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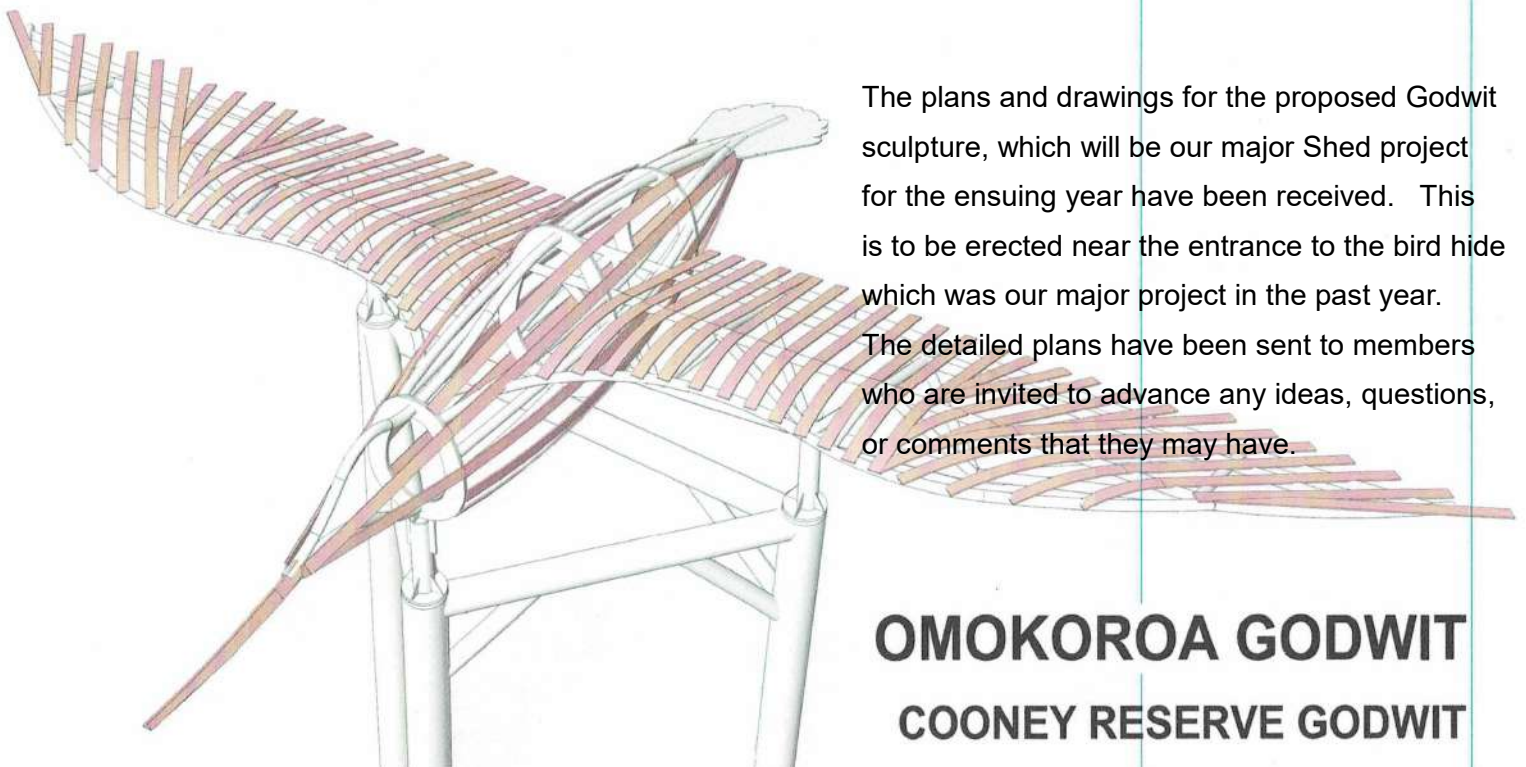
*Alan clamping and gluing end-grain hard wood cutting boards – for sale in the shop*



*Rod and Ivan discuss the planting of the christmas spuds – Jersey Benny and Agria*



*A pin ball game made by the students nears completion – each one is different, designed by the maker*



The plans and drawings for the proposed Godwit sculpture, which will be our major Shed project for the ensuing year have been received. This is to be erected near the entrance to the bird hide which was our major project in the past year. The detailed plans have been sent to members who are invited to advance any ideas, questions, or comments that they may have.

**OMOKOROA GODWIT**  
**COONEY RESERVE GODWIT**



*The President ponders the meeting ahead.*



*The Committee members who were all re-elected*

### **AGM REPORT – David Whitehead**

The third, well attended AGM of the Shed, was held at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> at the Settlers' Hall. The President's detailed report highlighted the positive ethos and mate ship of the Shed, the variety of jobs worked on, and the pride and sense of accomplishment around these activities. Of particular mention were the completion of a bird hide by Peter Ehrlich and others'; a trailer by Richard, David and others; woodwork with No 1 School boys led by Adrian; AED installations; the upgrade of machines; the erection of the cabin (office/shop); the donation of vegetables to the Foodbank; the growth in membership; the work of welfare and privacy officers; Peter Smith's work on the newsletter; Rob's work book keeping and purchasing; the work of Shed supervisors led by Richard; and the Committee's work.

A minute of silence was held to remember members who have passed on, including David Wood.

Construction of the bird hide sculpture awaits paperwork from Council. An appropriate welder has been confirmed, and progress will be monitored by engineers from Auckland.



*The mate ship of the Shed is epitomized in this photo of smoko time – the circle of life! Photo supplied by Toby Normann.*

Reminders were issued regarding keeping the shed tidy and to name tag projects. The meeting closed at 12.07 (nearly a record). A wonderful spread of cakes, savories and sandwiches, was washed down with select liquids, and was enjoyed by all.



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## President's Thoughts .....

Welcome to our spring newsletter. At our recent AGM it was good to see our members turnout and share some time together - a bit of a catch-up with what's been happening over the past year, and learning a little more of what is planned for the year ahead. I thank all those who have contributed to the continuing progress that we have made to make the "Shed" into somewhere that we can come together, enjoy each other's company, and learn from each other - as well as sharing the knowledge we accumulated over the years, both in a practical sense and in life's experiences along the way.

I am sometimes told by prospective members that they have little practical skill to contribute, and they seem to feel a little intimidated with what they see being produced in the "Shed". I try to assure them that everyone has something to bring along, and join in, to share for the overall well being of our members.

The plans have now been received for the large Godwit bird sculpture for installation at Cooney Reserve. As with almost everything these days the final sign-off and details need to be done before we can begin in earnest. It is a large undertaking for the shed, but I'm confident of our membership skills to create something that we can be proud of, and show the community what we can do.

Please make sure that you undertake any use of our machinery/tools with due care. Unless you are familiar with it and confident of your abilities, please ask one of our supervisors to assist you. Your safety is paramount - look out for each other!

Just a reminder – please clean up where you have been working for the day – also if you leave any work in progress make sure it is clearly labelled.

Take care, stay safe, see you at the "Shed".

*Dick Megchelse*



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

## Trivia Questions –

1. Which planet in our solar system rotates clockwise on its axis?
2. What is the name of the island in Lake Rotorua?
3. The hit song *Poi-E* was filmed after which freezing works closed down?
4. Which author holds the Guinness World Record for the most translated works?
5. Which species is the only native one known to be venomous in New Zealand?
6. Which is the largest bone in the human body?
7. What is the English name for the ruru?
8. What is a female donkey referred to as?
9. What criminal organization, led by Al Capone, was notorious during the Prohibition era in the United States?



Nixon and Charles receive their Certificates of Achievement from the Shed School group – Rod, Peter, Bill and Adrian, after their eight weeks of work. They completed pickle ball bats, and pin-ball machines, all of which went back to the Omokoroa No 1 School for use by their fellow students. The pin ball machines were very popular, and will also be made by the next two students who start this week.



**Caught behind the bicycle shed menzshed! Andrew with cigar box and cigar in hand.**

We were going to have a caption competition for everyone to guess what Andrew was up to, or celebrating. However there was a simple explanation. Andrew helped spring open a seized drawer in a piece of furniture brought into the Shed, and found the cigar and case inside. He couldn't help but pose like a new father!

- Answers –
1. Venus
  2. Mokoia Island
  3. Patea
  4. Agatha Christie
  5. Katipo spider
  6. Femur
  7. Morepark
  8. Jenny
  9. The Chicago Outfit