



Our vision .....to facilitate a thriving community shed

### Partners Day



To celebrate yet another successful year in the shed, members and partners gathered in December to share fellowship and stories of an eventful year. Our newly formed choir of musicians and vocalists regaled us with many popular tunes. Including our very own shed song sung with much gusto and laughter led by conductor, Dene Hoskins.

### The Book Fair



After years of Covid, the local Book Fair was held at the Barfoot and Thompson Stadium, Kohimarama. As we have for many years, The Shed provided a team of "strapping young men" (in our minds anyway!) to move hundreds of boxes and thousands of books, into a position where punters could empty their pockets.

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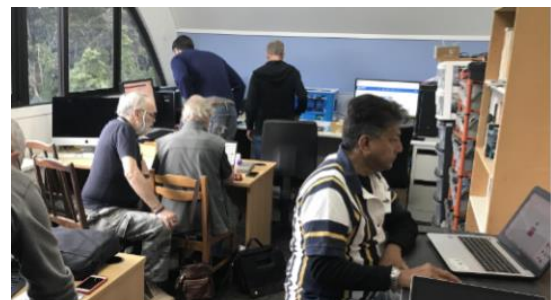
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### Waterfront Garden



The Saint Heliers Garden Club completed and installed a "living Garden" on the waterfront at Saint Heliers. The Shed made components for the structure, including a "Bee Hotel" for Bees that like to breed and live on their own, rather than in a hive, with thousands of others.

### 3D Printing



Our 3D printing group is growing rapidly. In December members attended our first 3D workshop. As a result, several projects developed. Don Morrison is building a bench saw guide using carbon fibre for strength. John Dennis made a 3D printed, 3 colour, NZ Flag. Martin Holden replicated a rare flush mechanism for his toilet cistern. The pictures below show the original, its mould and the completed bracket, in action.





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### Vinyl's Back!



Much to the satisfaction of the hard-core audiophiles amongst us, Vinyl records are coming back. A retailer, with over 7000 new records in stock, asked us to make boxes for 45 and LP records. The job was too small for a factory, so we were asked to make them as a last resort. Douglas Ormrod did a beautiful job of producing "showroom quality" boxes.

### Trucks for the Kids



Making things, is in the DNA of sheddies. Our Chairman, Alan Minson took time out from "making things happen" to making some cool wooden trucks in "old school" fashion, to last. No kitset "knock together's" here! They will be around for many years to come at a local childcare centre.

### From Downpipe to Lampshade

Otto Cheng was sad to see his ornate glass shade break.

So, he grabbed a piece of PVC downpipe and whittled a new one. Stunning!



### Joining The Dots

Nigel High, our electronics "team leader" was hard at work this month assembling wastewater controllers from a mass of components. It takes a sharp mind to remember where all the parts go!



### NEW Tactile Board

Roger van Kuylenburg's "lifetime on the tools" has given him a very creative mind. In addition to his other creations, Waterwalls, Mud Kitchens and Busy Boards, Roger has developed a "Tactile Board". The primary use for these was for intellectually handicapped students. However, now that others have seen the idea, it's being ordered for all students, to extend their sensory experience.



### Seat Refurb

New member, Walter McDonald refurbished a garden seat in double quick time, for local children.



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