



SHED DEVELOPMENTS



Thanks to the support of community organizations, there have been developments around the shed. The extractor fan shed has undergone enlargement. Peter and Clive are seen framing up and extending the shed. A new and bigger double vacuum unit is being installed, thanks to a financial grant from the Acorn Foundation. The increase in height will allow for increased suction and efficiency. The existing double vacuum unit will continue to be used, with the existing single unit being retained as a spare for the moment.

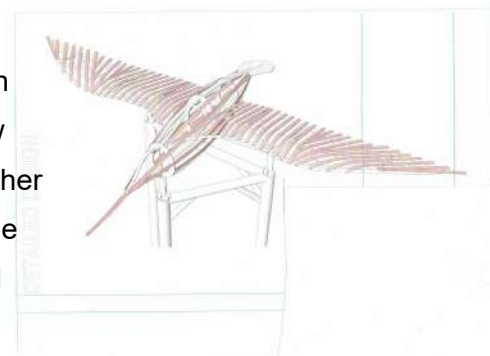


Saturday the 4th saw an innocuous box turn up, and put members to the test – it weighed in at 180 kg. After much huffing and puffing, and sideline commentary it was got inside. Thanks to Roger, the carrier, who delivered it free of charge from Auckland. Inside was the new wood lathe, which was able to be purchased with the assistance of a financial grant from the Centre Trust, Omokoroa. In short order it had been opened up and installed, and Alan was giving it a test run.



GODWITS A-GO

The Godwit Project at Cooney Reserve has been given the green light by the Council and can now go ahead. A building team will now be put together to collect ideas, do a detailed plan, and determine everything that the project will need. Then it will be 'Go!'





AROUND THE SHED

Rob advises that the shed is quite busy with customer work coming in, and sometimes it is difficult to balance that with members' own projects. But whether it is customer or private work, the variety continues.

Alan is seen here taking a break from electioneering to renovate a table. The table is rimu and is a family item, which he is stripping back and renovating in preparation for sale.



In the shop are some hand crafted box jointed rimu trinket boxes. These have been designed and built by Jerry, with a lift out drawer, and would look good on any dressing table. After making the shop items, Jerry has continued on, making another two, which he proudly says are for his 'grandies'.



And sticking with the wood work theme, the kauri pew that has been undergoing restoration and conversion to

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And meanwhile, outdoors the garden is looking a picture with the spring growth, and its extended size. Toby is here manning the rotary hoe to bring the new soil into production. The spuds are up and flowering, and plenty of greens are being picked each week.



GIVING IT A GO!

One of the things dropped into the shed as a donation was a 2 ½ hp Yamaha outboard motor. It wasn't going, and the advice was 'do what you can with it.' Alan has been doing exactly that. It needs a new water pump, and the fuel sludge has had to be cleaned out. If it does 'go' it will become a good sale item, and going – going - gone!

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President's thoughts

October already is showing the signs of summer coming - sitting around in our morning tea circle the other day, we could really feel the warmth of the sun coming on, and several members even mentioned that we may need to put up the sun-shades soon! Along with the longer sunny days and spring rains, we are beginning to see why our region is called the Bay of Plenty.

Our veggie garden is really starting to come away. Unfortunately there are some in our community who seem to think it's a great place to come and get their takeaways. In recent times kumara and broccoli heads have been stolen, which is rather disheartening to our 'gardeners' and members alike.

Recent additions of new equipment/tools are always welcomed, as we continue to improve the working environment within our complex – special thanks to our local sponsors – please remember to support them in return.

As we are starting to plan towards getting underway with our big project of the Godwit Sculpture for this year, it's good to see the level of interest that's around within the community. Several Shed members have already indicated that they are interested in helping out, and contributing with this undertaking, which will be a major effort to complete.

“Thank you” to the members who come along and are prepared to give up their time to help with the various projects that come through from the public, or producing goods that we can on-sell. While we are happy for members to do their own projects, we encourage you to assist with the overall commitment in the ethos of being a “Sheddie”. Please feel free to share any ideas you may have that we can incorporate into our range of bespoke products.

There are a number of hand tools etc that we currently have which are surplus to our needs – as members, you are welcome to these. Please ensure, however, that **anything** you may like for yourself is firstly approved and confirmed by a supervisor!

It's always great to see the camaraderie and sense of well-being within our shed community – long may it continue. If you see someone that may need some assistance, remember that your support may be just what is required.

Take care and make the most of the opportunities that we have. See you at the shed.....

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

Trivia Questions –

1. In the 1980's, which soft drink featured the tagline - "The choice of a new generation"?
2. What is the maximum number of living New Zealanders on the Order of New Zealand (ordinary) list?
3. Where did the 2000 Summer Olympics take place?
4. What is the name of the Wellington based A-League football team?
5. The ancient Greeks notably founded what type of government?
6. How many Olympic gold medals has Dame Valerie Adams won?
7. Edie Falco and James Gandolfini starred in what series about the life of a New Jersey mob boss?
8. What is New Zealand's most active volcano?
9. Which famous explorer named the Pacific Ocean?



Proverbs give richness to language and, to some extent, define a culture. 'You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink' might be thought to encapsulate the English-speaking people's mindset better than any other saying, as it appears to be the

oldest English proverb that is still in regular use today. It was recorded as early as 1175 in Old English Homilies.

So, what has that to do with our shed? Recently the morning tea table was adorned with cake and healthy vegetables direct from our garden, and members were invited to help themselves. What was still there at the end of smoko?

See answer 10 to the Trivia Questions.

NOVEMBER 2, 9.10 AM – What are you doing?

Well, it's a Sunday, so you won't be at the Shed. More likely you may be tuned in to the All Blacks v Ireland Test match at Soldier Field in Chicago. What about the Irish Sheddors? The Irish Men's Sheds Association was formed in 2011, with the first Shed at Tipperary in 2009. Today they have over 400 registered Sheds, and over 12,000 members visiting their sheds every week. They are twelve hours behind us, which will have them watching the rugby on Saturday night – probably with a Guinness or two. Now, that's an advantage.

Answers –
1. Pepsi
2. 20
3. Sydney, Australia
4. Pheonix
5. Democracy
6. Two
7. The Sopranos
8. Whakaari/White Island
9. Ferdinand Magellan
10. The vegetables! If you were one of our generation, who made children sit at the dinner table until it was all gone, then here's some advice. Eat your greens!