



Sheddies' Chatter

The Men's Shed (North Shore) Trust

Welcome to the August 2020 Edition of Sheddies' Chatter.

Here we go again! Just when we thought it was safe, we're in lockdown again. Here's hoping it won't be for too long.

I actually only got to the Shed twice between lockdowns what with one thing and another and am feeling a bit ripped off!

I am glad to see the incumbent Board of Trustees re-elected at our AGM. I have the privilege of being able to sit in on the monthly Board meetings in an attempt to find more stuff for the Chatter. I have always been impressed by the huge amount of personal time the Trustees put into the smooth running of the Shed. There is a huge amount of work that goes on behind the scenes. There are no egos involved as in some organisations I have been involved in, all that matters is the efficient running of the Shed and providing the best amenities, care and well-being possible to Members.

Hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Feel free to join our Facebook Community Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/235015333829819/>

See you at The Shed. (soon I hope!

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Covid-19 Shed Closure

Men's Shed will remain closed for the time being, but the Zoom Meetings will continue.

The Board of Trustees is continuing to review the situation and the status of the Covid 19 pandemic. It is our view that opening the Shed and returning to normal operation under alert level 2 is not viable. As the situation evolves, we will review this but intend not to open the Shed before we achieve alert level 1.

Despite this closure, we do have some community projects that were underway before lockdown, and we intend to utilise a small team to complete these at the Shed. If you are keen to help out with one of these, let us know by email at msnsadm@gmail.com and we will be in touch. The team size is very limited. If you have any questions or concerns, please do contact us by email.

The Monday night Zoom meetings continue. If you would like to join us at 7PM, here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84449297925?pwd=eUl6UjRLSnVkanRSeXJ1MlVVTbjN6Zz09>

Stay Safe, Cheers Larry Klassen

Chairman, Men's Shed North Shore Trust

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Need Help?

These times have been very difficult for a lot of people. If you need assistance, please don't hesitate to ask for help.

Key telephone numbers:

COVID-19 Healthline [0800 358 5453](tel:08003585453)

- For general health issues, phone your doctor.
- For emergencies dial [111](tel:111).
- If you are feeling anxious or just need someone to talk to [call](tel:08001737) or [text 1737](tel:08001737)
- Elder Abuse Helpline [0800 32 668 65](tel:08003266865)
- If you need to discuss your entitlements phone the MSD Senior Services line [0800 552 002](tel:0800552002)
- Make sure all your details are correct through your MyMSD Account at www.my.msd.govt.nz
- If you are unable to find what you need online, and are not sure who to contact for help, call the free government helpline on [0800 779 997](tel:0800779997) or on [0800 22 66 57](tel:0800226657) (8am–1am, 7 days a week).

Converting old Negatives to Digital

This article was inspired by member, Alan Collie, bringing in a box of photo negatives wanting to know if these could be copied to a computer file.

Now, a non-Men's shed person would have looked on sites like TradeMe and found "gadgets that for a (hefty) price will do just the job"?

But, we shall build our own gadget.

Refer to figure, lower half.

This shows an old 35mm slide projector with its projection lens removed and a Digital Single Lens Reflex (DSLR) camera put in its place.

Inside the housing of projector the lamp has been replaced with a 1.2watt LED globe. The condensing lens of the projector remains in place along with the slide changing mechanism.

The DSLR camera is now focussed onto a mounted 35mm slide to get the slide photographed,

The camera will need to be fitted with a Close Up lens to enable it to frame the slide, or, as this camera has a removable lens, a Macro Extension Tube was fitted to do the same job.

The camera will also need to have its settings chosen to get the best photo of the slide, but once this has been done, it becomes a production job to change slides and press the shutter button to take digital photos of as many 35mm slides as you have in your shoebox.

The figure also shows the camera connected to a TV showing a 35mm colour slide of a much younger author. Displayed on the TV also are the settings of the camera. These settings are not visible in the photo taken but are recorded in the "Meta data file" should you need them for post processing.

Now, did I mention negatives? This is what Alan has in his box of old photos.

To handle these a modification is made to the slide changing mechanism so as to hold these strips of film in place while the camera takes a photo of the negative image. The camera



will now have photos of negatives to deal with.

To convert a negative into a positive requires 'post processing' using computer programs called photo editing tools. I use GIMP and Shotwell but Photoshop and/or Picassa should work as well.

Camera settings and post processing are an extensive part of getting a film negative into a positive and will need to be subjects of further articles.

Robert Denize,



Men's Shed North Shore 2020 AGM

The Men's Shed North Shore 2020 AGM was held on Wednesday, August 5th, 2020

There being no additional nominations, and the existing Trustees willing to stand again, the entire Board of Trustees was re-elected.

The Board has yet to meet to discuss which roles will be undertaken by each Trustee.

Piet Smalberger, whilst not undertaking a Trustee role, will take over the role of Treasurer from Kerry Stenhouse who will remain as a Trustee.

We Have Gone Digital!



Our "Sign In" Sheet at reception has now been replaced by a Tablet based system called Vistab that has been adapted to

meet our specific needs.

It is located at Reception and is very simple to operate. All that is required is that you use the touch screen to enter your name upon arrival and when leaving the shed.

Your name will already be in the system so you will only need to type in the first couple of letters and your name will come up automatically. There will also be a couple of boxes for you to tick that will give us valuable information on your activities at the shed.

Dave Whiting has been gathering this information manually and it is a time consuming undertaking. The resulting data will give us a valuable insight into our operation, assist in planning and provide valuable information to support fundraising efforts etc.

Visitors will also be required to login to the system.

Further information at <https://www.vistab.co.nz/>

Hibiscus Community Shed



The Hibiscus Community Shed is finally under way with earthworks commencing recently on their new site opposite Bunnings in Silverdale. They have been operating from temporary premises until their new shed is complete. It's been interesting to follow the progress every time I visit Bunnings. (Which is quite a bit, I must admit) Hoping to bring you a bit more info in future editions. These photos were copied from their Facebook page

Lance & Shelley's Q & A Forum



Congratulations to Dave Fisher, winner of the August raffle for a restaurant voucher donated by Shelley and Lance



"Surprisingly post Covid19 lockdown we are seeing increased activity to prior the lockdown in the housing market. Houses are selling well - we have large numbers of buyers with not enough stock to sell them. With increased competition between buyers prices in our areas are holding very well.

Would you like to know what value your property holds in the current market? Please give us a call or email and we can organise a free and confidential market appraisal for you, along with some advice on what will add value to your property if you are looking at selling.

[Lance and Shelleys available times](#)

You can send your questions to Lance and Shelley:

By email: s.boyed@barfoot.co.nz

On Facebook messenger on Shelley Boyed and Lance Clarke Real Estate:

<https://www.facebook.com/shorerealestatenz/>

View their Website:

<https://www.barfoot.co.nz/s.boyed>

[My client testimonials and recent sales](#)

New Polo Shirts for sale

We now have Men's Shed North Shore polo shirts available for sale.

They have the Men's Shed North Shore logo embroidered on them.

Colours available: Red, Green, Blue and Black

Sizes available: S, M, L, XL and 2XL

Cost: \$25.00 each for members.

To order your shirt, contact Graham Bolton: grahamboltonakl@gmail.com

or see him at the Shed.



The Chooks - Tales from the Henhouse

The Chooks will not be meeting under the present lockdown, but will resume when appropriate.

The Chooks is a group of lovely ladies that meet every 3 weeks for coffee, cake, and a chat.

We would love to have some new ladies come and join our friendly bunch and meet some new people. If you (or friends, partners, aunts, sisters, etc) are interested in meeting some new people for a chat and a coffee, everyone is welcome

We would really like to see some new faces. For anyone that would like to come along and meet a group of lovely, friendly women and share a coffee and chat you would be most welcome. There are lots more tales from the henhouse to be shared.

If you would like to find out more or just interested in finding out who we are, just give Sandy a call for a chat or contact by email.

Mb: 021 465 046

Email: lifecoachsandyk@gmail.com

New Members:

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

Reuben Price
Eddie Light
Graeme Chatfield
Fiona Moverly

Phillip Martin
Chris Naya
Robin Findlay

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

The Men's Shed North Shore

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Facebook Community Group:

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Feel free to add comments or interesting stuff.

Send your ideas, photos, comments or contributions to:
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See me at The Shed, or phone 027 264 1932



Lance Clarke & Shelley Boyed

Major Supporters

Men are just happier people

What do you expect from such simple creatures?

Your last name stays put.

The garage is all yours.

Wedding plans take care of themselves.

Chocolate is just another snack...

You can never be pregnant.

You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park.

You can wear NO shirt to a water park.

Car mechanics tell you the truth.

The world is your urinal.

You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky.

You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.

Same work, more pay.

Wrinkles add character.

Wedding dress \$5000. Tux rental-\$100.

People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.

New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.

One mood all the time.

Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.

You know stuff about tanks.

A five-day holiday requires only one suitcase.

You can open all your own jars.

If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend.

Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack.

Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.

Everything on your face stays its original colour.

The same hairstyle lasts for years, even decades.

You only have to shave your face and neck.

You can play with toys all your life.

One wallet and one pair of shoes -- one colour for all seasons.

You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.

You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife.

You have freedom of choice concerning growing a moustache.

You can do Christmas shopping in 25 minutes for 25 relatives at noon on December 24