



**Weekly Newsletter for the 11th May 2026 (147)**

**Our Purpose - To Sustain or Enhance Members' Mental Health and Wellbeing.**

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Read the whole newsletter before clicking any links.  
Otherwise you could get lost and miss out on some vital information.

## **Projects**

**We've been Framed, Nogged and Clad!**

or at least the new woodshed has!



Our building crew continued their "fun" games Last week .  
They completed the framing of our new wood shed and fastened the cladding.  
Great progress...next comes the roof.

**The "Barn Blokes" are itching to move the timber stores in,**  
so there's more room to make stuff, in the barn.

**Our Member, Brian Bassett,**  
**a highly experienced pilot**  
**with nearly 60 years in aviation,**



tells us how technology, economics, and safety have shaped the industry over six decades.

**including**

Flying **Sunderland flying boats** in extreme conditions (rough waves, long takeoff runs, low-level operations).

Visiting Boeing's massive **Everett assembly plant**, illustrating the scale of aircraft manufacturing.

And observing aviation evolution **from mechanical flying to highly computerized aircraft.**

**This talk was in June 2020, with sheddies, on line, during Covid.**

**Enjoy some Memorable Experiences** ([CLICK HERE](#))



**Our Facebook page is active again.**

**Join the nearly 900 followers,**

**who are interested in what we do. [CLICK HERE](#)**

**Or log in to FACEBOOK and search "Mens Shed Auckland East"  
to find our page.**

Click the "like" button, become a follower and leave a "post" comment.

**It all helps our visibility .**

## **Next Speaker**

**Tuesday 19th May**

**Don't leave a mess !**

**Leave a Legacy !**

### **Estate Planning Presentation with Wendy Hampton – Lawyer, Speaker and Author**

We're pleased to welcome Wendy Hampton, BA.LL.B, an experienced lawyer with over 30 years in practice, to present an informative session on estate planning. Wendy has spent much of her career specialising in property law, including wills, estates, trusts, and relationship property matters. After running her own legal firm on Auckland's North Shore for many years, she is now travelling around New Zealand sharing her knowledge and helping people better prepare for the future. In this practical and easy-to-follow presentation, Wendy will cover ways to make the administration of your estate simpler, more efficient, and more cost-effective. She'll also introduce *The Estate Planner*, a handy booklet she developed to help you organise all your important personal information in one place—making things much easier for your family and friends when the time comes. Wendy is known for her clear, down-to-earth approach and her passion for helping others understand what can often feel like a complicated topic.

**Note: The Speaker has asked that we do not record this presentation.**

**So you need to be there to benefit from this vital information.**



**Our Men's Shed was entered into the Orakei local business awards for this year.**

We have since been notified we are a finalist in the **Not For Profit / Social Enterprise** category.

10% of the winning decision comes from a public vote online.

You can help The Shed win by entering a vote and asking your friends and family to enter one too.

The More Votes we get, the better our chances of winning!!

**To ENTER VOTES [CLICK HERE](#)**

**No drama,**

**Just Enter** your email address,

**Tick the Box for MENZ Shed Auckland East** under "Not For Profit section"

**click** submit

That's it !!

(Note: Google senses the email you log in from so others need to log in under their email address, to vote.)

**May Barbies**

**Tuesday May 12**

Friday May 29  
At Midday on the deck.  
Join us for a **REAL Sausage !**  
**Its FREE TOO !**  
**All Jokes Welcome.....**



## Wednesday Mezzanine Workshops

13/05/26	Cricut Vinyl Cutter	Don M
20/05/26	Biscuit Jointing tables and shelves	John E
27/05/26	Bread and Damper on the BBQ	Bernie and Karen

**All workshops are planned to commence at 10.45 am**  
**immediately following morning Tea.**

## Video Workshop

How To Cut & Apply Cricut Vinyl

Using The Shed's "Cricut Maker" [CLICK HERE](#)



Don Morrison will be demonstrating our Cricut Vinyl Cutter in the IT room on the mezzanine this week.

Wednesday 13th May, after morning tea.

Join in the fun!

## Eastern Bays Songbird News

They are revving up their **2026 Bird Count Campaign** starting this

May!

Click [HERE](#) to view and participate.



The Shed is sending a contingent to a memorial service for Barry Mc Nutt who died last year.

Barry was one of the earliest members of the shed and did a lot of repair work for the toy libraries.

## **Mal's Corner**

**It would never worries me when I get a little lost –  
all I do, is change where I'm going.**

**I only need glasses when I'm driving the car  
and trying to find where I parked it.**

In the UK, if you have life left over at the end of your money,  
the state will take care of you –  
but if you end up with money left over, they will Tax you.

**Time to relax!**

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**Enjoy Your Week!**



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today and far into the future.**