



Our vision .....a thriving community shed.

Welcome to the August issue of our newsletter. The year is passing fast and with Covid19 it has been a special year for the record books. The Shed has progressed rapidly despite the lockdown and plans are afoot for further developments in the near future.

### Orakei Local Board approves our expansion

A big thank you to the Orakei Local Board and Auckland City Council who have given us a lease for the old tractor shed next to our existing shed. This will be used to expand our community project assembly operations.



Finally we will be able to gather up materials stored around the town and put them in a place they can be easily accessed and utilized.

Plans are afoot to install a shingle drive connecting the shed to our existing courtyard providing easy access for trailers and equipment.

Its great that we are being recognised for our contributions to the health and wellbeing of our local community.

We extend our thanks to members Mal and Alan M who have worked tirelessly on this project for the last year.

### NEW Equipment



We have recently purchased more trade grade equipment for the shed. A Metal Cut Off Saw, MIG Welder and Wood Turning Lathe.

If you would like to use any of this equipment please go to the relevant training session to make sure you are aware of how these work and what safety issues you need to be

aware of before using them.

Best to check with the relevant workshop manager when you plan to use them for the first time.

Thanks to Mal McLennan for his tireless funding efforts.

### Machine and Technology Training.

We are now holding regular training sessions in the shed. If you would like to participate in a session please register your interest by emailing the shed or booking in with the Office Manager Don.

See the website notices page for actual times.

The first Technology session attracted 10 participants. You can bring a friend as a guest to these sessions.

Just be sure to book in so numbers are known before the event. Just email the shed.

### Mens Shed Auckland East WEBSITE up and running.

There is more and more information appearing on our website. Keep up to date with what is happening by visiting it at

[www.msae.nz](http://www.msae.nz) or

[www.mensshedaucklandeast.org.nz](http://www.mensshedaucklandeast.org.nz)

You should visit the Notices page regularly. Be sure to check out the video page for video conference recordings.

### Zoom Sessions and Covid 19

The Pandemic forced us as a club to go to Zoom guest speaker recordings, using the Zoom software program.

The initiative has proved so popular that we are continuing regular sessions for the benefit of those members who cannot be at the shed.

Join us at 10.30am on a Monday and Friday morning. These sessions are being recorded and can be viewed anytime.

Learn what other members have done with their lives and take advantage of the medical and philosophical talks that will enrich your life.

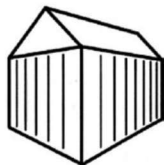
Just click on the links and a video will open on your computer or device. If you need help getting ZOOM working contact the shed and we'll get a member to assist' Know a good speaker who you think will interest members? Contact Mal McLennan to discuss.

### Shed BBQ's (Don't Forget!)

The Shed BBQ lunches are on the last Friday of the Month at 12.00pm

BBQ breakfasts are the second Tuesday of the month at 0800 hrs.

Members are requested to make a \$2 donation for lunch and a \$5 donation for breakfast.



### 17 Waterwalls delivered to date

Rodger has delivered his 17<sup>th</sup> waterwall to Cockle Bay school. This was the first double unit to be delivered. Maybe the first of many.



### Rat Traps pass the 3600 Mark.

Alan and the Rat Pack have just hit another milestone. Orders are slowing for the moment...perhaps the frost has slowed down the rat population? However there will be another burst of orders when spring arrives no doubt. Now's the time to stock up for the rush.

### Obituaries



#### Hank Humphrey

Died in June.

7 members represented The Shed at his funeral.

Hank was a regular at the shed from the first days of getting our building in Waiatarua Reserve. Like all of us, he was keen to get started with renovating what was a basic shell of a building, formerly used to store and maintain landscaping equipment, into a proper workshop. Hank donated to the shed some scaffolding he had at home. Then with Willem as his main helper, the two of them worked steadily over about 12 weeks to line the south end of our shed (where the large roller door is, nearest Abbotts Way).

Hank never talked much. He was a bit of a stoic personality, it seemed. He told us a bit about his health issues, but he seemed determined to just put those aside and get on with his project helping our shed. His experience with us really highlights how the shed can and does help people, and help them to help others.

#### Paul Cressey (Chairman of Howick shed)

had an accident on Waiheke Island recently and has passed

away. His funeral attracted over 500 people. He will be sorely missed by friends, family and the many community organizations he donated his time and expertise to. Paul was a driving force behind Howick Mens Shed. After years of searching they finally located a Shed. They will be opening the doors soon after major works and it is sad that Paul will not be there to see it. Some say however, that he will be there even though we can't see him.

### Get more out of your membership ?

Have you considered becoming a member of the team that runs the shed? Being involved in even minor ways gives you the opportunity to get to know other members better and increase your understanding of how the shed works. What it can do for you and what you can do for your community. There are many roles within the shed that are not onerous or time consuming. Be involved as much or as little as you like. But the more involved you are the better your health and welfare will be. Get more purpose and meaning in your life. Contact Don Morrison to talk about what you can do.

### Our funders and sponsors

**We thank all of our funders and sponsors.**

Their funding support enables our members to contribute their volunteer efforts towards the substantial renovations and upgrades to our building, creating a first-class community asset.



**For membership information please contact:**

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**Shed location is 98 Abbotts Way**  
**Opening times:-**

**4 days per week. Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and**  
**Saturday mornings from 9 am to 12.30pm (and until**  
**3pm on Tuesdays)**