

AUCKLAND CENTRAL COMMUNITY SHED

Newsletter July 2024



Greetings Sheddies,

I trust you are all well and coping with the wet winter.

First of all, a big thank you to all who turned up to the AGM last Sunday, an exceptional turnout and some good discussion and questions from many attendees. We also had a Local Board Representative, Christina Robertson from the Albert Eden Local Board with us. Beyond the usual formal AGM tasks of electing the committee and financials, etc. we discussed some of the health and safety policies that the revised constitution and changes to the Health and Safety Act places upon us. This results from changes to the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and now places more responsibility on the Committee.



A new member, John Smith, who has been in the H&S field for over 30 years gave us a run down on what he will be doing to help us meet these changes and put in place so we all adhere to them.

Toni Bowley had worked on the constitution wording to incorporate these rule changes and the completed update was accepted as our new guiding document. We have now lodged the constitution and it's been accepted by the Companies Office.

We presented Ken Buckley with a Lifetime Membership. Ken has been around from the very early days of The Shed. He is always available to help with quite technical problems. Thanks for your efforts Ken.



Our long running dust extractor upgrade project is finally making some progress with Rod Willis, Neal McCarthy and a few helpers making changes to the Sawstop Table saw and Hammer Thicknesser/Planner extractor configuration which will automatically start the extractor and open/close appropriate gates for the machine being used. First stage is to change the ducting hardware which temporarily will be manually operated. This should also shorten the ducting lengths and by replacing much of the flexible hoses which are not particularly efficient. The metal ducting will also improve the dust suction at the machines.

Our community projects work continues to grow. Two planter boxes for Wesley Community Centre were delivered last week and another larger version to the Flax Weavers group associated with The Hub. Several more Pataka Kais have been completed, one of which has been collected. We were recently donated an old Victorian(?) style dining table in need of some restoration. Robin and Don have spent a lot of time and sandpaper cleaning and restoring it and it has now had its final coats of varnish and is looking stunning.

A lot of amazing personal projects are also in various stages of completion.



Check out Davids laminated rimu coffee table build and cutting board with tree branch inserts.



Welding Shop Safety

We have installed a safety chain across the Welding Shop entrance.

There have been many instances of people wandering in when someone is welding, using the linisher or grinding metal. All of a sudden the interruption can cause an accident (luckily there has not been any)



Before entering ensure you catch the eye of who is in there and gain permission to enter. Obviously if someone is focused on welding, linishing, grinding, etc wait until they stop

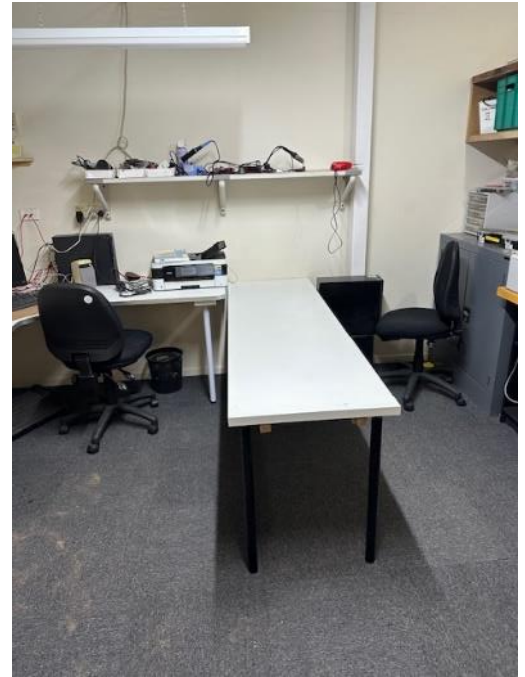
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Safety is everyone's responsibility.

Electronics Room

We have installed another bench in Electronics so members can pursue other things besides tinkering with electronics. Try a hobby or building a model, the opportunities are endless.

Also, remember you can view YouTube training videos on the PCs.



I am looking forward to another progressive year at The Shed, we continue to expand our capabilities, grow our active membership and contribute to our community. Hope to see you all down there soon. The next BBQ is midday Wednesday, July 31 and having installed a big awning out from the lunchroom ranch slider it is on come rain or shine. See you there!

Brent Russell

BBQ is midday Wednesday, July 31 (week)

From Jeff Mailer:

Whenever I had achieved yet another life catastrophe, my grandfather would try to cheer me up by saying:

" I've always found that when one door closes, another door always opens"

And indeed, all who worked with grandfather agreed that he was the world's worst cabinetmaker.

Just for a laugh

My wife was standing, looking in the bedroom mirror.

She was not happy with what she saw and said to me, "I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly.

I really need you to pay me a compliment.'

I replied, "Your eyesight's damn near perfect."

And then the fight started.

One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift...

The next year, I didn't buy her a gift.

When she asked me why, I replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!"

And that's how the fight started.

