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The Naenae Shed keeps rolling along quietly. New members turn up on a regular basis and add their skills to the mix, making life more interesting for all of us. Other members leave even more quietly and consequently I never know whether they are still around, lost interest or gone to live somewhere else. That hasn't been a problem in the past, but this year the **National Body has, not unreasonably, changed its subscription to a membership- based one.** That means we pay them a sub for each member and we need to know (more or less) exactly how many of us there are. The other change over recent years has been that the subs for our Shed are now due at the beginning of the year, so if you haven't paid yet you are either just about to do so or perhaps you don't exist after all! I will put out an imaginative list on the Shed table for those who haven't paid to ponder. The Shed Banking details are at the bottom of this newsletter.

Messages from Meetings

We have had meetings of the Supervisors and the Trustees in the last month with a few organisational points to make. The dust extraction system is still very much to the fore and Rob has had some excellent advice which he is waiting to take further. The electronic log-in system is working (logging out is more of a challenge as we tend to forget!) and we are trialling electronic control over the large band saw to see if that is an effective way of protecting it from the membership.

Rob and Selwyn are getting stuck into organising training for members on such vital things as their safety and use of the main machinery which should also help in the life expectancy of both. Supervisors and others will be essential in helping with such training sessions.

Peter has got the security/reporting RFID WiFi Machine Interlock up and running on the large Band Saw.

Once you're logged into the Shed and user permissions granted on the computer. Just place your FOB on the target until the LED changes. Then you can press the ON button on the switch block.

To turn off the machine hit the 'Stop' button on the RFID box.

[Why is the OFF button on the switch-block disabled? If you've started the machine and stopped it (at the switch-block) someone else can use the machine, break it, and you'll be held accountable for it. Using the (RFID box) Stop button stops the machine, resets the microprocessor and writes a database entry "Start/Stop" on the computer database ready for the next user. It's designated purpose.]



Editor's Note: Because these highly technical instructions contain a number of initials unfamiliar to our members with Gold Cards such as 'RFID', 'OFF', 'WiFi', 'FOB', 'LED', 'ON', I plan to run a competition. Anyone who can translate them all into 20th century English will get a spectacular and surprising prize.

Projects

A year ago, much to my embarrassment, Ana asked us if we could make play house for the kohanga reo she is involved with. The request was for something that looked like the pataka in the Dowse Gallery which resulted in so much concentration on potential carving that we forgot to build the **whare tamariki** in the first place! Having apologised profusely for the delay and finding that we are still needed, we have got it underway with professional supervision. We were also getting advice from a schoolboy who was keen to learn some skills and could help particularly with the carving. I'm not sure that 'procrastination' actually helped all that much in this case (see below).



The Thumbs Up team are into it in a big way this year. The primary aim is to make some Christmas toys for girls rather than lots of cars, trains, etc for boys. As a result we have extended our house building to doll's houses as well to use up some of the small household furniture that is hiding in boxes around the Shed. Some of the painting comes up with very original colours.

Mike dropped in one morning, wanting to make a **coffin**, as you do, but not knowing how to go about it. Fortunately, there was already such a request on the books and we had some plans and measurements from the period when we had tried to start a coffin club rather unsuccessfully. By keeping it simple, ie. rectangular rather than ‘coffin’ shaped and getting hold of some sheets of ply we managed pretty well, even to the addition of suitable lining. Both have been delivered and, I am glad to say, not used yet.



Not all of you will want to make your own coffin, but Jim sent me a reminder of what we all should have considered and that is **Advance Care Plan and Guide**. There is a website with all the details, including a comprehensive form. I would recommend you at least have a look at it and preferably fill it in for your family.

<https://www.myacp.org.nz/>

The Trophy Shop in Alicetown gives us a steady stream of work to keep us busy. Most of this is simple bases for school prizes which are quick to make in quantity as long as we can find enough rimu. Happily, donations seem to come through the door at about the same time as the requests for the the end of school year particularly.

Anything out of the ordinary gets quickly passed on to us and gives us a chance to use our imagination. Thanks to Rob for his excellent craftsmanship following some discussion with the customer and the ‘committee’. Luckily, it doesn’t seem to have turned out like the proverbial camel and the customer was very pleased with it.



Upcoming Events

Monday night Woodturning

The woodworkers Guild are thinking of running a woodworking training session on Monday night that has been languishing lonely and un-used for some time now. The focus would be on turning for people starting up or early in their careers.

At this stage, the need is to know how much interest such a session would generate. If you are keen or know of someone from the Guild or the Shed or anywhere else for that matter, let Brad Haste know: brad_haste@hotmail.com or 021-256-9117.

Healthy in the Hutt

This has become a longstanding tradition (ie. more than a couple of years!) and gives us a chance to show what we do in the community and meet other agencies of all sorts that are also active in the Hutt Valley. The Central Hutt Rotary organise it and we have such a rush of volunteers to man the stall that you will need to get your name in quickly to be ready for June at the Walter Nash Centre in Taita.

Hutt Valley Art Trail

This year again, the Shed will be involved with the Hutt Art Trail in association with the Woodworkers Guild. It is an excellent opportunity to show off your work of whatever ilk, offer it for sale, and show some of what the Shed members get up to in their spare time. Get your items ready for October.

Thought for the Day

(There's no need to take even a one day over this fatuous comment!)

I have always been a great believer in the old adage: 'never put off till tomorrow what you can put off till next week'. I think I have got that right.

I read an article recently on procrastination which pointed out that 20% of the population suffer from chronic procrastination. I suspect I'm a leading contender for the top 1%. The author, one Peter Jones (who probably didn't play rugby when I was young), reassured me from his historical study of the seven deadly sins, that 'sloth' didn't mean so much 'laziness' as 'boredom and lethargy in spite of having direction'. According to Dante Alighieri from 14th Century Italy, 'boredom works by anaesthetising our minds and leaves you open to manipulation and chasing after things and ideas.' Two hundred years earlier, St Bernard of Clairvaux had likened life to running a marathon, you can't keep going at the same speed but need rest periods as well as flat-out.

The bottom line is that these worthy gentlemen would both agree that boredom (as long as you stay awake) often leads to, not only self-discovery, but finding out about all sorts of other things. So procrastination can only be looked upon as a 'good thing' as long as you give boredom a chance to go on a mission of discovery.

Regular Weekly Programme:

Monday – 1pm to 3.30 pm	Supervisors: Michael Harrison, Dave Winthrop, David Firth
Tuesday – 9am to 12 noon	Supervisor: Archie Kerr, Jim Easton, Paul Switzer
Tuesday – 7 pm to 9pm (2 nd and 4 th Tuesday of the month)	Supervisor: Gavin Redpath
Wednesday – 9am to 12 noon	Supervisor: Archie Kerr, Graham Eagles, Neil Roulston Paul Switzer
Thursday - 9am to 12 noon	Supervisor: Archie Kerr, Paul Switzer, Selwyn Lowe
Friday – 9am to 12 noon	Supervisor: John Spittal, Sam Hillis, David Firth

Members' Duties:

Safety officer: John Piper

Training Organisers: Rob Baker, Selwyn Lowe

Donated Goods: Sam Hillis, Archie Kerr

Kitchen Supplies: Robby Hannan

Bathroom Cleaning: Peter Lowrie

Membership Secretary: Peter Chambers

Job Allocation: John Piper

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