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## **Outcomes from the AGM on 28 August 2025**

Here is a brief summary of the significant outcomes from the recent AGM. If you want more details, ask the Secretary to send you the minutes.

Here are the elected committee members.



*Michael McKelvie  
(Chairman)*



*John Moriarty  
(Treasurer)*



*Alan Cannell  
(Committee)*



*Noel Turchie  
(Committee)*



*Roger King  
(Committee)*



*Trevor McIntyre  
(Committee)*



*Douglas McCrone  
(Committee)*



*Frank Easton  
(Committee)*



*David Waddilove  
(Committee)*

Tony Annadale and Cliff Daly have resigned from the committee. They are not leaving the shed and will be normal members, so if you want some pallets shifting or firewood split you know who to go to!

Some outcomes and suggestions arising from the AGM


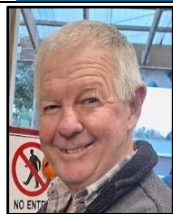

- The Government is amending the Incorporated Societies act which now has some specific requirements on the constitution of Charitable Entities. These amendments have been made and moved and passed by those present. The revised constitution will now be forwarded to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies for approval.
- The annual subscription to the shed is now \$50.00.

- The following suggestions from the members were made for the committee's consideration:
  - We buy a Menzshed Van to bring people to / from the shed and for deliveries
  - Heaters to the external deck
  - 2 Garage sales per annum
  - Further work to be done to solve the car park water problem.
  - The back of the garages be tidied up & painted to improve the shed's appearance for neighbours.

## Upcoming events

Just a memory jog of what Menzshed Activities are happening in the foreseeable future.

Make sure you have them in your own Diary.

Event	Date	Where	Comment
Recurring Events			
Sharpening tools	Last Thursday of Month	@the Shed - regular event	By Ray Y 
Electric watch battery replacement	Second Tuesday of the Month	@the Shed – regular event	Mick Mc will be bringing his wristwatch tools to replace batteries for a small charge 
Fresh Scones	Last Thursday of Month and whenever there is a birthday shout or any other excuse!	@the Shed – fairly regular event	Hans and his apprentices will be producing superb scones fresh from the oven, or for anyone's birthday shout 

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## Around the Shed



*The original barrow in a sorry state*



*Dismantled barrow parts for template*



*New barrow parts from template*



*Assembled barrow ready for painting*



*Completed barrow for sale*

Earlier this year someone left the remains of a rustic wheelbarrow at the Shed. I'm told that a visitor to the shed remarked the if it were restored "she would buy it...". We don't know who this person was, but she inspired me to give it a go.

To start, I pulled the remnants apart to find what could and couldn't be retrieved. Alas, only the wheel, made of steel, was of any use! However, enough remained of the rest for me to copy the pattern.

I then set about finding suitable material from the Shed's stash of timber (that wonderful stash of timber along the fence behind the Shed). I was lucky to find some wide boards that could be used and proceeded to replicate the parts needed to reconstruct the original design... and this is what emerged!

I plan to sell this for as much as we can get to supplement the Shed's income. We still have a template so can make more!

By Jim W.



*An old doll's pram from the MenzShed was lovingly restored. Firstly dismantled and then a thorough clean to remove 50 years of grim, followed by a spray paint in original colour.*

*Marina's Shirley dolly given to her 60 years ago was sent to Doctor Keith at The Dolls Hospital in Palmerston North for a makeover. The end result was quite remarkable and will prove to be cherished by our granddaughter Alice.*

*By Terry J*





*A clever turned wig stand by Ian O*

## Restoring a bench seat from the NZMCA park Plimmerton.



*The seat before and after rebuild by Ray W, Barry T and Aaron from Levin*



*Simon T with sets of boards he cut for an Art  
Therapist*



## **There is nothing worse than a Doctor's Receptionist who insists you tell her what is wrong with you in a room full of other patients.**

A 65-year-old man walked into a crowded waiting room and approached the desk.

The Receptionist said, "Yes sir, what are you seeing the Doctor for today?"

"There's something wrong with my pecker," he replied.

The receptionist became irritated and said, "You shouldn't come into a crowded waiting room and say things like that." "Why not, you asked me what was wrong, and I told you," He said.

The Receptionist replied, "Now you've caused some embarrassment in this room full of people. You should have said there is something wrong with your ear or something and discussed the problem further with the Doctor in private."

The man replied, "You shouldn't ask people questions in a room full of strangers if the answer could embarrass anyone." The man walked out, waited several minutes, and then re-entered.

The Receptionist smiled smugly and asked, "Yes??" "There's something wrong with my ear," he stated.

The Receptionist nodded approvingly and smiled, knowing he had taken her advice. "And what is wrong with your ear, Sir?" "I can't piss out of it," he replied.

The waiting room erupted in laughter...

**Mess with seniors, and you're going to lose!**

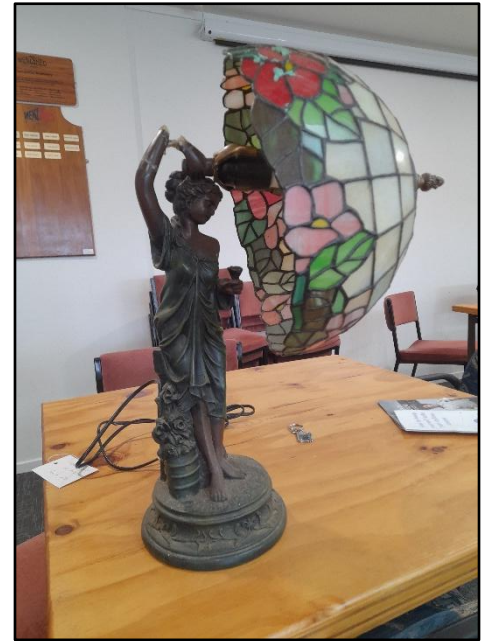




*The Bike group at Coffee in the Sunday Cantina*



*Man who cut wood for fire get warm twice!*



*A statuette lampshade with a broken arm in for repair. Can anyone do it??*

## **More Work for the Cancer Society**

Some of the boarding to the garden edges was deteriorating so we re-did it in treated timber to save ourselves later



*Dave N & Gordon Cambel who did most of the work*







*Wooden biscuits, for artwork to be made by The Phoenix Tribe, a Kapiti group that teaches life skills to disabled young adults. By Alan C*



*Garden bench seat by Alan C*



*Shot of a lamp refurbished and upgraded to NZ Electrical standards by Denis G.*

### **Butch the Rooster**

Sarah was in the fertilized egg business. She had several hundred young pullets and ten roosters to fertilize the eggs.

She kept records and any rooster not performing went into the soup pot and was replaced.

This took a lot of time, so she bought some tiny bells and attached them to her roosters. Each bell had a different tone, so she could tell from a distance which rooster was performing. Now, she could sit on the porch and fill out an efficiency report by just listening to the bells.

Sarah's favourite rooster, old Butch, was a very fine specimen but, this morning she noticed old Butch's bell hadn't rung at all! When she went to investigate, she saw the other roosters were busy chasing pullets, bells-a-ringing, but the pullets hearing the roosters coming, would run for cover.

To Sarah's amazement, old Butch had his bell in his beak, so it couldn't ring. He'd sneak up on a pullet, do his job, and walk on to the next one.

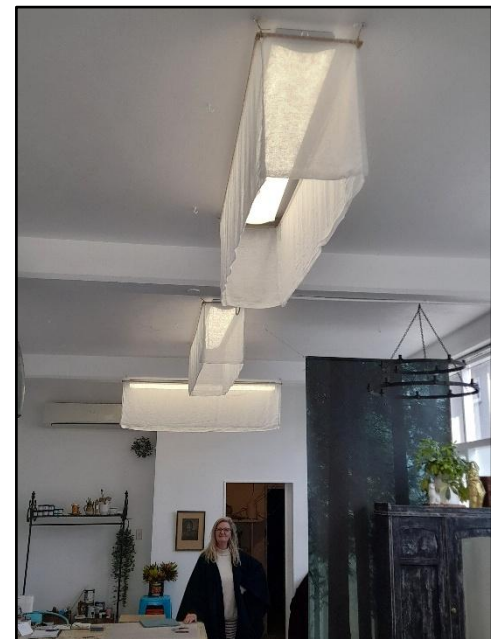
Sarah was so proud of old Butch, she entered him in a Show and he became an overnight sensation among the judges.

The result was the judges not only awarded old Butch the "No Bell Peace Prize" they also awarded him the "Pulletsurprise" as well.

Clearly old Butch was a politician in the making.

Who else but a politician could figure out how to win two of the most coveted awards on our planet by being the best at sneaking up on the unsuspecting populace and screwing them when they weren't paying attention?

Vote carefully in the next election. You can't always hear the bells.



*A small job Ian P & Ian H did for a lady setting up a new shop in Raumati. She wanted to hide the florescent lights. They made the metal supports and she mounted the material.*

**My doctor has  
given me three  
days to give up  
drinking.  
I've picked the 5th  
of June, July 17th  
and October 9th!!**

**Dave S had the job of restoring a WW2 chest brought in by the daughter of the deceased owner.**



The inscription on the lid of the chest reads

Ohinewai. N.Z. (at the top)  
67855 (his Army number)  
S. G. H. Kay  
H.Q.2 NZEF

As Gerald T is into genealogy, he took an interest in the restoration project. He photographed the details off the lid of the chest and set about finding a bit more information on S G H Kay

Gerald managed to get some records These records include his

- Birth, marriage and death records
- WW11 Army Service Record
- His will

Sidney was originally from Ohinewai, (near Huntley) Waikato. Ohinewai is a small settlement located on the east bank of the Waikato River on SH1, 9 km north of Huntly.

He was living at Waikanae when he died

His details are Sidney George Herbert Kay

Born 28 Aug 1916

Died 30 Mar 1987

Age 70 years 7 months 2 days old

Cremated at Waikanae

Married 7 June 1952 at Huntley to Gwentyth May Shipley

Born 14 Oct 1925

Died 09 July 2018

Age 92 years 8 months 25 days old

Cremated at Waikanae

Sidney Enlisted at Huntly, Waikato, New Zealand in 1942

His occupation at the time was Horse Breaker, from Te Hoe, Ohinewai

He served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> N.Z.E.F. and also Jay Force in Japan from 1945 to 1948

Sidney was awarded the War Medal 1939-1945 and the New Zealand War Service Medal

## **Putting Money in the Tin**

There has been some muttering from members about people not putting their hand in their pockets to pay the \$2 when they log in. This money is not just for Tea or Coffee, it also contributes towards the running cost of the Shed and reflects the amount you use the shed.. Please play your part. Here's an anonymous reminder.

A shed on the Kapiti coast, so grand,  
A haven for men with tools in hand.  
With sawdust and paint and projects to plan,

The Menzshed's the place for the retired man.  
But a club, it can't run on good cheer alone,  
There's the power bill, and lumber, and things to be known.  
And the answer, my friends, is a simple decree:  
Two dollars a visit, for coffee and tea.

Now some bring a gold coin, a shiny delight,  
And others their card for a ticket to clip, with all of their might.

But it matters not how the payment is made,  
As long as the two bucks for the coffer is laid.

Be it rain, be it shine, or a southerly blow,  
To the shed, the men in their droves will go.  
With backgrounds diverse, and stories to tell,  
Some grumpy, some cheerful, but all feeling well.  
There's the hum of the sander, the bang of the nail,  
And a friendly ear for a long, winding tale.

But the true shining star, the heart of the place,  
Is a scone on a plate, with a smile on a face.  
For the kitchen team's efforts, a round of applause,  
Their scones, a sweet triumph defying all laws.  
And a chocolate fish, if you've finished a job.  
A small, sugary prize for the dedicated mind.

So here's to the shed, and the men who reside,  
And the two-dollar subs, with such wonderful pride.  
For the tools and the talk, and the friendships they've spun,  
And the scones, warm and lovely, when the day's work is done.



## Click on this link!

Here are some more links I found interesting.

If you find any gems on the Internet, please share them and I will put them up here, (if appropriate)!

Below is an explanation on how to get the link to a YouTube video To open up these links press Ctrl as you click on the blue text. It doesn't work on a printout!

**Only Fools and Horses**, While Trigger is waiting to get a lift from Del to go to the pub, he listens to a Mozart "instrumental" with Rodney.

[Click here for link](#)



**Elimination of Mice** In 2016, New Zealand launched \$680,000 mission to wipe out every last mouse from the remote Antipodes Islands—home to some of the world's rarest wildlife.

The mice had driven species to extinction and brought the entire ecosystem to the brink of collapse.

When the team returned one year later they found a recovery so rapid and dramatic, it stunned the scientific world.

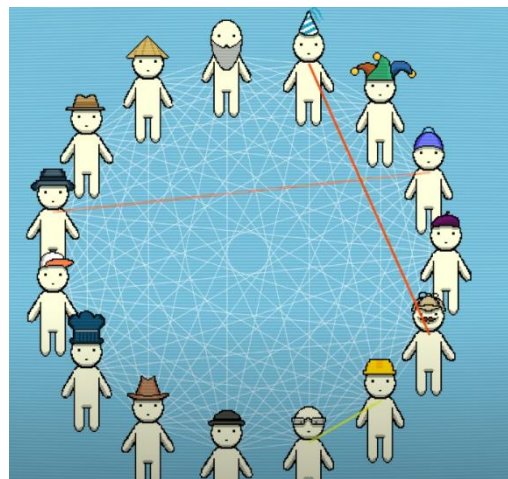
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**Game Theory**, Is it better to be nice or nasty in a game in life or international politics?

This Vertasium video shows how simple Game Theory is and what advantages can be gained using alternative strategies.

[Click here for link](#)



How to get the link to a YouTube video.

Right click anywhere on the video screen, while it is playing, and a black box like this should open up.

Left click on the second item, "Copy video URL", and you should be able to paste the result into an email.

It should look something like this "https://youtu.be/xX31J9cBR2o".

This is the link. Send it to me at [Currier.Roger@Gmail.com](mailto:Currier.Roger@Gmail.com). I will check it out and put it in the newsletter if suitable.

## **Do You Remember The Seventies? – With many thanks to Derek Cavanagh**

If readers are interested in being reminded of the years of their youth, here is the script. Follow and perhaps be surprised by the events of the time. Be reminded of the music you may have heard on the radio, most of which can still be heard online.

Happy memories.

*Ed. Derek has asked me to stress that the show was performed with a cast of 20 supported by musicians and they performed their own version of the songs*

*The blue song names below are also links to the original, (mostly), performance of the songs. To activate the link press Control and click your mouse on the blue link. I have to say that I doubt the cast of Derek's show performed Tina Turner's performance of Proud Mary quite like the original!! Things were really swinging in the 70's.*

## **Do You Remember? – The Seventies**

### **Opening:**

Tina Turner [Proud Mary](#)

We welcome you to “Do You Remember The Seventies” and invite you to join us on a journey through that decade as we recall some of the music, the people and the events that made it what it was. Referring, as it does, to New Orleans and the Mississippi brings to mind that it is just one example where the events of the seventies have parallels and sequels with recent events.

The Sixties had closed with the optimistic sounds of the Age of Aquarius ringing in our ears but any hangover into the Seventies was short-lived. It became the age of protest - against the Vietnam War and Apartheid, for Women's rights, and about abortion and a cancelled rugby tour. As counterpoint to all this, fantasy took over from reality and excess from moderation. Liberation and freedom were in demand and excess became a value by which life was measured. More glitter, more glitz, more drugs, more sex, big hair and outlandish styles in polyester, denim and plastic. This synthetic decade brought us Pure Rock, Punk Rock and Pet Rocks.

If you lived through the seventies, the next couple of hours should bring the memories flooding back. If you didn't then just sit back and wonder what your parents were thinking.

### **1970**

In 1970 the age of air transport was ushered in when Jumbo jets (747) aircraft entered service across the Atlantic.

Digital watches first went on sale and Floppy discs were introduced.

In New York the massive twin towers of the World Trade Centre were completed.

The first stirrings of feminism emerged with the establishment of the Women's Liberation Movement.

Arthur Allen Thomas was convicted of the Crewe murders

Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin were lost to the music world and the Beatles disbanded.

Oh! Calcutta hit the stage.

The pop charts featured a variety of musical styles including Simon & Garfunkel's only No 1, but the British public must have wondered where the decade was headed when an ancient Dad's Army character became number one for three weeks at Christmas.



[Granddad](#)

[Bridge Over Troubled Water](#)

## **1971**

1971 saw direct dial telephone calls became possible between Britain and America.

In that year Britain, following New Zealand's lead three years earlier, adopted decimal currency.

Commercial production of micro processors - silicon chips – commenced and the first video games were introduced.

Idi Amin came to power in a military coup in Uganda,

Germaine Greer published "The Female Eunuch".

Evonne Goolagong won at Wimbledon

The music world lost another legend when Louis Armstrong died

New Zealand produced its first major TV drama – Pukenui

Jesus Christ Superstar first hit the stage

Hot pants were seen for the first time.

In this bracket we feature songs made famous by Don McLean, The Carpenters and Carole King,

[American Pie](#)

[For All We Know](#)

[I Feel The Earth Move](#)

## **1972**

The 1972 Munich Olympics were disrupted by terrorist attack, but Mark Spitz still went on to win gold seven times

CAT Scanners were introduced and the laser video disc developed while the Apollo crew drove on the moon.

In New Zealand Parliament passed the Equal Pay Act (Yeah right!) and Kiwi Keith Holyoake retired as Prime Minister

Bobby Fischer beat Boris Pasternak at chess and set the scene for the later creation of a great musical while, at home, Bruno Lawrence toured Blerta by bus and Split Enz appeared in Auckland.

MASH hit TV screens for the first time.

On the charts we heard Johnny Nash, and Bill Withers while Helen Reddy sang the song that was to become the anthem for the women's liberation movement.

[I Can See Clearly Now](#)

[I Am Woman](#)

[Lean On Me](#)

## 1973

New Zealand came of age in 1973 and we realised we had to stand on our own feet when Britain joined the European Common Market.

OPEC countries raised the price of oil creating the first oil-shock and global consternation.

Computer barcodes first appeared in supermarkets and colour photocopiers were introduced

Israel defeated its neighbours in the Middle East

In America the Watergate scandal erupted around a beleaguered Richard Nixon.

Princess Anne married Mark Philipps.

Norman Kirk became our Prime Minister and sent NZHMS Otago to Mururoa to protest French nuclear testing. He also called off the South African Rugby tour.

John Walker ran his first sub-four-minute mile

The New Zealand population hits 3million

Colour TV was introduced into NZ

Fred Dagg first appears on TV and The Rolling Stones tour.

Here is a fun song of the period originally from Tony Orlando and dawn.

[Tie A Yellow Ribbon](#)

## 1974

In 1974 the micro chip enabled the first programmable pocket calculator to become available and Ultra-sound was introduced.

Watergate overcame Richard Nixon who resigned as President of the United States

At home a very successful Commonwealth games was held in Christchurch and brought to our homes in colour.

Kapiti Borough Council formed

Abba won the Eurovision Song Contest with "[Waterloo](#)" and Happy Days made its TV debut.

Here are two more popular songs of the period

[Top Of The World](#)

[The Most Beautiful Girl](#)

## 1975

1975 saw the first home computer kits become available but you needed a big chequebook and plenty of room.

The first cloning of animals (rabbits) took place.

Saigon finally fell to the North Vietnamese.

The film "Jaws" transfixed audiences around the world.



In New Zealand metric speed limits meant you could “do the ton” legally and the first TV Telethon raised almost \$600,000.

Rob Muldoon became Prime Minister

On November 17<sup>th</sup> the Paraparaumu Post office vacated this building (Coasters Musical Theatre, Hinemoa Street) and moved to the town centre taking its 4646 telephone subscribers.

Here are a couple of chart toppers from Morris Albert and The Real thing

[Feelings](#)

[You To Me Are Everything](#)

## **1976**

The skies over Europe shook, in 1976, to the introduction of the supersonic Concorde.

Apple Computers and Ink-Jet printers were introduced.

Israeli commandos rescued highjack hostages in an audacious raid at Entebbe Airport in Uganda.

The Montreal Olympics were boycotted by African States due to New Zealand’s continued sporting links with South Africa and Nadia Comaneci won Olympic gold with a perfect 10 in gymnastics

The Chinese political scene was changed forever by the death of Chairman Mao, and Jimmy Carter was elected President of the United States

Bjorn Borg won at Wimbledon

Star Wars hit the cinema screens

1976 saw the birth of Punk Rock but we prefer to stick to the mainstream with songs originally sung by Carly Simon and Barry Manilow.

[Nobody Does It Better](#)

[I Write The Songs](#)

## **1977**

1977 was Queen Elizabeth’s Silver Jubilee year. New Zealand celebrated by opening the Beehive and she, in turn, gave approval for God Defend New Zealand to be used as an alternative to God Save The Queen.

Elsewhere riots erupted after Black South African Steve Biko died in police custody and the world’s worst air disaster in Tenerife killed 574 people.

TV signals first transmitted through fibre-optic cables.

The music world was shattered on August 16 by the death of Elvis Presley.

We recall 1977 with these Meatloaf and Barbra Streisand numbers.

[Two Out Of Three Ain’t Bad](#)

[Evergreen](#)

## **1978**

Environmental disaster struck England when the tanker Amoco Cadiz spilt thousands of tons of oil into the English Channel.

The incredible mass suicides of 913 people took place among a religious cult at Jonestown, Guyana.

Technology advanced when the first test tube (in vitro) baby was born and the first automatic focussing camera was developed.

Martina Navratilova scored her first win at Wimbledon.

Pope John Paul was elected.

Saturday Night Fever screened and Dallas appeared on American television for the first time.

Our musical selection from the charts this year features two songs from the very successful musical "Grease".

[Hopelessly Devoted to You](#)

[Summer Nights](#)

## **1979**

Portable music became a reality in 1979 when the Walkman personal stereo was launched.

The space programme came closer to home when the American Skylab space station fell to Earth in Western Australia

The world's political character changed forever following significant changes in leadership. Ayatollah Khomeini formed a new Iranian government and

Margaret Thatcher becomes Britain's first woman Prime Minister.

Pol Pot is overthrown in Cambodia while Idi Amin was forced to flee from Uganda but, to the south, Zimbabwe is formed from the old Rhodesia under the leadership of Robert Mugabe.

Silver screen hero John Wayne died.

New Zealand reeled to the news on November 28<sup>th</sup> that flight 901 was lost on Mt Erebus in Antarctica with the loss of all passengers and crew.

After ten years legal argument and three trials Arthur Allen Thomas was finally pardoned.

World petrol shortages led the Government to introduce Carless Days, but Maui gas use commenced leading to extensive conversions of cars to CNG and LPG.

The last year of our decade is represented by the songs of Gloria Gaynor, Sister sledge and Alicia Bridges.

[I Will Survive](#)

[We Are Family](#)

[I Love The Night Life](#)



Plus a special mention of support of our MenzShed Kapiti backers, local businesses, supporters, and sponsors which allows our projects to work for community and charitable activities



A Roof Over Our Heads



Supply of toilet & Plumbing Items



Serious Site Earthworks



Amenity Electrical Items



A Heatpump For Our Comfort



Waikanae Charter Club Community Grant



Electrical Apprentice Manpower



*We receive 10 litres of Cabots stains annually from Dulux*



Printing Our Brochures



Driving The Website



Stair tread edges and trims



Boys Toys and Just Stuff for Community Projects

Remember these magnificent people when you plan your next special project