

# NEWSLETTER SPRING 2022

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

#### **Record attendance at AGM**



The Annual General meeting of the Shed was held on the 20th September to review progress over the last 12 months and to elect a new board for the coming year. Over 70 people attended including representatives of the Orakei Local Board who have been of great help with the development of our shed, for today's members and those of the future. Membership now exceeds 180 and are climbing fast. Clearly the community sees great value in membership.

# **New Board Elected**

The newly elected board for the 2023 year includes...

- Alan Minson (Chairman)
- Mal McLennan (Deputy Chair)
- Bruce Kerr (Secretary)
- James Young (Treasurer),
- Bob Moran (Fund raising)
- Mike Buckowski (Fund raising),
- Roger Milne (Zoom Meetings),
- Mark Nobilo (SMC Chair)
- Phil O'Flaherty
- Roger Van Kuylenburg

#### **Chairmans Award**

There are few people who have contributed as much to the development of our shed as Don Morrison has. The systems set up and run by Don have enabled the shed administration to run like clockwork.



There is so much that Don does that it cannot be listed.

In recognition of this huge commitment the Chairman presented the Chairmans Award this year to Don. With the huge endorsement of members.

# 2021/22 Chairmans Report

The last year presented many challenges for the shed. Chairman Mal McLennan and Vice Chair Alan Minson did a sterling job of steering us through the hazards faced. Here are some extracts from Mal's report to the AGM.



"Though the shed was closed for 131 days during Covid, our members continued to display irrepressible enthusiasm for the many projects completed. Their wide range of skills and commitment have resulted in the completion of many community and shed improvement projects.

Membership grew from 169 to 182.

Our Environmental projects were our most significant achievement with members dedication and commitment to getting product out the door to an exceptional standard. To date we have produced over 8000 rat traps primarily for backyard pest control in our community. Other projects of significance benefitted many schools, churches, and kindergartens in our local area".

### Life Membership Award

Awards such as this are not given lightly. So it is with great pleasure that the shed awards this honour to Alan Minson. He has done an amazing job of inspiring and managing many shed projects over the last 5 years.



These include the refit of the shed, development of the barn, installation of the craft mezzanine, establishment and running of the conservation projects and many other initiatives. Including helping Mal to run the shed in the last year and taking the lead role for the coming year. This is one way we can recognise his enormous contribution to The Shed's development.

# **Woodcarving Course**



Eight members attended the start of a new wood carving course, with Wanda Gillespie, a professional carver. Picture shows sheddie Dene Hoskins "



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#### **Police Dog Memorial Presentation**



Sheddie Penny Simpson crocheted a floral wreath on a steel frame made in our engineering department, for presentation, at a commemoration of past members of the Police Dog Section. From left sheddies Alan and Penny Simpson, Senior Sergeant Peter Pedersen, (in charge of dog section), with his dog Jango, and Sergeant Colin Howard, (in charge of the dog section training).

#### **3D Printer Action**



Members have been exploring 3D printing using equipment lent by member Raj Das. Hamish Hall of Auckland University designed some seats for Alan Simpson's model bus project. These were successfully printed and proved very valuable in demonstrating the possibilities.

We look forward to many future 3D printing projects.

# **Glendowie Church Sign installed**



Roger Van Kuylenburg and Peter Ryan completed and installed the large poster cabinet at Glendowie church.

#### Orakei gets its Pataka Kai

The Community Food Stand, built by Alan

Lendrum and his team, was completed and installed this month. Locals were keen to see it up and running. Helping with the everincreasing cost of living.



# Nice and Cosy!

Our Shed Managers never cease to amaze us with their process of continuous improvement. This month, we got our barn insulated. Our conservation team braved "Artic Conditions" this winter to produce many products. Now they will be cool in summer and warm in winter. Thanks guys!

# Beyond Expectations!

Our new truck is proving extremely valuable. Its continuously in use for picking up materials and dropping off product. We've added our Environmental Partners logos to the tray. Namely,





E B Songbird, Predator Free NZ and Trees for Survival. Picture shows 300 rat traps destined for Devonport.

#### **Our Funders and Sponsors**

Thanks to their support, we can continue to develop a first-class asset. For todays and tomorrow's community.









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