



## Weekly Newsletter for the 23rd March 2026 (140)

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

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## Projects

### "WOW" Treasure "Chest"





Violet Oliver is a former winner of the famous World of Wearable Arts "WOW" show.

She has come up with a new concept this year around pirate treasure chests. Violet has been working with Peter Hoyle in the Shed, and others, to design, make and fit these!

She will be submitting her design for acceptance into the competition shortly. Fingers crossed.

Violet will bring her entry in next Tuesday, to do a show and tell, at morning tea. Bet there's no other Shed that's made one of these !

## **Next Speakers**

### **Tuesday 24 March**

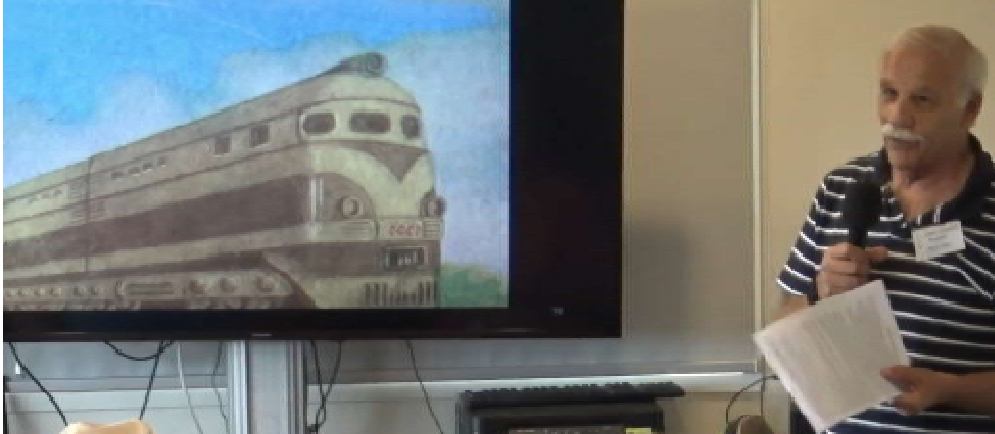
Raymond Cheung, has a stunning Video presentation of the Auckland Military Tattoo, which he attended recently, at Eden Park.

### **Tuesday 31st March**

Shed Member Chris Watson talks about Mount Kilimanjaro. To climb or not to climb in 1972.

A section of his travels in Africa.

## Last Speaker



Shed Member Lakis (Lugi ) Panteli told us about his journey back to the UK in 1976 via the far east and the USSR, travelling on the Trans-Siberian Railway

See the Video [HERE](#)

## The Story of NZ's Catalina

By Mal McLennan [Click HERE to watch](#)

# CATALINA ZK PBY



## Shed Tutorials

On the mezzanine floor .

Wednesday 25th March at 11 am

Laser Cutting

Wednesday 1st April at 11am

Wood Joints

## Barbecue

**Friday March 27th .....they're legendary, dont miss it!**



## Report on the Expansion Programme:



Now we have the sites ready for both the storage building and the mechanical workshop extension, we are ready for materials deliveries.

The programme is:

**Mech workshop wall framing - Tuesday 24 March**

**Mech workshop roofing and cladding - Tuesday 31 March**

It will help if members keep clear of both the official construction and the southern paved areas.

The building crew may ask for assistance over April and May so we can get these two projects covered before the winter sets in.

## **Next Wellbeing Group Meetup**

The next get together of the Wellness Group will be held at Stonebake Café on

**Monday 23rd March at 12 noon.**

All Mens Shed members are welcome to come along and share stories and life experiences over lunch, and support one another in a confidential and safe environment.

As always, everyone is most welcome.

If you wish to learn more about the group, please do not hesitate to contact either

Pete Montgomery 0274966901

Bob Lawton 0220178213

Ken Duncalfe 0274931463

## **Wanted to Buy**

A relatively new member at the Shed is wanting to buy a smallish car. Not too old, not too high mileage, and not more than \$6000.

Bruce Verrall, email [brucemv3225@gmail.com](mailto:brucemv3225@gmail.com)

**Or Call him on 022 462 5581**

## **Trademe ( or Facebook ) Help needed**

We have lots to sell and we need some members to list on trademe or Facebook marketplace with earnings to the shed.

If you can help please contact Don Morrison at [don.m.morrison@gmail.com](mailto:don.m.morrison@gmail.com) or in the office.

## **Duty Managers Meeting**

**Tuesday 24th March at 12 pm**

## **Bunnings Family Night**

**Thursday 26 th March at 5 pm**

Volunteers required.Talk to Don Morrison

## **Fire Drill .**

Yes we had one.....heres proof !



## Visit to Pauanui Mens Shed





While on holiday in Pauanui, Mal visited the local Men's Shed. - the seat is ready to be dropped in holes and concreted it in. A gas bottle made into a small furnace and an off cut of a steel I beam made into a heavy clock - items for sale at local markets.

They have 50 members but only 10 or 15 turn up each week at the only time they open which is a Tuesday morning

They do a lot of community work and make a variety of traps

They have very well equipped metal and wood shops.

## **Visitors from Inverness Mens Shed**



Yes we are famous worldwide. They came all the way from Scotland, just to see us ??  
The Mens Shed concept works just the same there as it does here. They took over an old school building and renovated it into a cosy shed. They have around 80 members and are about 8 years old. Also have a singing group. They even told us that Nessie is still alive ( in Loch Ness ) and well but only shows herself on misty days!

We were invited to visit them if we were passing.

The picture shows, Colin McKay, Member Inverness Mens Shed, Trish, His wife, and Gregor McDonald, their local contact, originally from Aberdeen , .

**Read the latest NEWS from Predator NZ**

**HERE**



**Read the latest news from Kaipatiki Project**

**[HERE](#)**



**Read the latest News from Orakei Local Board**

**[HERE](#)**



### **New Members**

These were inducted last week, please make them feel welcome.

Tim Jennison and Margaret Bei



**In Memoriam**



Sad to report that Derek Beecher passed last week. Derek joined the shed in 2019 and worked with our Conservation team building traps in the barn. His funeral was last Friday and he was well represented by his colleagues in the Shed. His cheeky grin will be sorely missed by his mates.

## **Mal's Corner**

**You do not DECIDE your future –  
you decide your HABITS and your habits decide your FUTURE.**

**If you see me SMILING –  
it's because I'm thinking of doing something EVIL & NAUGHTY  
If you see me LAUGHING , it's because I'VE DONE IT !**

**I don't care how much you don't like me.  
The last time I checked, the road to heaven wasn't through your  
yard.**

## Warbirds are Warming Up!

Watch the Wooden Wonder, ( Mosquito ) built just down the road,  
at Ardmore !

**Wanaka Warbirds 2026 is nearly [HERE!](#)**



**Have a great week!**

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