



# Sheddies' Chatter

## The Men's Shed (North Shore) Trust

### *Welcome to the March 2017 Edition of Sheddies' Chatter.*

I was cleaning out my office the other day, trying to de-clutter and create a bit more space. I was trying to figure where to put all my catalogues that I use for my design business. It suddenly occurred to me that I no longer need them, because everything is available on line. That got me thinking about how much has changed in my lifetime. It wasn't that long ago that I used to ring up for a catalogue and it would arrive a few days later by post or courier. Now it's there at my fingertips. As a 5 year old, I can remember a wooden wall mounted party-line telephone with a handle on the side and an earpiece on a cord, never dreaming that one day we would be carrying one in our pockets with an endless variety of uses. Computers were unheard of, now they are everywhere in one form or another. In my youth, a phone call to a relative overseas had to be booked days in advance and was very expensive. We can now stand in a paddock in NZ and be talking to someone in a remote location on the other side of the world. What's more, we can see them as well. Wonder what the next 68 years will bring!

Happy shedding.

Roger Curl, Editor

### *Equipment Maintenance*

Maintenance of our machinery is important to retain the safe operation and accuracy of our equipment.

Consequently, we have started a regular program of equipment maintenance in our workshop.

Thanks go to Laurie Gibbs, Tony Moore, and Jim Rogers for volunteering to set up this programme and undertake the regular maintenance. Thanks also to trustee Graham Ritson who has been documenting the maintenance requirements and procedures.

It has been the practice in the Shed that damage to equipment was repaired at the expense of the individual operating the machine when damage occurs, unless of course the damage was due to faulty equipment. With the implementation of regular maintenance, this practice is reinforced. Please do not be offended or surprised if we ask for your cooperation in this practice.

If a piece of equipment is awaiting repairs or maintenance, we will continue to tag off equipment. Equipment tagged off is not to be used under any circumstances until it has been repaired and untagged.

Larry Klassen, Chairman

Men's Shed North Shore Trust

Below: Jim and Tony test the Table Saw



### *Help needed - Event Coordinator*

The Board is often approached by many organisations to assist or participate in various galas or similar community events.

It was therefore decided at the latest Board meeting to try and enlist one or two Sheddies who can help coordinate our participation in these events.

They are a great opportunity for The Shed to enhance its public profile and therefore attract new members and more community projects.

If you would like to assist, or find out more about this role, please contact Larry Klassen: [msnsadmn@gmail.com](mailto:msnsadmn@gmail.com)

### *Community Projects - Interested?*

The projects are continuing to come in on a regular basis

#### **Projects include:**

- Carpentry toolboxes for Rangitoto Kindergarten
- Blackboard for Rangitoto Kindergarten
- Frame house for Glamorgan Kindergarten
- 2 lecturns for HPELC

If you would like to work on any of these or other projects, please contact Dave Wardlaw at the Shed, or contact Larry Klassen by email: [msnsadmn@gmail.com](mailto:msnsadmn@gmail.com)

#### **Recently Completed Projects:**

- Framing for vent
- Cut-out figure
- Jewellery table modification
- Pram dinghy restoration
- Waste bin trolley for Oaktree Kindergarten
- Palisades for Torbay Kindergarten
- Crates and pen holder for Taiaotea Kindergarten
- Miscellaneous jobs for Parakai and Glamorgan Kindergartens



Gwyn has embarked on his latest project, his own casket. Bernard and Winston were seen measuring him up for a custom fit. and assisting with the design. Looks like quite a tight squeeze!



This dinghy was a safety upgrade for a Grandmother, she wanted to make sure the Grandchildren came home after playing out on the water. Ian, Bernard and other Sheddies worked on it.

Above left: Mathew, Jim and Laurie take the dinghy from the trailer to start the restoration

Above right: the restored dinghy -photo: John Sutherland



This MOBO 1950's merry-go-round was repaired and de-rusted by Eric and Gwynn and painted by John, for Dean Martin (no, not that one) He had played on it as a youngster and didn't want to see it scrapped.

Photo: John Sutherland

Members of The Shed have been experimenting with laptop cradles for autistic children. Some of the prototypes are shown above.

## 2017 Subscriptions are now due

Members, other than those that have joined the shed since the 1st Jan 2017, are reminded that their membership subscription of \$90 for the 2017/2018 year is now due.

Preferably, payment should be made directly to the Shed's bank account: 12-3072-0772783-00.

If you have your CH number that you were given when you joined, please show it as a reference and also your surname with an initial.

Alternatively, a cheque can be sent to The Men's Shed North Shore Trust, P.O. Box 311012, Glenfield, 0747, or by cash or cheque at the shed – give to the duty trustee or myself.

Payment should be made as soon as possible to ensure the finances of the Shed.

If you are not planning to renew your membership, please advise us by an email to [admin@mensshednorthshore.org.nz](mailto:admin@mensshednorthshore.org.nz)

Many thanks to those who have already renewed their membership.

Ross Miller,  
Treasurer.

## The Men's Shed North Shore

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Mon, Wed: 9:00am - 4:00pm  
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Send your ideas, photos, comments or contributions to:  
[editor@mensshednorthshore.org.nz](mailto:editor@mensshednorthshore.org.nz) see me at The Shed, or phone 027 264 1932



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## April BBQ Lunch - All Welcome

The March Barbeque will be at 12:00pm on Wed 5th March  
Sausages and bread will be provided. Feel free to bring your own salads, desserts etc. to share. Guests welcome!

Don't forget to bring your gold coin donation to cover costs and put it in the appropriate dish.

## New Members:

Welcome to the following new members who have joined the North Shore Men's Shed since the last edition of Sheddies' Chatter:

Cameron Williams

Manu Fotu

Les Probert

Faustino Canessa

Francisco Cantu

Rick Allender

Greig Buckley

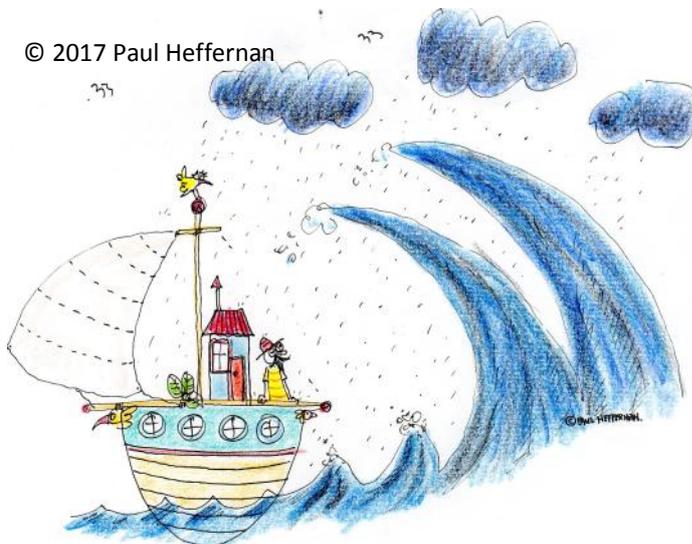
Mark Collins

Ian Thompson

Please extend them a warm Sheddies' welcome when you meet them.

NB: Shed membership currently stands at approximately 130 people.

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"ENJOY EACH DAY,  
YOU CAN NEVER BE SURE  
WHAT THE NEXT WAVE  
MIGHT BRING."

Horatio Pringledink,  
Seafaring Philosopher