



Weekly Newsletter for the 22nd 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

Today its a Toy , Tomorrow its a 777



Roger Milne built this neat little plane at the Shed a couple of years ago.

His mates grandson just loves it !

His farm is called **Ros na Clonagh**.

Preparation for a life in the clouds?

“Lotte at Rat Central”



What do you give the Great Barrier Island unofficial "rat lady"
when she's surrounded by trap boxes?

Well, a better trap box naturally.

Rat Central is on Lotte's front lawn at Medland's Beach
and is where the Aotea Trap Library stores its trap boxes
before a new trap line is initiated.

Lotte is enthusiastic about the gift of the dual "Mk6 Allan" trap box
as it means two potential catches per site
which is great news on the sand dunes as often mice get to the bait first
so a "second bite" should work for a slow rat.

Another feature is that the mesh is stapled to the frame so that pesky pukekos
cannot lift out the gate of the single design

and get to the bait (or the kill!)

Lotte also commended the quality of construction of her dual "Mk6 Allan"

and was even more impressed

when told that the item was made out of off-cuts.

"The mesh is exceptionally well cut" she was heard to say.

All in all, a grand exercise and one that we hope keeps our customers

and us controlling pests into the future.

Grant Cummuskey.



Mens Shed Music Festival

Coolum Beach,

Sunshine Coast, Australia

Click [HERE](#) or the pic to watch the video of our Music Group giving it their all !



13 members of our Music group, including some partners, attended the first International Mens Shed Music Festival

at Coolum Beach on the Sunshine Coast in Australia this month.

Around 200 people attended with 20 music groups from around Australia and New Zealand.

Celebrating how music improves mental health.

More videos for your entertainment. [Click the pics to see them](#)





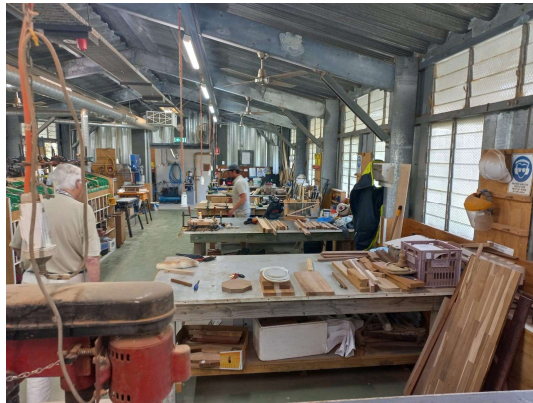
Following are pictures.

More on our Website Events page [HERE](#)











What a great event! Thanks to all who participated.

It was a surprise that so many were keen to participate.

Coolum Shed were over the moon that we attended and will use us in future fundraising efforts as next year will be a BOOMER !.

The event was recorded with TV standard equipment and will be professionally produced and sent all over Australasia to motivate a bigger turnout in 26.

Thanks to Harry for the photography and organising the group meals,

Mal for the Videos and Dene for all his hard work with bookings

and co ordinating the visits.

And a special thanks to Alan Simpson and Sidney Neale, our star players,

for driving us all to peak performance, to really impress the Aussies.

It was a great opportunity for us all to get to know each other and our partners better, bringing us all closer as a community.

We all look forward to what next years event brings.

Visit our website Events page [HERE](#) to see more pictures, enlargements and videos.

Mayoral Visit

We were recently honored by the visit of Aucklands Mayor, Wayne Brown and the Charming Deputy Mayor, Desley Simpson.

Along with the pleasure of their company, we also got to shout them a barbecued sausage and a tour of our amazing facility.

As a result we got a "mention in despatches" on Desley's Social Media page. see below.

Its great to know that those at the top know who we are and the value of what we do.

Perhaps Wayne and Desley will join our illustrious crew , when they retire?



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

7 Woodworking Tips & Tricks

You Really Should Know..... [Click HERE](#)



Other Notices

**What an absolute pleasure it is to work
in a well maintained, clean and tidy workshop.**

Members go out of their way to clean machines after use, return tools to their correct place
and

clean floors and benches after use.



Sound like our SHED?

It could be if we all did this.

This is not a workplace where someone else pays for the equipment and is responsible to keep the place clean and orderly. This is our gear which we need to look after.

This facility has come about from volunteers with sweat, drive and vision, dedicating themselves to

provide for fellow members, a facility, we can all be proud of.

Come on Guys, Clean up,

Treasure the gear

and Support your mates.

And if something wears out or breaks tell someone who can get it fixed
for the next fellow.

Would the Member

who removed the key for the Hazardous goods SHED
return it to the duty managers set and don't remove it again please.
It holds up proceedings when keys go missing !

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

Halloween

Friday 31st October

At St Heliers/Glendowie Community Centre.

Stonefields Market Day

Saturday 22nd November.

Start building stock now for a profitable event !

Next Barbecue

Tuesday 23rd September (After the AGM)

Friday September 26th

(Dont worry....the locals are friendly !)



TAMAKI DRIVE PROTECTION SOCIETY INC

Invitation to Annual Public Meeting

When: 7pm Wednesday 8 October 2025

Where: St Heliers Community Centre, 100 St Heliers Bay Road

The Society is a locally elected, independent registered charitable trust. Incorporated in 1991. It is supported by donations. Members work for the preservation of Tamaki Drive as an outstanding scenic and recreational resource and as the direct route into the city.

[Read MORE on their website HERE](#)



Mal's Corner

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road
and was charged for littering

A hole has been found in the Nudist camp fence –
the police are looking into it

Money can't buy you happiness,
but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery

5 Lessons from Sir Humphrey [HERE](#)



**Come up a lazy river with the Boston Pops ! [Click
HERE](#)**



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

Have a Great Week

Kevin (Ed)

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Community Facility for members today and far into the future.)**