



Weekly Newsletter for the 18th August 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.

Obituary



Phil O'Flaherty

**It is with deep sadness the Governance Committee
advise that our colleague Phil O'Flaherty
passed away peacefully
early Saturday morning.**

**Phil was in ICU with complications following
open-heart surgery.**

He was a Shed stalwart and will be sorely missed.

We have expressed sympathies

on the Shed's behalf

to Phil's wife, Swen.

Last Speaker

Tuesday 12th August

Rich Easton of the Neurological Foundation

See the Replay [HERE](#)





Another job travelling through the shed at present is the building of 5 compost bins for OT in Parnell.

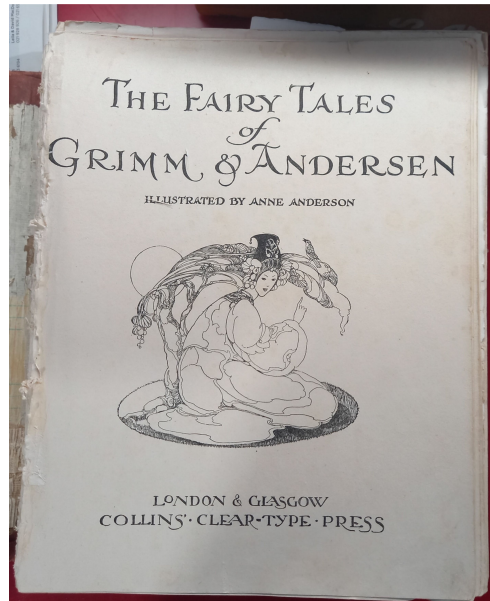
They each comprise 4 layers of frames which are stacked as the contents accumulate.

Then when their work is done the layers can be removed to release the rich compost.

Just another example of our versatile skillset in the shed.

Restoring a Classic:

Grimm & Andersen's Fairy Tales





Our bookbinding department is currently repairing a remarkable volume from the local library archives —

A book almost 100mm thick containing a combined collection of *Grimm's Fairy Tales* and *Andersen's Fairy Tales*.

The restoration process involves carefully removing the damaged cover, reinforcing fragile pages with fine paper supports, and rebuilding the binding to ensure this treasured work is preserved for future generations.

About the Authors and Their Tales

The Brothers Grimm – Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm of Germany published their first collection in 1812, drawn mainly from oral storytelling traditions. Their goal was to preserve authentic German folklore, and while early editions were dark and moralistic, later versions were softened for children. Famous tales include *Cinderella*, *Snow White*, *Hansel and Gretel*, *Rumpelstiltskin*, and *Rapunzel*.

Hans Christian Andersen – The Danish poet and writer began publishing his own literary fairy tales in 1835. Unlike the Grimms, Andersen created original stories, often infused with whimsy, melancholy, and moral lessons. His best-loved tales include *The Little Mermaid*, *The Ugly Duckling*, *The Snow Queen*, and *The Emperor's New Clothes*.

Two Traditions, One Legacy

While the Grimms preserved folklore and Andersen crafted original stories, together they shaped the backbone of Western fairy-tale tradition. Their works have inspired countless adaptations in literature, theatre, and film — and continue to enchant readers worldwide.

This restored volume will not only preserve their legacy but also allow future generations to enjoy the magic of these timeless stories.

More books await their time at the hands of our skilled members who exercise extreme patience and can spend the time to restore these collectible books to usable condition.

We are not "The Repair Shop" but occasionally a project comes along that probably only

we can handle!

Weekly Workshop

How to Resaw Timber on a Bandsaw [Click HERE](#)



Notices

Next Barbecue

Friday August 29th

Note: Barbecue starts at 12.30

when the Mayor is scheduled to arrive.



Mayor Wayne Brown and representatives from The Orakei Local Board will be attending.

Join US!

Quiz Night

September 17th

(Apologies, not August as previously advised.)

At Edmund Hillary Retirement Village

Join our team.

Talk to Quizmaster Bernie.

Special General Meeting (SGM)

Thursday, 21st August 2025

at 11:00 AM

In the Shed Meeting Room,

The purpose of the meeting is to formally vote and

adopt the proposed constitution.

This has been widely discussed with Members attending the Shed.
It has also been reviewed by our Legal team to ensure it complies with the New Act.

[Read the Updated version HERE](#)

and raise any questions you may have, before casting your vote.
This is an important step in strengthening how our Shed operates .
A hard copy has been posted on the meeting room notice board .

Waatarua Tree Planting

Saturday August 23rd

Talk to Terry Moore to participate

Bunnings Fathers Day Night

Thursday 4th September

Setup from 4 pm.

Check in with Bernie to register your availability.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday 23 September 2025 at 11:00am

98 Abbotts Way, Remuera

(Parking at Waatarua Reserve or on the road)

Join us for our Annual General Meeting,

followed by the Shed

annual photo and a fellowship BBQ.

Vacancies: Chairman + 2 Board Members

Nominations close: 5pm, Thursday 4 September 2025

Forms available from the Secretary/Admin Office

or download from the links below.

Full agenda out by 10 September.

Let's get a great turnout

and keep our Shed strong!

Contact: John Tattersall – john.t@winerackers.com

[Click HERE for the AGENDA](#)

[Click HERE for a NOMINATION FORM](#)

Men's Shed Week 2025

Monday 8 September,

Sheds across the country will join in to celebrate the theme



Led annually by the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) in the week following Father's Day, Men's Shed Week is an international celebration of the vital role Men's & Community Sheds play in building stronger, healthier communities across Australasia and the world.

Men's Sheds are a vital community investment delivering programs and activities that foster community spirit and contribute to building a more inclusive community. Men's Sheds not only play important roles in the overall improvement of health and wellbeing but also positively engaging within their community, for the benefit of their community.

"Men's Shed Week is an opportunity to honour the grassroots contributions of shedders, raise awareness of the Men's Shed movement, and invite more people to get involved whether that be by joining, supporting or simply learning more."

As part of the week-long celebration, Mens Sheds will host an invite a mate local event.

These events will bring together members, families, and the wider community to recognise the role of Men's Sheds in supporting connection, wellbeing, and practical skills.

"Our shed is more than just tools and timber – it's a place for locals to connect, share, and look after each other."

Men's Sheds across the world play a crucial role in supporting men's mental and physical health, providing purpose, belonging, and a space to contribute. This year's theme highlights the collective impact sheds have in strengthening the communities they're part of.

Mens Sheds invite the community to join the celebration and see what Mens Shed are all about.

Halloween

Friday 31st October

At St Heliers/Glendowie Community Centre.

Stonefields Market Day

Saturday 22nd November.

Start building stock now for a profitable event !

Community News

FREE Dementia NZ Workshops...on line

Financial Wellbeing Workshops

You're warmly invited to a free series of Financial Wellbeing Workshops, proudly supported by Westpac. Hosted by Winifred Henderson (Senior Educator, Dementia NZ), we will be joined by leading experts Fiona Faithfull (Partner, McVeagh Fleming Lawyers), and Clementine Ludlow-Henare (Financial Capability Specialist, More Than Money).

Friday, 22nd August 2025

Online via Zoom

Free online events

If you are unable to attend the live webinar, a recording of the session will be emailed to you.

[BOOK HERE](#)

Legal Guidance Workshop

With leading experts:

Fiona Faithfull - Partner, [McVeagh Fleming Lawyers](#)

Clementine Ludlow-Henare - Financial Capability Specialist, [More Than Money](#)

This workshop discusses what you need to know to navigate the legal processes for making a will and appointing an enduring power of attorney for yourself or family members, and tips for supporting people with dementia with money management and decision making.

[BOOK HERE](#)



Mal's Corner

**To steal from one person is plagiarism –
to steal from many is research !**

I thought I wanted a career.

Turns out I just wanted paychecks.

A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory

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

Have a Great Week

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