and you will find plenty about it on the national website www.menzshed.org.nz. Also there you will find a quick way to check your health score – it is a simple and private set of questions and takes two minutes to just check how you are going. Give it a go, it doesn't hurt.

Discussion is also going on within our Menzshed region, as to whether to hold a health expo for members. Tentatively this would be at Mt Maunganui on 20 September. To assist with planning, the organisers would like to get some idea of who would be interested in attending.

To make it simple, if you are a member you have received this newsletter by email. If you are interested hit "Reply" and type the word "YES", and hit send. I will then collate the interest for the information of the President, so that he can advise the planners accordingly.

Thanks to our sponsors and supporters:



President's thoughts.....

Autumn is certainly among us – although today looking outside it seems very winter-like. I trust that you're looking after yourself, and especially at this time of year, with numerous colds and chest infections looming, please take precautions. I do ask that if you're not feeling well, please don't bring those “bugs” with you down to our shed. None of us are getting any younger (except maybe 'Des!!!'), and some are more potentially susceptible to debilitating ailments.

On the brighter side of things, it would be good to see you along and doing what you enjoy (hopefully) on various projects and challenges at the Shed. An opportunity to learn some new skills or hone the skills you may not have used for a while. Yes, get out of the house - give your partner a break, and join in the camaraderie with other “sheddiess”.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, plans are being made to hold a men's “Health Expo” in our region. This will potentially be in September this year, and possibly be held at Mt Maunganui, in combination with other 'sheds' in this region. We will give you further updates as they come to hand.

If you have been to our 'shed' lately, you will have seen our new “office/showroom” under construction. Although it came in 'kitset' form, it is very basic, to say the least.

Our construction team has had a few challenges but are making progress, and improving things along the way. We are looking forward to its completion.

You may have heard that the child-care centre (our neighbours) have been asked to vacate their premises to make way for future development. At this stage we haven't been contacted about having to move as well - indeed “where to go?” you may ask. If you can think of anywhere that may be suitable for us, please let your committee know.

We look forward to seeing you at the 'Shed' sometime soon.

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

Trivia Questions –

1. Which freezes faster – hot or cold water?
2. Weighing around eight pounds, what is the human body's largest organ?
3. New Zealand has the southernmost capital city in the world. True or false?
4. What occasion corresponds with the longest day of the year?
5. Which country is the largest in the world?
6. The closest foreign country to New Zealand is Fiji. True or false?
7. What is the only food that can never go bad?
8. Nearly all fossils are preserved in what type of rock?
9. How many points does the Star of David have?
10. What kind of sports ground does New Zealand have more of per capita than any other country in the world?

Some quick thoughts....

- Students Micah and Avash this week finished their eight week stint at the Shed, where they built two types of bird boxes. They were presented with their certificates by Adrian Tighe who complimented their efforts and attention.
- At the recent “Doggy Day” three members manned a Shed stall which resulted in takings of approximately \$700, and our presence was well received by the community.
- A new member, Gavin Burns, was approved by the Committee. We look forward to working with you.
- A nice little table was brought in with a broken leg. John has turned and fitted a new one, and you can't tell which one it was.



- A magazine and book rack has been made by Adrian and Rod for a local play centre.
- Following the resignation of Gerald Paterson from the committee last month, David (Jed) Whitehead has been welcomed onto the committee as his replacement.

Answers –
1. Hot water freezes faster thanks to the Mpemba effect.
2. The skin
3. True
4. The summer solstice
5. Russia
6. False (Australia)
7. Honey
8. Sedimentary
9. Six
10. Golf course