

Our visionto facilitate a thriving community shed

1st batch of Chairs for Tonga shipped!



The Covid lockdown slowed production of the first batch of Ten chairs for the handicapped children of Tonga. But project leader Aart Rijke (Red Shirt) and his skilled team of (from left) Roger Milne, Nigel High, Paul ODowd, Douglas Ormrod, Willem Stortelers and Roger Van Kuylenburg, finally completed this stage of the project in just over **500 MAN HOURS!!** The chairs are now on their way by ship to Tonga.

NEW Craft Workshop Completed and ready for work!

Alan Minson and Peter Montgomery advise that the new mezzanine floor workshop is completed. It is set up for activities including; Leatherwork, Pyrography, Toy making and repairs, Model cars, Instrument building and Mosaics.

So watch out for training programs and study groups.



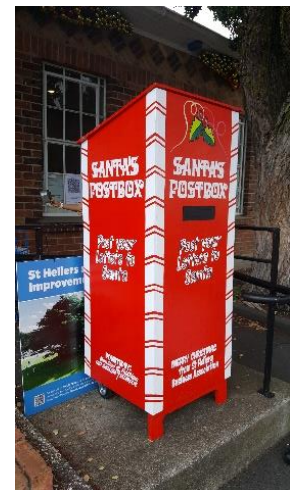
End of Year Barbecue

The shed re opened in December under strict rules of vaccination and social distancing. To celebrate what has been a tough year we had a top-notch barbecue cooked by Chris Carson, Graeme Collie and Bernie Ward.



Letters to Santa

Peter Ryan and Roger Van Kuylenburg delivered a beautiful Santa Post box to the Saint Heliers Business Association. It was immediately put on display outside the library and was rapidly filled with letters to the big man himself. From what we are told many children received replies from the North Pole and were eagerly waiting on xmas for their wishes to be fulfilled. Our thanks go out to Field Signs who hand painted the graphics.



NEW Canopy completed



Yes, we do like our comfort and safety! So, we have connected our 2 buildings with a covered walkway. A great investment. Now members will not slip when running between sheds in the rain.



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Zoom educates and informs

The Covid lockdown took most of us online, using programs like Zoom, to keep connected. Here are 3 examples of guest speakers who took the opportunity to talk to members recently through ZOOM. You can see their presentations and nearly 100 others by members and guests, by visiting the Video page of our website at www.msae.nz



Bruce Pilbrow
(CEO of The Spirit of Adventure Trust)

Bruce has spent his professional life dipping in and out of jobs in the corporate world and working for NGOs. His latest position is close to his heart - helping young

people realise their potential and self worth through an experience on The Spirit of Adventure.



Professor Julian Paton (Cardiologist)

From being fascinated by a Combined Harvester as a child, to coming to New Zealand to develop new medical appliances, Professor Julian Paton has a

fascinating story to tell about new discoveries to treat and manage cardiovascular disease. Focusing on hypertension (high blood pressure), ways to treat it, a new heart pacemaker and how we are using 3-D printing to research rheumatic heart disease.



Jim Stabback,
(CEO of Auckland Council)

Jim talks about the many diversities that make up the departments encompassing this large City Council. He discusses the many

challenges of managing such a large and diverse workforce and the incredible range of services his organization delivers.

NEW Life for Throne

Otto Cheng slaved away at home over the Covid lockdown to complete the restoration of a Fairy Throne, used for the Ellerslie Fairy parade and Mount Richmond school. He even recut the fretwork panels to bring the throne back to new. It was delivered to the Shed in a very sorry state after many years sitting outside in a resident's garden.

Students and staff were thrilled with the outcome.



Is there a Mens Shed song coming??

Many sheds around the world have developed their own shed song. It appears we have quite a few members who sing in choirs! It has long been a tradition in our shed to sing "happy birthday" to a member in return for a cake or tray of scones at morning tea, to celebrate their special day. We even had Christmas carols sung in December. Soon our dulcet tones will be ringing in members ears. Another way to know us!

Our Funders and Sponsors

Thanks to their support, we are able to continue to develop a first-class community asset, for today's community and those of the future.



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