



June 2023 Newsletter

June is upon us; the year is halfway done. It's been an interesting first half for sure with a flooded shed, workshop upgrades and local markets courtesy of The Hub.

Coming AGM

Just ahead is our AGM on Sunday July 9 at 2pm upstairs in The Hub. The current committee is for the most part willing to continue but new blood and ideas is always welcome. Currently we meet on the last Friday of the month at 10am so if you are considering joining the committee come and discuss with Brent, Neal, Patrick, Garry, Rod, Aaron, Ellen, Craig, Steve or Don, the current committee.

Let's meet over a BBQ'd sausage

We bought a BBQ about a month ago and have since had 3 get togethers. The first was a Wednesday evening with about 20 people along and recently a couple of Wednesday lunchtime sausage sizzles. They have been popular and so the schedule is to have a lunchtime sizzle on the last Wednesday of the month. Come along for a sausage and a catch-up Wednesday 28th June. We will also notify you of other events as they are planned via this newsletter, notices on the lunchroom notice board and our web site www.aucklandcentralshed.org.nz

Men's Health Week (just gone)

This past week was Men's Health week where you are encouraged to have a checkup from your GP. Issues creep up on us all and as men don't usually take their health too seriously, we urge you to see your Doc and ask for a comprehensive men's health check. There is a poster about it in the foyer.

What's happening in Woodworking

There has been a recall on our De Walt drop saw. Apparently, there is a safety hazard, and a free repair kit has been ordered. Also, we found another issue with the left/right locking position not locking correctly. We replaced it with a Bosch drop saw we received a while ago. It operates a little differently to the De Walt, but discharges saw dust in a better way. This will be a permanent swap all being well.

We have also had another very generous donation of power tools from Bosch and will do some upgrades to our fleet.

What's happening in Engineering and the Welding Shop

We have been donated a used floor mounted Step Pulley Milling Drilling Machine by Charles Martens (one of our members). See Charles for a competency lesson on how to use it.

The horizontal milling machine is now a vertical milling machine! Neal McCarthy has done the conversion and added a digital programming unit to make it easier to do very precise milling. Talk to Neal about its new capabilities.

Just a reminder; the Engineering equipment is not to be used until you pass a competency test

which are carried by Neal or Charles. That is the reason they are locked.

We have a new multi-purpose MIG welder, a Lincoln Powercraft 191C 3 in 1. Also does stick and TIG welding. Once again see Charales or Neal for a competency lesson before using it.

What's happening in Electronics

Would be great for something to happen in there!

Last but not least. The defibrillator (AED) that was located in the foyer has its own **Red Box** and is now located externally on the wall before you pass the first sliding door entrance to woodworking. It is pad locked but a call to 111 will get you the code (which is 201). Now anyone can use it 24/7. A big thank you to the Albert Eden Local Board for funding the Cabinet.

Don't forget the AGM Sunday July 9th at 2pm

And come along to the next lunchtime BBQ Wednesday 28th June

John Wayne.. His 5 Rules to Life..



1. Money cannot buy happiness but its more comfortable to cry in a Mercedes than on a bicycle.

2. Forgive your enemy

but remember the bastard's name.

3. Help someone when they are in trouble and they will remember you when they're in trouble again.

4. Many people are alive only because it's illegal to shoot them.

5. Alcohol does not solve any problems, but then again, neither does milk.