MENS SHED Auckland East Inc.

NEWSLETTER **FEBRUARY 2021**

Our visionto facilitate a thriving community shed.

Welcome to 2021!!

And goodbye to 2020! Thank goodness its over!

Its certainly been a challenging year. However, it has to be said that adversity brings out the best in people. Our Website and Zoom sessions have been a huge success to keep us all engaged and informed. Our thanks go out to



people like Mal McLennan, Alan Minson, Roger Van Kuylenburg, David Levin, David Broadhead and everyone else who rolled up their sleeves and found a way for our shed to work, when we couldn't use it.

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Rotary for Breakfast

For some time now we have been partnering with fellow

community organizations like Rotary on projects like "Trees for Survival" and "Tools for Schools". We expect this rewarding relationship to continue into the future.

To discuss the many project's we could work on together, we invited



the Saint Johns and Ellerslie Sunrise Chapters of Rotary, to ioin us for a breakfast barbecue at the Shed. One Rotarian even donated surplus racking from his business to the shed to store our raw materials in the new tractor shed.



Record Sales at Kohi Book Fair with help from Sheddies



The November Annual Fundraiser for the Barfoot and Thompson Stadium (Formerly ASB Stadium) reached record sales this year. Funds raised go to help the stadium run profitably for another busy year. MSAE members turned up in force to help

the setup, man the tills and entertain the crowds. Sheddies Alan and Maree Lendrum were great at collecting the cash! Funds raised were shared among a wide range of organizations as well as funding the stadium's operations. A nice little financial thankyou was received by the shed for the efforts of our volunteer members.

And for the first time, left over books were donated to the New Lynn Lions Club monthly book sale. Maximising revenue, while minimizing waste.

Golf Club Recliner

The MSAE "precision wood crew" of Don Liggins, Alan Minson, Ian Hollister and Barry Eagland produced a stunning bench from recycled native Totara for The Remuera Golf Club. This was a gift as a thank you for the use of their maintenance shed till we got more space.



Beware Rat's we are coming for you!

By the time you read this we will have made 4000 standard Rat Traps and 75 Jumbo "DOC 200" traps.



Wheels within wheels

Late in 2020 we were approached by POLICE the NZ Police to repair and re home bicycles recovered by police during their investigations. NZ Police, partner with Men's Shed in Hawkes Bay to recycle bikes. This project has been very successful in keeping police storage areas clear and children mobile. it is their wish to repeat the project in Auckland.



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Which way does the wind blow?



Thanks to Graham Collie, our official weathervane has been rebuilt and is ready to mount on the Shed. Many of us remember the day when our back vards contained a "mobile" weather predictor. A glance at the weathervane and the sky was all we needed!

Sheddies "How To" on line.

In addition to the machine familiarization programs run in the Shed, we now have a series of videos demonstrating how to use the machinery in our Shed.

Visit our video page on the website www.msae.nz . Click on the "How To" link to see a range of commercially produced videos and our inhouse ones.

Centenarian restores metal bandsaw



Well he's not quite there yet....but getting close!

From running engineering companies to building a steel yacht and sailing around the world, Basil Campion is a real goer! Hard at work restoring a metal bandsaw in

our engineering department. Never too old to be a Sheddie!

Outboard "good as new"



Aart Ryke as a member of a local boating club, turned up at the Shed one day with an outboard motor from a safety boat, in a "thousand pieces". It was overheating and the local mechanic was quoting many thousands of dollars to fix and reassemble it.

Aart and the "engineers" Paul, Nigel and Co rubbed their hands with glee as they descended on this latest jigsaw puzzle. It was finally reassembled. The problem of a cracked pipe diagnosed and fixed.

Now the motor is up and running. Watching over future "America's Cuppers" on the Waitemata Harbour.

Next for restoration



A recent donation to the shed was this beautiful model of a Danish training ship from 1932, The Danmark. The builder, George Mathews has put hundreds of hours into its build.

All we need to do is clean

off the dust, tie the rigging and she is ready for display.

Build it and Race Cars a big hit!



Keith Hanning and his merry men ran another of his very successful "Build it and Race" sessions at the recent Panmure Christmas Party in December.

Many children had the opportunity to assemble their very own race car from components supplied. Then, race their mates on the racetrack provided by the Shed. They got to take their cars home free, for further modification.

Thanks to all our funders and supporters



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Location: 98 Abbotts Way, Remuera, Auckland Opening times:- 5 days per week. Tues (9 to 3pm), Wed, Thurs, Friday and Saturday (9 am to 12.30pm)

