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## Whispers from the Chair

Hi all,

This is the first edition of “the Whispers” which is intended to be a regular feature of the newsletter.

I will start with many thanks to those committee members who have stood down this year and to those who remain. In particular I thank Tony our Chair for many years.

To the new committee members thank you for stepping up and, while it will be a challenge to start with the experienced committee members will be happy to help you get to grips with the challenges.

The first meeting started with a MSK history introduction, the 2<sup>nd</sup> will be on Roles and Responsibilities. Boring but necessary so that we are all on the same page going forward.

As our major building program comes to a close it is necessary to refocus our thoughts on MSK self-sustainability into the future so, while the committee will be concentrating on managing the day-to-day operation of MSK they will also be considering “where to from here”.

Items for

Garage sale. The proposition is we hold two per year starting early 2026

Mary Potter Hospice are now holding a Men’s bereavement meeting monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month late afternoon at MSK.

We are looking at other opportunities where we can share our resources with other groups. More to come on this.

Major concern in the waterworks area where the pipe in from the gate is leaking. Also the potholes in the yard. John M and I have a meeting with the council on the 20<sup>th</sup> October to discuss these issues with the council. More to come on this urgent matter.

A major cleanup is occurring at the rear of the property. If you want bricks and pavers be very quick as Goodmans are coming to take the leftovers away for crushing.

Christmas is coming and the sleigh is being booked. Santa urgently needs some helpers. See Dave W ASAP.

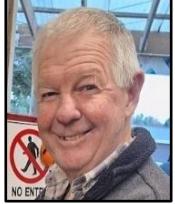
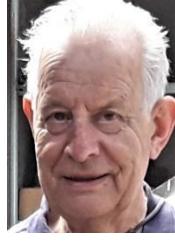
Plans are being put in place for Xmas BBQs and dates for shutting down over Xmas. More to come on this.

I do not know how much share of the Newsletter the editor will allow me to have so that's it from me until next month.

## 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 – a 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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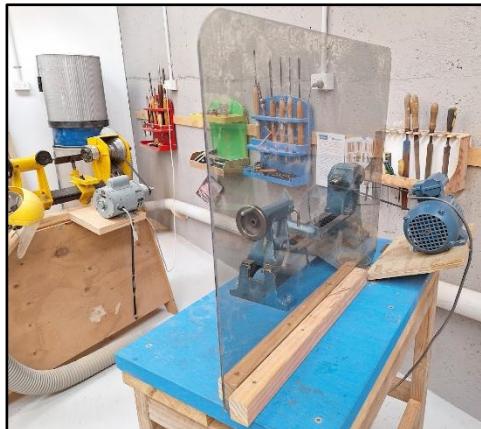
## Around the Shed



*Another masterpiece by Denis G, Denis has overhauled the lamp for a client who is very pleased – deservedly so!*



*Two hot plate mats by Jeen K*



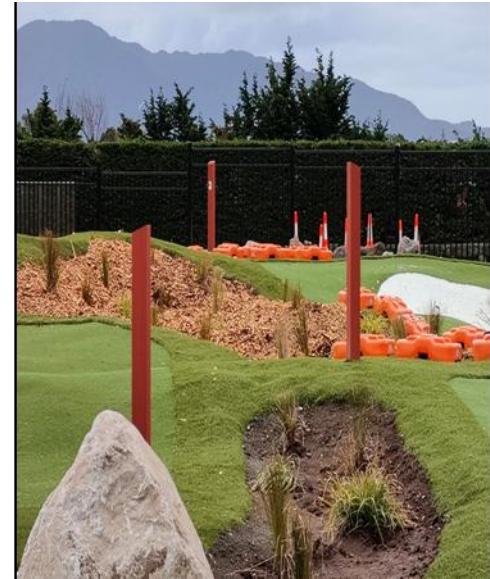
*Tony A's first project as an ordinary member making a screen to a lathe*



*Ian P engineered the chrome tube that is holding the forks*



*After a long process of deliberation the Runner's Club container was finally removed from the site. It has joined the great big rusted containers pile in a L Hutt metals yard. A nice tidy up our yard result*



*The bikers up to their usual tricks, going from coffee shop to coffee shop*

## Building a Pataka Kai (a Street Pantry)

Chad W, (shed member), asked if we could build a Pataka Kai, and gave us some photos of one built somewhere in Raumati. These street pantries are intended to share surplus food, to donate food to those in need and generally provide community services.

I took the job on and together with Jim W and Ken A, we worked out how to do it from supplied photos and put it together.

It had to be strong, waterproof, vermin and insect proof, and as far as possible, vandal resistant, it had insect proof net screens in the door openings.

The foundations were H4 treated 200x50, the plywood was exterior quality and the fixings all stainless steel or galvanized.

I am grateful to those members of the shed who came up to us and suggested what we were building.

28 members said a coffin,  
1 said a communal coffin,  
5 said a long drop  
and 1 said a sentry box.

You can see what vivid imaginations shed members have!

Here are some pictures of the finished pantry in its final position. It is yet to have metal angles driven into the ground as support.

I must go back and put a Menzshed label on it.

Construction details are stored on the Menzshed cloud.

It's located on Rutherford Drive, Waikanae beach.



*The finished shed, as far as we were concerned, the client painted it. It was made by Roger C, Jim W and Kenneth A.*



## Woodworkers Guild Exhibition

The National Association of Woodworkers NZ and the Kapiti Woodworkers Guild held an exhibition in Kapiti to show the entries for the New Zealand 'Art of Wood' competition. Here are some of the entries.



*The winner of the competition*



*A triple bowl piece all turned together, requiring counter balanced turning, and with carved surround.*

< Ian B's entry, entitled **Eirenarch's Path** a commentary on trying to fix a troubled world.

PS An Eirenarch was a position in the Roman Empire similar to a sheriff. An eirenarch was responsible for the local enforcement of laws.



*Turned bowl or plate with epoxy finish to the edges with inset shells*



*Turned bowl with epoxy finish at the edge with inlaid shells showing the internal structure of the shell.*

## Ratter's Report

The Ratters are flat out just now undertaking an order of 20 Stoat trap tunnels and 113 double rat traps. The latter are those with an entrance at each end with two chambers each having a trap mechanism.

This is in addition to some house work to insert mechanisms in tunnels held in stock for sale - when we have time. Also, the new trailer is well on the way to being completed!

Further, with Ray N still recuperating from his back operation, Tim R holidaying in Australia for a couple of weeks, and Grant P going into hospital again tomorrow for a further procedure on his leg, our team is a bit thin at the coal face with Geoff N & David P holding the fort.



*A gas burner being used to heat a branding iron to 'Menshed' the trap. The legs belong to Grant P*

## My Broken Electric Drill - By Roger C

I dropped it onto a concrete floor; it broke the casing and even though the drill would work, it was useless - I couldn't put any pressure on it. It's only about 30 years old De WALT model and I like it, probably because I'm used to it. Also, I have two extra-large heavy duty nickel cadmium batteries for it. A new equivalent drill would cost about NZ\$600.

I went on the De WALT web site, but they did not have any spare parts. I would never have found what I needed in NZ.

So, I looked on the Internet for the same model, on eBay I found one at US\$350 plus postage US\$120 which was somewhat expensive!!

But I did find a second-hand drill shell at US\$18 plus US\$50 postage – about NZ\$120. A shell is just the case where the motor etc fits. I ordered this and received it within a week. I changed over shells in about half an hour, and my drill is now back to normal.

One tip - if you are undertaking a new, to you, repair job do take some photos of the dismantling process so you have a reference when reassembling.

If this happened before the Internet I couldn't possibly have repaired the drill. I would have had to telephone dealers and who would probably not even have the information on my old drill. With the Internet I could search the world for my drill code and see what's out there. Before I started searching, I didn't even know that there were such things as drill shells.

I even used YouTube to show me how to change over the shells, another use of the Internet!



*My original broken drill – see the crack in the case*



*The new 'second hand' drill shell*

## **More Happy Customers**

### **A Report from the acting Job Coordinator Manager!**

Thursday the 9th of October started like any other busy Menzshed day. I was on Supervisor duties and had opened everything up and had music playing, for the early birds in the morning tea room. The bakers were busy plying their trade in the corner. A waft of calm prevailed over the few of us having a pre rush hour cup of coffee.

When we spotted Frank arriving, we straightened ourselves in our chairs and greeted Frank with the respect he deserves as a committee member and job coordinator manager. Normally there would be a bit of banter about any issues Frank was dealing with...but not this particular morning. Frank was on a mission and come straight over to me and said he was going to be in a committee meeting that morning and could I, in addition to my supervisor responsibilities, fill the role as Acting Job Coordinator Manager. I did not hesitate to accept given the honour and privilege to fill Franks shoes for the morning, and indeed they were very big shoes to fill.

Next, I was then briefed on how the job book worked and how I should behave when dealing with Menzshed customers. In hindsight I think Frank was wanting me to operate with a higher level of interpersonal skills than he had perhaps seen in me in the past.

There were to be limitations to my role in that I was not to try and file anything in the red job book, indeed leaving the job sheets loose for Frank to file at a future time. There was certainly no mention of allowing me to use the computer.

After the one-hour briefing Frank was gone into his committee meeting leaving me to fulfil my acting role. Glancing down I spotted an instruction that I had to photograph any jobs that were completed and collected by their owner. Why had Frank not included this in his hour-long briefing? Could Frank have overlooked this? Maybe Frank wanted to empower me and use my own initiative? Which, incidentally I try to leave at home when going to the Menzshed.

OK I was onto it; photos would be taken!

Then my first customer, a lady arrived to collect her shelves that were being shortened. With the precision and efficiency that can be only experienced at the Menzshed I set about finding out who had done the job and where it was. I had forgotten that Frank had told me...sometime in the one-hour briefing, that a lady was coming to collect her shortened shelves. As I walked around with the lady, our customer, and talking about shortened shelves Denis G piped up and said he was our man! Joviality prevailed as our happy customer embraced Denis for the required photograph.

I was brimming with confidence by the time our next customer arrived to collect her job, again having forgotten about anything Frank had told me about the job in that hour-long briefing. Hmmmm maybe Frank, - the briefing could have been shorter?



*This is what Denis G got for shortening a lady's shelves*

This job was straight forward; another lady was to collect her rather decorative bracelet that needed the catch fixed. This time I was smart, I looked up the job sheet to see who had been allocated the project and yes it was "Dave". Straight forward you may think but the odds were not in my favour as I went hunting for "Dave" Took me a wee while and somehow "Dave" had slipped out of my mind and "Peter" had

slipped in. So, when I approached Peter Rendall with our customer in tow, Peter to my surprise knew nothing about the job and our customer at this stage was starting to think I maybe have some memory problems.

To cut a very long story short, and many Dave's and Peter's later we finally homed in on Dave S who does the craft stuff and who had done the job and a very good job at that. So, with my now exhausted customer tagging along we went back to our cafe, sat down had a flipping good laugh...and took the photo.

Another very happy customer!

The lessons learnt from my role as "acting" job coordinator manager are many and varied and maybe another story for another day.

I have not had a debrief from Frank at this stage, but I am only expecting good things.

Ian B

Acting Job coordinator Manager

## **\*\*An Ode to Menzshed Kapiti\*\***

In Kapiti, where waves gently kiss the shore,  
Where community and craft are at the core,  
Stands Menzshed, a beacon bright,

From mighty builds to delicate repairs,  
In each task, we find our cares,  
In friendships forged and skills refined,  
In Menzshed, solace we find.

A place where hands create, and spirits take flight.  
Within these walls, the saws hum their tune,  
Underneath the sun or the gentle moon,  
With wood and tools, we shape our dreams,  
In Menzshed, life is more than it seems.

Oh, Menzshed, our collective pride,  
Where every heart and hand abide,  
In camaraderie and common quest,  
In Kapiti, we find our best.

Here, wisdom flows from old to young,  
In every word and deed, unsung,  
With laughter's echo and stories shared,  
In Menzshed, every heart is bared.

Here's to the days of creation bright,  
In Menzshed, where we unite,  
A home for all, a cherished space,  
In Kapiti, our special place

**By Denis G**

## A tip when you have been using a Credit Card abroad – By Roger C

I looked at my bank statement the other day and discovered that someone had taken approximately \$7,000 from my credit card account! I know Penny uses the same account. but she would be the last person to spend that much. Later, I found another \$7,000 had gone.

I could see the transactions were from Europcar, an international car hire firm that I had used when we went to the UK last year – but I had already paid them! I later received two emails from Europcar, one a credit note and one a tax invoice both in the GBP amount of my previous car hire.

So, I was in a situation where I didn't know if this was a scam or some 'legitimate' transaction error. Was I actually dealing with Europcar or some scammer pretending to be Europcar.

I immediately replied to the email saying 'this is wrong' and got an automated reply saying they would respond asap. Very frustrating!

Despite their email details looking legitimate, (I had carefully checked every letter in their email address), I decided to contact them via their web page which was obviously legitimate and used the complaints procedure therein to reiterate my complaint.

I also contacted my bank to stop the payments, but they said, 'Deal with the sender and see if you can resolve it' and they also sent me their '**Debit or Credit Card Dispute Online Form**' which I filled in. I should point out that I had not told the bank I was in the UK so they shouldn't have let the transactions go through - previously they had contacted me about suspicious transactions on my card from countries I had not visited!

I also stopped my credit card. - My bank issued a new one 7 days later with a new number.

Next day I got an email from Europcar saying this was happening because they were correcting an error on their system, (very suspicious), but subsequently I noted an additional entry on my account, this time a credit for \$7,000. But I was still \$7,000 short!

Emailed them again and this time got an immediate response saying they will check and would I please send them a copy of my statement. Half an hour later one of the negative \$7,000 disappeared. They had obviously been able to withdraw the item even though I had stopped the Card.

As you see, all was eventually sorted but it caused me quite some heartache. I made \$12 on the transactions due to foreign currency fluctuations!

### **The Tip:**

*When you come home from an overseas trip stop your credit card and get a new one from the bank. This will stop any transactions on your old card.*

**Easter Vigil** A parishioner was leaving church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed the parishioner by the hand and pulled him aside.

The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

The parishioner replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?" He whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

## **Do You Remember? ... The Sixties**

*Ed. I didn't last issue we jumped straight to the Seventies so here is Derek Cavenagh's script for the Sixties. Thanks again Derek.*

*Again, 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 not the originals, most of which are available here by clicking the links. Happy memories.*

It has been said that, if you can remember the Sixties, you probably weren't there. It was the decade that started in shades of grey and finished in brilliant, psychedelic colour, a decade of momentous events, unprecedented technological progress and blind optimism. Post-war austerity had finally given way to a new prosperity. Mankind reached for the stars and touched the moon.

At the start of the decade the music scene was dominated by the latest in Rock n' Roll sounds from America where affluent teens drove their Chevies, wore the latest clothes, had fun and had money to burn.

On the other side of the Atlantic, British youth, still struggling to shake off the grey days of the fifties, saw the Hollywood portrayals and tried to copy them. Not being able to afford expensive instruments they improvised; they took a basic guitar, added a washboard and thimbles, a tea-chest and broomstick and they had all they needed to make music. And so, a different sort of sound sparked off in London, rocketed up country and burst into a shower of stars over Liverpool. The British Invasion had started.

### **1960**

Television came to Auckland in 1960, though other centres had to wait another year. With it came the realization that the world was a part of our lives; that we lived in a global village, even though that village was only black and white.

Man reached for the stars with the launch of the Sputniks. Remember Belka and Strelka, the two little dogs carried by Sputnik 5?

Meanwhile, here on earth, the laser was demonstrated for the first time, the pill went on sale, John F Kennedy was elected President of the United States, Cassius Clay won his first professional fight and that erotic book "Lady Chatterley's Lover" was cleared for publication.

New Zealand headlines were made when Snell and Halberg won gold in Rome, and Keith Holyoake became our Prime Minister while a fellow called Rob Muldoon became MP for Tamaki.

In the world of entertainment, Elvis left the US Army, The Beatles failed an audition to back Billy Fury, and, perhaps most important of all, on 9<sup>th</sup> December, the first episode was aired of Coronation Street.

The film "GI Blues" created hits for Elvis while Shirley Bassey covered this number from "Oliver".

[As Long As He Needs Me](#)      [Wooden Heart](#)

### **1961**

1961 never could make up its mind which way was up. (Try reading it upside down)

Above the earth Russia's Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space and America responded with vigor. Project Mercury sent a chimp into space and Gus Grissom into sub-orbit. President Kennedy announced the Apollo Programme and the intention to land men on the moon before the end of the decade.

On the ground the political scene was changing. In Cuba the Bay of Pigs invasion failed and Castro embraced Communism. The Berlin Wall started to be built, and Apartheid became policy in South Africa, leading to that country leaving the Commonwealth.

Natural gas was discovered in Taranaki and new ships, Oriana and Canberra, entered our ports for the first time bringing immigrants from the old world. The first Golden Kiwi lottery was held, and new things were starting to appear in our shops, for instance the pocket calculator which could add and subtract up to £1,000 and cost only 39/6d.

The Beatles made their first appearance at the Cavern Club.

Petula Clark was popular as was Andy Williams.

[Sailor](#) [Moon River](#)

## **1962**

In space things were hotting up. Americans John Glenn and Scott Carpenter orbited the earth. The Ranger series saw Ranger 3 miss the moon and Ranger 4 crash onto it.

There was some hi-tech activity down here, too. The first reattachment of a human limb was performed in the US, the Telstar communications satellite beamed its first signals across the Atlantic and transmitted the Eurovision Song Contest throughout Europe. Not so hi-tech were the three prisoners who dug their way out of Alcatraz with spoons.

Marilyn Munroe was found dead.

The Beatles made their radio debut but unfortunately failed in their audition with Decca Records who signed up The Tremeloes instead. Later in the year the Beatles released their first record – Love Me Do, Elvis had his 50<sup>th</sup> chart entry with [Return To Sender](#) and the Rolling Stones were formed.

Snoopy was conceived.

Among the many rivals for musical popularity were the The Crystals and Little Eva.

[He's a Rebel](#) [The Locomotion](#)

## **1963**

Among the new introductions of 1963 were Polaroid film, credit cards and, would you believe, skateboards. That year saw the rise of the Civil Rights Movement in America and Martin Luther King made his famous “I have a dream” speech.

In Britain the Aldermaston Rally attracted some 70,000 anti-nuclear protesters, the Great Train Robbery netted over £2 million, and the Profumo / Keeler affair rocked political circles.

New Zealand saw the start of the controversial Manapouri Project, celebrated Bob Charles' win in the British Open and accorded George Wilder folk-hero status for staying one step ahead of the law for 169 days.

The most defining moment of the 1960's occurred on November 22 in Dallas, Texas. New Zealand awoke on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November to the news of the assassination of President John Kennedy. Few of us will ever forget where we were or what we were doing when we learned of that shocking event.

In 1963 The Rolling Stones and Cilla Black made their television debuts and in the hit parades of the world were Barbra Streisand and Skeeter Davis.

[People](#) [End of The World](#)

## 1964

Among the firsts of 1964 were the Word Processor, the Ford Mustang, Chemotherapy for the treatment of cancer, the opening of the Lyttleton Tunnel and the world's first topless waitress.

Among the lasts were Winston Churchill's departure from the House of Commons and the closure of London's famous Windmill Theatre.

A notable last in New Zealand was the last tram in Wellington.

Peace in Wellington was shattered one Sunday afternoon in June as the Beatles flew in to be greeted by tumultuous crowds filling the airport and blocking the roads outside the Hotel St George.

On Broadway, Fiddler on The Roof opened to acclaim and several of its songs featured in the popular song lists in their own right. We are going to feature one of them along with numbers by Mary Wells and The Dixie Cups that you might remember.

[My Guy](#)   [Sunrise, Sunset](#)   [Chapel of Love](#)

## 1965

Vietnam was dominating the international news. Early in 1965 the United States sent its first combat troops to Vietnam. By the end of the year over 400,000 Americans were committed to the conflict along with Australian and New Zealand troops. In October the first draft card burning protest took place

In space the race continued. In February Ranger 8 took close up pictures of possible landing sights on the moon. In March Aleksei Leonov became the first human to walk in space.

Sony introduced the first video recorder for home use, and the computer mouse was conceived.

In Britain and around the world people mourned the death of Winston Churchill. The Beatles received MBE's in the Queen's Birthday Honours list which prompted several earlier recipients to return theirs in disgust.

Closer to home, trans-Tasman jet flight commenced following the opening of Mangere Airport in December, and the Haast Pass road opened.

Roger Miller, the Seekers and Stevie Wonder came on to the music scene.

[King of The Road](#)   [World Of Our Own](#)   [For Once In My Life](#)

## 1966

By 1966 the fashion industry, led by Mary Quant with models like Jean Shrimpton and Twiggy, had decreed that hemlines rise to higher and higher levels. British tax authorities decreed that skirts up to 24" in length were no longer to be taxed as children's clothes. By now a small, insignificant London alley called Carnaby Street had emerged as a centre of fashion.

San Francisco was emerging, too, as a centre for people wanting to opt out of conventional life. A festival in January is generally recognized as the venue of the start of the hippie movement.

In October Britain reeled to the news of the Aberfan Colliery disaster where a slurry tip slide had engulfed the school with the loss of 116 children and 28 adults.

And in December the Magic Kingdom mourned the loss of its founder, Walt Disney

Here are some popular songs from 1966.

[Born Free](#)   [Music To Watch Girls By](#) Do watch this one!   [This Is My Song](#)

## 1967

1967 saw the first use of microwave cookers, the world's first cash dispensing machine and the first human heart transplant by Dr Christiaan Barnard.

In March the super tanker Torrey Canyon ran aground off Lands End in the English Channel with disastrous consequences for sea life and beaches. June saw the Six-Day War in which Israel defeated its Arab neighbours.

On December 17 Australian Prime Minister Harold Holt went for a swim and was never seen again.

In New Zealand 1967 saw two significant changes to the way we live – the beginning of decimal currency and the end of six o'clock closing.

It was the "Summer of Love" in San Francisco; the Festival of Flower Children was held at Woburn Abbey In England; "Hair" opened on Broadway and the Beatles produced music and albums with titles like: [Strawberry Fields For Ever](#), [Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band](#) and [Magical Mystery Tour](#). The Rolling Stones were arrested and later jailed for drug offences. Jimi Hendrix set his guitar alight on stage.

Britain's Sandie Shaw won the Eurovision Song Contest with "Puppet on a String" and Englebert Humperdinck did the "Last Waltz".      [Puppet On A String](#)      [Last Waltz](#)

## 1968

The Vietnam War was becoming a major issue in America and around the world. In November more than half a million people marched in an anti-war rally in Washington.

Shockwaves crossed America and the world following the assassinations of Martin Luther King in April and Robert Kennedy in June

On 10<sup>th</sup> April the Wellington region was hit by a ferocious storm leading to the almost unbelievable capsizing of the two-year-old Inter-Island ferry, Wahine resulting in the loss of 51 lives.

During 1968 the additional "clip-on" lanes were added to the Auckland Harbour Bridge and Coastlands Mall opened.

On 27<sup>th</sup> September the musical "Hair" opened in London with 13 of its cast appearing nude.

While Mama Cass "Dreamed a little Dream", Nancy Sinatra joined dad, Frank to sing about "Something Stupid".      [Dream A Little Dream](#)      [Something Stupid](#)

## 1969

It is 1969 and up in space the race for the stars continues with the launch of Soyuz 5 in January and Apollo 9 in March.

In July, Apollo 11 carried Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin on their mission to land on the moon and to return. The world is glued to its radios and television sets to hear Neil Armstrong's "giant step for mankind" speech and waits with bated breath during the countdown to relaunch. Before year's end Apollo 12 will do it all again with Charles Conrad and Alan Bean.

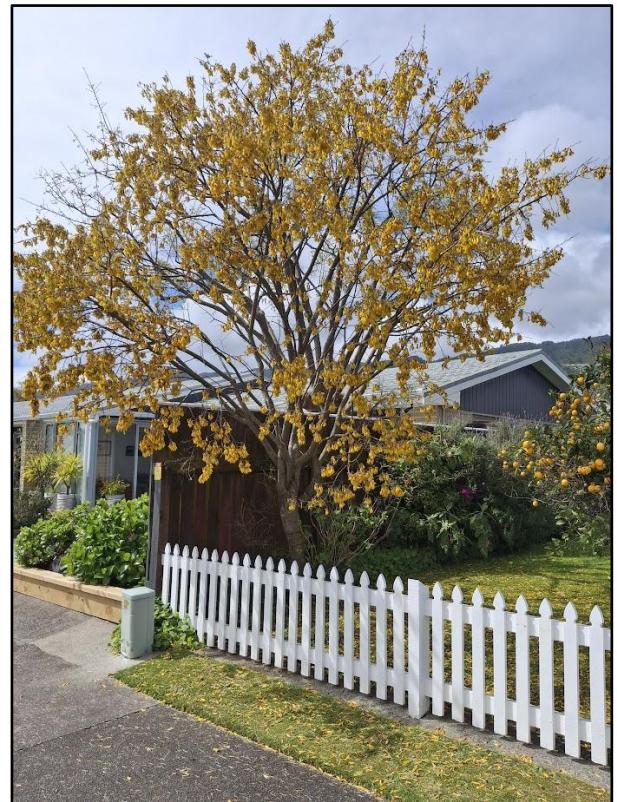
Closer to earth the first Boeing 747 takes to the air near Seattle, Concorde makes its maiden flight from Toulouse and the QE2 sets out on her maiden voyage from Southampton.

A three-day Woodstock festival takes place in New York State with an estimated 450,000 people in attendance. James Taylor records Fire and Rain and the theme song from Hair becomes an anthem to peace, harmony and understanding.      [Fire and Rain](#)      [Aquarius](#)



The fence trellis is a very temporary measure to keep a couple of small house-sit dogs from jumping off a high-ish deck.

Barry T was being offered many, various and clever suggestions as to how best to make it 100% foolproof ... without having to design an inappropriate over-kill construction.



*A mirror disguised as a window by Dave M. The top picture is without the mirror, the bottom is with the mirror fixed. In the bottom picture you can see Dave taking the picture.*

*The two small frames will look like open windows and will be glued with mastic to the mirror and it will have the other piece glued down the centre.*

*You could put it on a fence and then you would see the reflection, a bit like an illusion. It is actually a present for someone who is going to put it in his bedroom over the bed.*



## Battery Recycling - A few basic rules

Probably most of us want to recycle batteries and the shed has a place, just inside the Workshop, where they can be recycled. But it is not just a question of dropping them in there, there have to be some rules for safety.

Basically, some batteries are potential fire bombs, particularly lithium and cell batteries. [Here](#) is a video of cell phone batteries catching fire.

Usually, the problem is that the battery has been damaged or exposed to excessive heat but it can also be caused by shorting between the battery terminals.

In normal use batteries are perfectly safe but when jumbled in a box of other metallic batteries there is a danger that one or more batteries can link together and short out a battery. I know you only throw away the dead ones but even dead one can enough in them to cause a momentary spark if the terminals are connected.

This is what the roll of sticky paper is for, if put across the terminals it prevents this shorting.

It's not likely, but when put in a box with lots of other batteries and subsequently tipped into a skip of thousands of batteries the danger is magnified.

### Alan C's notes on battery recycling at the shed.

It's great to see the Menzshed Battery Recycling cabinet being so well used. Last time I emptied it, I could hardly carry the 3/4 full plastic bucket. Sadly, this load was Rejected at the Waikanae Library which acts as a collecting point for the KCDC recycler.

The service can only cope with:

Cylindrical eg "torch" batteries size AAA up to size D

Button batteries, like size CR032 and smaller, and Only if they are Taped both sides to prevent shorting

The service Cannot cope with:

Rectangular 6V batteries (like Eveready Lantern battery, Duracell 6V, Dolphin 6V, etc etc) They don't fit in the cabinet hole anyway, cunning design

Power tool batteries of any kind

Batteries of Any type that are leaking (a big H&S issue with the collecting libraries and recyclers)

So, if you want this excellent service to survive, what can You do to help?

Please DON'T give us:

1. LEAKING BATTERIES OF ANY SORT
2. POWER TOOL BATTERIES OF ANY SORT
3. BUTTON BATTERIES THAT ARE NOT TAPE TO STOP THEM FROM MINGLING AND SHORTING

Please do:

1. UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW THE BROCHURE ON THE CABINET

The sorting and taping has to happen at your end. Please don't dump non-complying batteries in the cabinet, leaving them for "someone else" to sort. If that continues to happen, we will have to can the service.

PS: After speaking to the KCDC Waste Minimisation people and checking out the Otaihanga and Otaki Transfer Station web sites, it looks like they do not accept leaking batteries. But I will continue enquiries as ideas occur to me.



**About this household battery recycling trial**  
We're running a one-year trial battery recycling programme to help divert hazardous waste from landfill. We hope to have this service available in all our libraries as soon as possible.

**A big thank you to:**  
The talented Jim Wallis and Allan Cannell from MenzShed Kapiti custom-built the battery drop-off station to safely house our battery recycling service.  
[www.menzshedkapiti.org.nz](http://www.menzshedkapiti.org.nz)

**Otaihanga Transfer Station Tip Shop**  
The reclaimed wood cabinet used to create the drop-off station was sourced from Otaihanga Transfer Station Tip Shop.

**www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/BatteryRecycling**  
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**Recycle your household batteries safely**  
To help us make this trial a success please recycle right.

**1. Accepted batteries:**

- Alkaline, lithium, nickel cadmium and zinc manganese dioxide batteries  
e.g. AA, AAA, 9V, C, D, N
- Hearing aid batteries

**2. Tape the ends of any lithium batteries with the tape provided.**

- Any AA, AAA, C or D battery marked "Lithium" or "Li-ion"
- Any button/coin batteries that begin with CR...
- Lithium batteries are often rechargeable batteries  
Please see the taping instructions included.

**3. Put your batteries in the recycling station "naked" (not in bags or boxes).**

**Tape the ends of your lithium ion batteries**  
Lithium ion (Li-ion) batteries can pose a greater fire risk than other more common household batteries.  
You can still recycle lithium batteries, but the ends need to be taped to prevent sparking in transit or storage.

**Batteries not accepted**  
This battery recycling station cannot process the following battery types:

- **Vehicle batteries**
- **Power tool batteries**
- **Leaking, swollen or damaged batteries**
- **Electronic device batteries**

If you are unsure, please ask one of our friendly librarians for assistance.

Please safely dispose of these batteries at your nearest transfer station

*Extract from a KCDC brochure that goes into a bit more detail*

## **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!

### **Matt's off-road Recovery**

Matt runs a company recovering vehicles and equipment in the States. By law in America, you can't just abandon a vehicle, you must remove it from wherever it is and dispose of it. This one was on a mountain top!

This long video shows a particularly difficult recovery of a broken-down car which has been stripped of its wheels and broken up.

Only in America! [Click here for link](#)



### **Baking Soda and Superglue**

Mixing baking soda and superglue makes a very strong adhesive / filler. See this video for how good it is.

[Click here for link](#)



### **What I've learned after driving an electric car**

This is from Australian John Cadogan's channel, where he gives his unabridged learnings about using an all-electric car for 9,000km

[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.

**Perfect Shot...** A man stood over his tee shot for what seemed an eternity, looking up, looking down, measuring the distance, figuring the wind direction and speed. He was driving his partner crazy.

Finally his exasperated partner said, "What's taking so long? Hit the blasted ball!"

The man answered, "My wife is up there watching me from the clubhouse. I want to make this a perfect shot."

"Forget it, man. You don't stand a snowball's chance in \*Hell of hitting her from here!"



*Some of the hardworking team members busy recovering metal and plastic for recycling from broken electrical and electronic equipment.*

*There are many more team members sharing the work.*

*Last time we made \$500 taking a trailer full to the recyclers*



*Marcel VD repaired the legs of a drawer unit that someone put something too heavy on.*



*Ray Y staying as sharp as ever*

## For Sale – Bird baths and feeders for sale by Robbie McK



### BIRD FEEDERS

|  |      |
|--|------|
| PAINTED PLY  | \$50 |
| PAINTED PLY SMALL                                      | \$40 |
| RUSTIC PINE<br>INCL SEED/FRUIT TRAY                    | \$60 |
| CIRCULAR PAINTED<br>CAN HAVE SEED/FRUIT<br>TRAY ON TOP | \$60 |
| KWILLA   | \$60 |

1/4 Cup Sugar, mix with warm water  
Or buy nectar mix from pet shop



### FISH & CHIPS

|                                | without<br>Chips | with<br>Chips |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Chips                          | £1.90            | £2.40         |
| Fresh Cod                      | £4.10            | £6.00         |
| Plaice                         | £4.20            | £6.10         |
| Chicken (1/4) (Wing extra 60p) | £3.00            | £4.90         |
| Steak & Kidney Pie             | £2.70            | £4.60         |
| Chicken & Mushroom Pie         | £2.70            | £4.60         |
| Cornish Pasty                  | £2.70            | £4.60         |
| Chicken Burger in Bun          | £2.60            | £4.50         |



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 crucial project*