



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

## Back to work...at last!!

Covid has sure dominated our lives this year!  
Our shed finally re opened at the beginning of October.  
Members returned with a sigh of relief and a determination to get stuck into some projects.

## A Year of Elections

Jacinda, Judith and Donald had one, so did we!

But due to Covid we held our AGM on line, using the video conferencing platform Zoom .



Mal McLennan was elected as the new Chairman, Alan Minson as Deputy Chair and Terry Moore as Secretary Treasurer .

The outgoing Chairman Bernie Ward reported.

- Membership in the last year had increased to 142.
- 105 Community Projects were completed including an increased range of environmental products.
- Rat trap manufacture has reached 3,500 traps.
- The assembly and installation of Native Tree Nurseries, in the region's schools, has been a successful new project this year.
- Shed upgrades are continuing at a steady pace with increased attention to "safety in the workplace".
- The addition of the old Tractor shed leased from Auckland Council on the Waiaatarua Reserve has dramatically increased our capacity.



Bernie's efforts as Chairman over the last couple of years were acknowledged with many thanks, from all the members, for a job well done.  
Bernie presided over some major leaps forward for our shed which will be forever appreciated.

## Thanks for sharing the load!

This is a good time to recognise the contributions made by other retiring board members. Keith Hanning, Paul O'Dowd and Don Morrison.

We don't see people making things happen every day, but without the efforts of great people, great things don't happen.

While retiring from the board, these guys are not retiring from contributing strongly to the operation of the Shed.

On behalf of us all, we thank them for being there, when we need them.

## NEW MSAE History Channel

Have you seen our new History page?  
There's a neat little video produced by Roger Van Kuylenburg, talking about the history of our Shed.

Also, Terry Moore has written an excellent article including interviews with members who talk about why they joined the Shed..

Go to our website at:  
[www.msae.nz](http://www.msae.nz) and click on the "HISTORY" page.

## Whats New on MSAE Zoom!

Watch a replay of these videos on the VIDEO page of our website [www.msae.nz](http://www.msae.nz)

- Rod Oram on "How we can best respond to theCovid-19 pandemic"
- Gerard Robertson on "A year in Toulouse for Air NZ"
- Mr. Simon Mills on Orthopaedic Surgery
- Jude Walter from Brainfit Auckland on "Why brain fitness matters"
- Professor Paul Spoonley on "A 'New' New Zealand How Demography is Changing the Country"
- Dr Fritha Hanning, Head of Oncology, Auckland Hospital on "Prostate Cancer"
- Dr Doug Wilson on "Ageing - the Highlights"

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## Trees For Survival Project

Trees for Survival is an environmental education programme which involves young people growing and planting native trees to restore natural habitats by helping landowners revegetate erosion prone land, improve stream flow and water quality and increase biodiversity.

The Trees for Survival programme creates community partnerships by engaging schools, their community, local businesses and Councils, working together to restore our natural heritage.

Men's Shed Auckland East works with Trees for Survival by assembling the new shade houses, delivering and installing them into the new Trees for Survival schools in the greater Auckland area.



MSAE members load an inverted shade house, ready for delivery to a new Trees for Survival school.



Children potting seedlings, in readiness for growth in the school's shade house. Each school will produce and plant about 1000 native plants per year.

## Mud Kitchens Proving Popular



Our prototype of a mud kitchen has caused much interest among Waterwall customers.

Many are now ordering Mud Kitchens for their students at local schools and childcare centres.

Plans have been drawn and construction details are being created so more members can participate in the manufacture of these popular items.

Check the website ([msae.nz](http://msae.nz)) projects page to see what these look like. Talk to your friends.

The order rate following discussion is extremely high. Certainly seems to be a popular item out there..

Thanks to all our funders and supporters



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