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## **From the Chair**

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It seems that in every nook and cranny you care to look into at our Shed, someone or some team is busy constructing, wiring, digging, renovating, clearing/sorting spaces to improve our facilities. Thanks to you all for all hard mahi (work) you are putting in.

The AGM each year provides an occasion where we can all reflect on our accomplishments over the past 12 months and set a course for the 12 months. It also provides an opportunity to hear from members albeit in a formal setting. That said, I encourage anyone with ideas, feedback or issues to approach a committee member at any time.

At this AGM both our previous Treasurer, Peter B and Secretary Peter R stood down after many years in those roles. Again, on behalf of us all I acknowledge their contribution to our Shed.

Thank you to Trevor McIn, Roger K, Cliff D, Ron McN, Dave W, Peter B and Peter R who agreed to stay on the Shed Committee for another 12 months. A warm welcome and thankyou to our new Secretary John M and Treasurer Peter H for stepping up and taking on these roles.

We are very fortunate and grateful to both John M and Peter H for volunteering for these important roles. Both bring a wealth of experience.

John M brings many years of experience from the different CEO and managerial positions he has held during his corporate work life. He is interested in Amateur Radio, IT and 3D printing.

Peter H brings many years of experience gained during his work life where he was involved in co-operate planning and insurance accounting. He was self-employed in the insurance industry and drove busses for 5 years.

Finally, it looks like a busy time ahead at the Shed for us all in the run down to Xmas, so let's look out for each other during this time.

Malo soifua

Tony A

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## Upcoming MenzShed Activities

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
<b>Recurring Events</b>			
Committee Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov & 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	@the Shed	
Sharpening tools	Last Thursday of Month	@the Shed	This is a regular event
Fresh Scones	Last Thursday of Month and whenever there is a birthday shout or any other excuse!	@the Shed	Hans and his apprentices will be producing superb scones fresh from the oven, or for anyone's birthday shout
<b>Entertainment, see big Dave's notice further on in the newsletter</b>			
Guy Fawkes	Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>	@ Dave Porters place	Subject to weather
Santa's Sleigh	Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	See below for arrangements	9:30am
Menzshed Xmas BBQ	tbc		
Menzshed Xmas Closure	tbc		
Menzshed Opening 2024	tbc		

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## Around the Shed



*The blessing of the Waharoa erected by Allan C, Alix J, Tony A, and Jim W at the Cancer Society. It was carved by Selwin Palmer.*



*Visitors from Summerset village came to have a look at us.*



*Alan W & Peter H having a welcome cup of tea having completed the Workshop switchboard installation.*



*You can't even see what was wrong!  
Allan C replaced and replaced a rotten board and it just looks like a new one!*



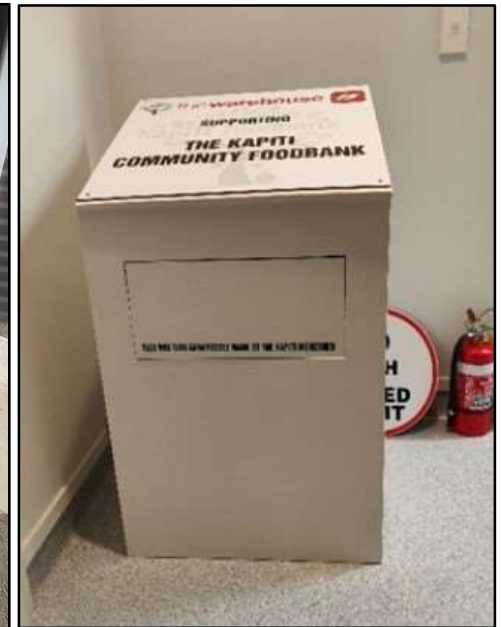
*A possible new option for storing the plethora of screws and nails available in the store. - Volunteers wanted!  
Courtesy of the Adelaide art gallery*

### A service to members.

Do you have a clock that has seen better days and would like it running again?  
or  
Do you have a stamp collection gathering dust and would part with it.

Talk to Mick McKelvie 0274420002.





Another battery recycling cabinet, this time for Otaki Library made by Allan C.

The first cabinet at Paraparaumu Library is proving popular, receiving about 15kg of recycled batteries in the first week.

Foodbank Donation box taken to completion by Dennis G & another now in the Paraparaumu Warehouse shop.



Four young men Charlie L, Trevor Mc, John O & Jim F putting signs up for the opening of Toi Mahara



The bountiful state of the garden



Oh it all makes work for the working man today



At last the engraving machine is going!



The search for the missing screw continues.



Hans having been woken from his Winter sleep on his way to commence baking



A hidden garden at the shed?





*John with the birthday cake his grand daughter brought for him to the MenZshed this week. He had almost forgotten he had left it in the fridge but fortunately was reminded in time.*

*We were given a safe with a combination lock and a recovery key in case of 'forgetting the combination'.*

*The key was put in the safe, (for safety!), and the safe door somehow got closed and locked – without our knowing the combination. I was given the job of solving the problem so I delegated it to Ray W who drilled a hole in the back and got the key back. Well done Ray.*

*Anyone want a safe with a hole in the back??*



*Peter B donated his metalwork lathe to the shed and we had to get rid of the old one. Mike E & Kevin A helping the purchaser to get it on his trailer.*



*Using their knowledge, creative skills and talents Ian B, Ian Pt, & Mark K, the MenZshed were proud to present this Kenakena School Netball trophy for their top player.*



**5** *Of course we can fix it, this is the MenZshed!*

*A rare performance of the MenZshed elbow dance by Noel T & Jim F*





*Before and after pictures of a chair restored by John P, all the legs and rails were loose and it needed a coat of paint to restore it to new.*



*Ian H restoring yet another street library*



*Ian P is now doing training on the woodworking lathes in the workshop*



*"Grandad could you please make me a gumboot stand?"*

*And this was a month and a half ago.*

*"Sure " now that the winter mud has almost gone! "Sacha, have finally made it." Got to be careful what we commit yourself too.*

**By John R**



*Certificates of Life Membership being handed out to Doug W, Chris T and John R. Many thanks for what you guys do for the shed.*

## **SANTA and ELVES OUTINGS As at 26/10/23**

### **Santa's Sleigh Locked in Dates:**

Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>	10am Kina Kina School, Pram Beach. Note: Our job is to deliver their Santa into the School grounds and his Grotto. No planned Sleigh rides.
Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	10am KAPITI'S CHRISTMAS PARADE @ Southwards. More details by Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> ...(Don't ask)
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	5 for 5:30pm Waikanae Kindergarten @ Weggery Reserve Playground (If fine or at the kindergarten if wet.)

There are several possible others who haven't contacted us yet.

Will update as new one's come to hand...

### **NOTICE TO ELVES & SUPPORTERS.**

Firstly, if you can help at any or all of these events - please:

- a) Contact Head Elf Dave
- b) Be ready to depart Menzshed half an hour before the Event in your Elf gear.  
Check with Head Elf, he may be able to help your out with something.
- c) Now if you can help out with a trailer would be SUPER.

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## The End of our Flooding problems??

No doubt you are aware of our car park's tendency to flood after a heavy rainstorm. We tried pumping it away but there was nowhere to pump it to without annoying the neighbours, and anyway it meant setting up pumps, cables, and pipes across a flooded carpark.

So, the committee, mainly Peter B, consulted the council and together came up with a solution. To delay the rainwater from coming off the roofs of our buildings so that the ground had time to absorb it. This meant that we had to temporarily store the water.

So, for water coming from the front of the buildings we dug a pit in the car park, lined it with filter cloth and filled it with large stones. Rainwater down pipes were diverted into the pit.

At the back of the Amenities and Workshop building we installed four interlinked tanks and diverted the downpipes so the rainwater filled the tanks. The tanks have outlet valves so we can control their discharge into a trench, again lined with filter cloth and this time filled with gambions, (plastic crate like boxes with porous sides) to retain water which would get slowly released into the ground.



*The interlinked tanks*



*A right tangle of pipes!*



*Diverted pipes going along the building past the first flush diverter and across to the tanks.*

*The first flush diverter takes the initial roof discharge containing leaves, bird poo etc and diverts it away from the tanks.*

This should work unless we get a major downpour or cyclone.

Many thanks to all who worked on this job, in particular Peter B, Paul W, and Graeme J who diverted and installed the pipes.



*From a park bench in the UK – see there is a way to get your revenge and be remembered!*



## What, No Scones?

For the first time in many weeks there were to be no scones at the Menzshed last Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

As a member of the scone baking team, I had a wee sleep-in and got myself down to the shed around 8.30. As I drove down to the shed, I reflected on how much I look forward to and enjoy my Menzshed days and was a bit sad that the baking team was not going to be in action.

Upon my arrival the usual banter with the early bird members was great. Happiness for us all as we soaked up the pleasures and camaraderie that the Menzshed brings.

However, as we got the brought biscuits out of their packets the absence of the aroma of cooking scones was leaving us a bit flat. As I sat down with my fresh coffee and dry biscuit, I noticed two woman and a young child in our midst having brought in a lovely fresh banana cake and the aroma from the baskets of bagels and fresh bread filled our morning tea room.

“What was this all about” was the question that was being asked at our table.

Then things started to fall into place. There was John R, with a grin from ear to ear cutting up the banana cake while chatting to our visitors. On the adjacent table stood the magnificent trophy John had made over the last few weeks. The trophy stood proud, as did our John.

As it turned out John had made the trophy for the Kenakena school as their premier netball trophy. Over the weeks as the sculptured trophy emerged from the block of wood by John’s skilled hands what occurred to me that this turn of events epitomized the Menzshed activities.

It put very clearly in my mind what this “Menzshed stuff” is all about and motivated me to write this wee story.

As we stood for a photo the happiness in John thru his smile and seeing him so happy and proud was very telling. See, what we had here was our Kenakena lady’s and the wee girl so grateful to have had this magnificent trophy made for them.

Further they had clearly had delight and pleasure in bringing along, to share with us, all their very own fresh baking.

For us Menzshed men this project of John’s said it all. We had provided a service to our community of which the recipients were extremely grateful while John had got so much satisfaction and enjoyment in making.

Yes, this is an example of what we do at the Menzshed. We have a unique environment where us men gather to enjoy, share and look out for each other. In doing so bringing worth and meaning to the later years of our life.

John, thanks for not only making this outstanding trophy but for being an outstanding example of what it is to be a Menzshed man.

As I reflect on what I have written, the smile on John’s face was not to be missed.

And this is just one example of what happens week in week out with our Menzshed team.

Ian Barbour



*The trophy John R made*

The team also must report there has been some concerns about a key team member, Bill!

Bill was given one of Ian’s spanners, which Ian had specially brought from home. It was to be used in bolting the castor wheels to the base. Bill was told to guard it with his life and not let it out of his sight.

Sadly, it must be reported on at least two occasions the spanner was left lying unattended. It has been explained to Bill that he will need to come before the teams disciplinary committee for this indiscretion and no less than a 12 month ban on scone consumption can be expected!



## **Proposed Change to the Electoral Act**

I hate elections, the voting part is ok but the political party squabbling, name baiting, baby kissing and exaggerated claims by politicians and their agents really gets my goat. The media are just as bad, interviewing politicians and anyone else they can find, (even innocent people in the street), speculating on the outcome and then analysing the outcomes in infinite detail even when we don't have all the votes counted.

There is only one outcome that counts and that won't come till early November!

I propose a change to the Electoral Act such that, once you had voted, you no longer had to suffer the above machinations. There could be a separate, (hard to find), tv and radio channel reserved for politics, leaving the other normal channels for normal people.

Further, if you had voted and overheard or saw the above political machinations, even by accident, you would be entitled to \$10 from the offending party's funds every time it happened.

The act would also apply to commenting on polls. These have no meaning and only give politicians and commentators something to talk about. I would also like to add RNZ and TVNZ to the tenner list!

This way, with the chance of winning a tenner, far more people would vote as early as possible, probably 95% of those eligible to vote, and the remaining 5% could pretend they were serious by attending political meetings and listening to politicians ramble on. Elections would be far more civilized, and TV and radio programs would go back to normalcy talking about rugby.

Oh yes, on day one, the parties should also produce their manifestos, in writing, together with a score, out of 10, showing how well they did in sticking to their last manifesto when they were last in power.

Roger C

## **History of the Kapiti Menzshed Project**

You may have noticed Mick McKelvie going through files in the Administration Building. As well as preparing an Assets Schedule for the shed he has undertaken to create a history of the Menzshed. He has asked me to include the following in the newsletter.

*'The History of Our Menzshed 2010 - 2022 Or 23 is a project that has been a consideration for a little while.*

*I have taken up the challenge As I have been wading through many files while putting together the Asset Schedule I have seen lots of technical Info and lots of areas where I will need help.*

*I would like to have help in finding Photos and stories from the initial days through to today, of the MenzShed Kapiti.*

*So that it is more about all of us rather than just detail related to the growth in technical terms although that will be in there as well.*

*Please fossick around in any papers you have and also in your mind and contact me directly by email or at the Shed if you come up with something.*

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## Kapiti MenzShed Member Gets a National Award

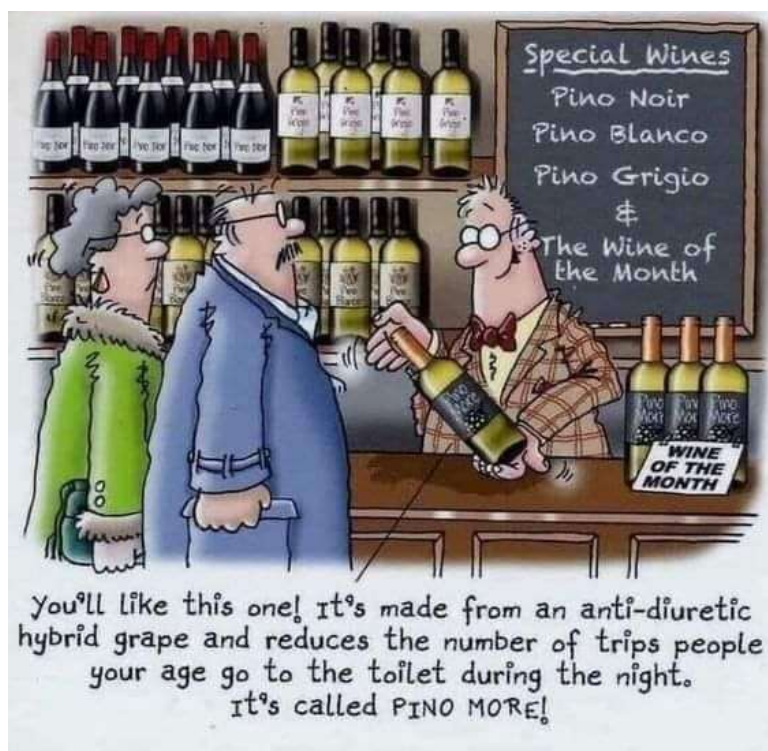
Each year, the National Association of Woodworkers runs an *Art of Wood* competition. This is a big deal with judges from Europe, Canada, USA, and Australia. The competition is judged from four photos per entry. There are 12 categories – bowls, boxes, furniture etc., as expected, plus several artistic categories.

One artistic category is **Sculpture**. To compete, you need to be a top-of-game woodworker, have artistic flair and be able to finish your item to a professional standard.

This year's competition had an entry in the Sculpture section from a MenzShed Kapiti member Ian Barbour. What's more Ian won second place in the category! The item is well worth a look – turning spherical objects is beyond most of us but turning two that fit together is well beyond us all.

Congratulations to Ian, and we look forward to next year's entry.

The full range of entries is at <https://exhibition.naw.org.nz/> and Ian's wonderful creation is below, or at <https://exhibition.naw.org.nz/entbycat/26>, catalogue number 747. All entries are for sale.





## Yet another trip to Auckland by Electric Car

Several people have approached me about the previous article on the above and there are some items that could be clarified.

Normally one does not regularly drive to Auckland, normally one drives near home or into Wellington and at night the car is parked in the garage where it can be plugged in to a charger as needed so you don't need to have range anxiety.

The domestic rate for charging my car at night is 22.5 cents/kWh the daytime rate is 28 cents/kWh and when I am charging at a remote commercial charger it is 85 cents/kWh (price has just gone up at some charging points). Even at 85c/k/h it's half the price of petrol.

Some hotels / motels have electric car charging points. Pack n Save now have 100kw fast chargers.

It normal to just plug the car in at home when the range is getting a bit low though it's a good habit to just plug it in.

We did another drive to Auckland without issues, having learned from my last trip I made sure we charged up even though we still had a 100k range spare - it was school holidays so there were lots of cars on the road.

Speed definitely does influence range. On the last stretch home, we had 150k to go with 190k of range, ie with 40k of spare range. Doing a 100kph the spare range rapidly dropped but doing 95kph it remained pretty constant, and we got home with 20k of range left. The car kept warning us we were running low, but we knew we could make it.

If you going to get an electric car do load the ChargeNet and the Zip apps onto your phone and register your credit card with the apps. This way you can see the status of charging stations and pay for them when you use them. If you don't want to use your credit card you can get a dongle.



*There are people who pretend they have an electric car just to find a free parking place They should be electrocuted!*

Roger C

### **Now that the election is over, I can show this. Thanks to Barry I**

I bought a NEW Truck a couple of months ago but took it back to the dealer the next day because I couldn't get the radio to work.

The technician kindly explained to me that this was a "SMART TRUCK" and the radio was "VOICE-ACTIVATED".

He turned the radio on and said, "Nelson" to the radio. The radio replied, "Ricky or Willy?" "Willy" he continued and 'On the road again' came on the speakers.

Then he said "AC/DC", and in an instant, 'Highway to hell' took the place of Willy Nelson.

I drove away happy and for the next few days every time I said "Beethoven" I would get beautiful classical music or if I said "Beatles" I would get one of their greatest hits.

Well, yesterday, a fella ran a red light and nearly smashed into my new truck but luckily I swerved in time to avoid it.

I yelled out "YOU FUCKING STUPID IDIOT!" And the radio said, "Chris Luxon or David Seymour" I love my new truck!

## Earth's Population Statistics in Perspective

The population of Earth is around 7.8 Billion.

If you condensed 7.8 billion into 100 persons, and then into various percentage statistics the resulting analysis is relatively much easier to comprehend.

Out of 100 :

- 11 are in Europe
- 5 are in North America
- 9 are in South America
- 15 are in Africa
- 60 are in Asia
- 49 live in the countryside  
51 live in cities
- 75 have mobile phones  
25 do not.
- 30 have internet access  
70 do not have the availability to go online
- 7 received university education  
93 did not attend college.
- 83 can read  
17 are illiterate.
- 33 are Christians
- 22 are Muslims
- 14 are Hindus
- 7 are Buddhists
- 12 are other religions
- 12 have no religious beliefs.
- 26 live less than 14 years
- 66 died between 15 - 64 years of age
- 8 are over 65 years old.

If you have your own home, - eat full meals & drink clean water - have a mobile phone - Can surf the internet, and have gone to college or further education.

You are in the miniscule privileged lot. - (in the less than 7% category)

Amongst 100 persons in the world, only 8 live or exceed the age of 65.

If you are over 65 years old, be content & grateful. Cherish life, join the Menzshed!





Plus a special mention of support of our MenzShed Kapiti backers, local businesses, supporters and sponsors.



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



Printing Our Brochures



Driving The Website



Stair tread edges and trims

Plus that ongoing support for our projects and community activities



Boys Toys and Just Stuff for Community Projects

Remember these magnificent people when you plan your next special project