



Weekly Newsletter for the 15th September 2025

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

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

Around the Shed



Shooting Gallery

Roger Van Kuylenburg has just finished this water pistol shooting gallery for Ellerslie School ensuring hours of fun and safe play for students during their break times.



Ruru science project

"We just wanted to share with you the project that Alice has now completed with help from the fantastic Ruru (native morepork) nesting boxes you constructed for her.

"She has installed the boxes as part of her research project into finding out whether the Ruru population is thriving in the urban Auckland area. She found that indeed it is and that people who live close to large trees hear them more frequently. The nesting season happens in spring so she will be keeping the boxes up and hoping to attract some Ruru and do her little bit to help keep them safe.

"Alice received a certificate for her project - it was awarded highly commended in the NIWA (Earth Sciences NZ) science fair, and was also recognised as the Special Prize winner from Birds New Zealand.

"Thank you for your help and making the boxes for Alice so efficiently.
Rebecca and Alice Richardson"

The ruru box team consists of Alan Minson, Terry Oaks and Mark Nobilo who have sold over 50 boxes so far.



Shed Music '25

Our Waiaatarua Warblers ready to hit the stage at the Shed Music '25 event at Coolum, Sunshine Coast, Australia. We believe that all members of the visiting party made it home safely after sampling the local hospitality.

Quiz Night

September 17th

At Edmund Hillary Retirement Village
Join our team.



Talk to Quizmaster, Bernie.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Tuesday 23 September 2025 at 11:00am

98 Abbotts Way, Remuera

**Join us for our Annual General Meeting,
followed by the Shed annual photo and a fellowship BBQ.**

Vacancies:

Phil's departure creates 1 vacancy.
Mal's end of Chairmanship and 8 years creates a 2nd vacancy.

Alan Minson's 8 years creates a 3rd vacancy.
Everyone else is end year 1 of 2-year terms.

AGM Board Pack:

Hello Members. The following documents are now available for our AGM2025.
They are available by clicking on the following links:

- [AGM25 Agenda](#)
- [Chair Report](#)
- [AGM 2024 Minutes](#)
- [SGM Aug 2025 Minutes](#)
- [FY24 Annual Financial Report](#)

If you experience any difficulty downloading these documents, please contact John Tattersall directly via email and he will respond with the files attached.
For any questions, feel free to text 0223080220 or email john.t@winerackers.com.

Let's get a great turnout and keep our Shed strong!

Weekly Workshop

How to sharpen edge tools - chisel and plane restoration



This in-depth guide covers the full sharpening process—from flattening the back, grinding the primary bevel, through to honing, deburring, and even using a Tormek system. It also delves into selecting the right bevel angles and techniques for different tool types. Click on the image above to view the video.

Other Notices

Request from Richard Cato, Publications' Desk, NZ Mens Shed



"101 Faces of Menzshed in NZ" Volume one (50 stories) is now complete and is now waiting upon funding so I can send the file to the printer for a proof. A release date is not far away.

But I need stories for Volume Two. This will take us up to the 101 stories. I have had some great stories and some sheds have really embraced the project. These publications are going to benefit all shed's in New Zealand so please remind your members to write a few lines and send them to me together with a photo. publications@menzshed.nz

Auckland Council Libraries

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Library highlights from heritage to holidays

What a month! We Read Auckland filled our libraries with readers, writers, authors and stories – thank you to everyone who joined us!

September keeps the momentum going with a new exhibition Lupe I Vao Ese, family-friendly school holiday activities, and fashion-week reads.

[Click here](#) to explore this month's stories, events and more at your library.

Eastern Bays Songbird AGM

Eastern Bays Songbird Project

Manu Tī Oriori



You're invited to our 2025 Annual General Meeting - come along and show your support! We'd love to see you there as we celebrate progress, share exciting updates, and look ahead to what's next. Your support makes all the difference—let's keep the momentum going together!

- Date: Thursday, 23 October 2025 □ Time: 7:00–9:00 PM
- Location: Tagalad Community Center, 6A Nihill Crescent, Mission Bay
- ✧ Light refreshments will be served.

✧ Bring your ideas, your energy, and your passion for our shared mission.
Please RSVP to info@songbird.org.nz or text: 022 3549424.

Halloween

Friday 31st October

At St Heliers/Glendowie Community Centre.

Stonefields Market Day

Saturday 22nd November.

Start building stock now for a profitable event !

Humour

Dave Allen



Dave Allen was an Irish comedian, satirist, and actor. He was best known for his observational comedy. Allen regularly provoked indignation by highlighting political hypocrisy and showing disdain for religious authority. On our screens during the 1970s, 80s and 90s he died in 2005 aged 68.

Click on the image above to view an example of his unique style with his views on airplanes and flight lingo.

Mal's Corner



Whoever decided on the spelling of diarrhoea – lost control of their vowels !

Just once, I want a username and password prompt to say – "close enough "

People who wonder if the glass is half empty or half full miss the point - the glass is refillable.

**Our shed is open from 9 am till Midday Monday to Saturday
and on Tuesday afternoon till 3pm**

Have a Great Week

David L (Assistant Ed)

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