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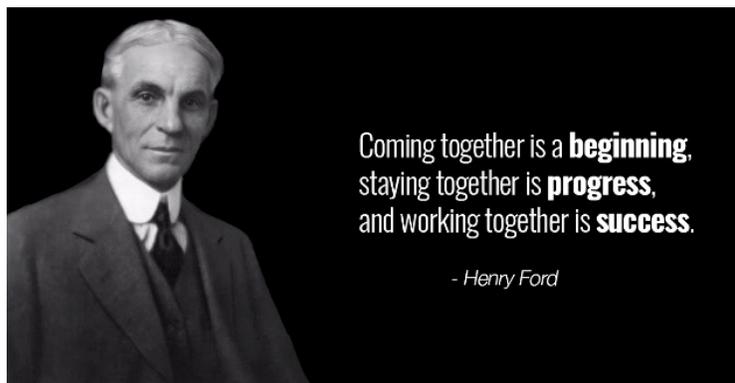
From the Chairman

Hello fellow Sheddies welcome to the latest newsletter.

Another busy and successful few weeks at the shed. By the time you read this most of you will be aware of the 'Pat On The Back lunch' held on the first Sunday of August. This is an appreciation of the hard work put in by our members. Looking forward to seeing you there and working with you on other interesting and exciting community projects in the future.

George Inglis

aka Kiwi George



Next time you pick up a hammer think of this;- the hammer is considered the great grandfather of every tool ever made.



Archaeologists have discovered the first appearance of a "hammer stone" was 3.3 million years ago in Lake Turkana, Northern Kenya.

Front Cover:

Neil Moore is this Sheds top maintenance man. Here he attends to the Everson radial saw located out on the landing.



A morning in mid June saw the Shed in party atmosphere with the regular IHC attendees celebrating a birthday. There was plenty to eat and chat about. 'Flossie the balloon lady' attended adding plenty of whoop and delight with her colourful, tutorial balloon creations.



Welcome

To these new members

Brendon Nevin

Dean Wilkinson

Martin Klancar



Rātā
Foundation

whats been happening?

Since the last newsletter there has been no let up on activity within the Shed. A good spell of sunny days albeit escorted by a noticeable drop in temperature has seen steady attendances. Here is a brief recap of what has been happening.

Back on June 7th and 9th, 10 helpers assisted with duties at the Race meeting.

Terry Garside and Graham Fittock built a screen for Copy Art. They have also of late constructed plinth displays for Mitre 10. The likely duo along with a few extra helpers built a table and two bench seats for Rainbow ski field. The material used was macrocarpa sleepers resulting in a very hefty and weighty outdoor furniture set. A requirement to withstand the alpine weather conditions of both snow and wind.



Seen here is plain ole Alan doing some work on the macrocarpa sleepers for Rainbow Ski Field.

The operational automatic gate was built by Dave Meier providing greater security for the Shed as well as controlling people entering the site. There is still some fine tuning to be done by our friendly electrician, John Sowman, as there are still some gremlins at play with the unit.

One of the most noticeable sites of activity has been the evolving of Martin Klancar's tiny house down the backyard. It has grown from the tandem trailer that came onto site into quite an impressive looking item. The building is now being clad.

This is Martin's second tiny house build and it's obvious he's very competent and efficient. Added to his skill set he is a regular cherry face to the Shed scene and well liked.



On July 11th we had a visit from our patron, local MP Nick Smith. During his many public engagements he often hears the name of the Waimea Menzshed in a good context so his visit was to express a big congratulations to those present. Over the afternoon cuppa he enforced his continual support for the Shed especially for future funding for capital projects ie; new wood-working workshop.

A few weeks ago Volunteer Nelson came on site with a handful of refugees. Their visit was to find out what appealed to their individual liking. There will be return visits from this group with the aim to get individual involved in their areas of interest. It's hoped to help them gain work experience and a basic skill set.

Don't forget the Shed has an active facebook site and this keeps you up to date on the happenings within the Shed.

Don't let the winter blues keep you at home, you are more than welcome to come to the Shed and share in our heat pump, share in our banter or lend a hand if you so feel inclined.

Tony Seatter
Editor.

An advertisement for Nelson Forktrucks Ltd. It features a yellow forklift on the left. The text includes: "THE FORKlift SPECIALISTS", "CELEBRATING OVER 20 YEARS IN BUSINESS", "WIDE SERVICE & PARTS FOR ALL MAJOR BRANDS OF FORKTRUCKS", "SALES OF NEW & USED MACHINES", "ELECTRIC, PETROL, LPG & DIESEL", and "ONSITE WOP'S". The company name "NELSON Forktrucks Ltd" is in a red box. At the bottom, it says "10 Cargill Place P O Box 3374 Richmond Nelson 7050 Ph 03 5441581 or 0800 436755 (0800 4 forklift)".

An advertisement for Sportswise SIGNS & GRAPHICS. The word "Sportswise" is in a white, italicized font with a shadow effect. Below it, "SIGNS & GRAPHICS" is in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font with a black outline. The background is black with white horizontal lines above and below the text.

Many of you will be aware of the huge problem currently being face nationwide with the infestation of vermin in our native bush due to a long dry summer. The ideal breeding conditions have caused a massive spike in population numbers.

A few weeks ago Tasman District Council approached the shed asking if we were interested in taking on the task of building 110 mouse/rat traps. We happily agreed and it didn't take long for a small group of helpers to 'knock up' the basic structure—core flute, three pieces of timber and some netting.

TDC also require 24 double predator traps which will be our next project.

In keeping with our efforts to help rid the vermin and predators in our bush, the Shed also under took the construction of 90 double predator traps for "Friends for Flora".



This shed has an excellent working relationship with Nelson Tasman Hospice providing appropriate service for needs of the organization and its residents.

A while ago Grant Russ spotted a large elm burr from the firewood bin of his sawmill business located at Blackbyre Rd, Appleby. A burr is a circular growth on the trunk of a tree created by the tree to heal a disease or parasite damage. Recognising its beauty he gave it to the Shed to use.

Woodturning craftsman, John Sowman took the burr and sliced it into useable pieces. The largest piece was designated for Hospice. Turning of the bowl necessitated the use of lead sinkers screwed to one end of the burr to balance it enough for turning. Skilled hours of work later the completed bowl was presented to Hospice in May where it sits proudly on display for all to admire.

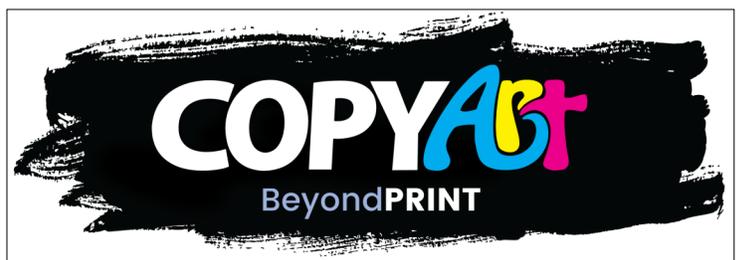
Well done John and thank you Grant.



"Here mousey, mousey come and visit the new accommodation the Shed has provided for you along with free food."



Regular attendee's, Kevin & George are "captured" in the process of assembly.



Snippets

A couple of weeks ago a bundle of recycled tongue & groove, rimu was off loaded at the Shed. This timber is to be transformed into 15 classic-style, trestle tables. I.E: two sets of folding legs and a large flat top. The request to make this familiar furniture was made by Continental Caterers as part of their equipment for hosting events.

Oppsy Daisy

Placement of timber joins according to diagrammatic instructions is simply a matter of interpretation. The cut is square and the joint is snug and level. Never let it be said the workmanship isn't of a high standard.



The task of realignment is penance for the unmentioned offender.



Word of this Sheds willingness to help in community affairs has now reached the local playcentre's and kindergartens. Over the past few weeks there has been a large spike in enquiries. "There wouldn't be a week go by," says Alan Kissell, the Shed's coordinator, "when my phone rings with a request."

Recently, member Arnold Chittenden completed building a mud kitchen for children at a local kindy.



Outdoor kitchen unit for Brightwater School

Keeping with the young people theme, several weeks ago Terry Garside built a large wooden version of the popular game Connect 4. This now resides in the kids area of the Bunnings store and

is a well attended activity. Testing out the finished product



are the Sheds two big kids Kevin and Dave.



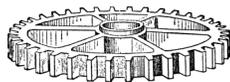
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Hi Alan, George and crew.
 A big thumbs up from the lady volunteers at Days for Girls for our sturdy trestle tables. They are perfect for our sewing and fit comfortably in our room.
 It's wonderful to be able to collaborate with other volunteer agencies.
 It builds strong connections within our community.
 Kind regards,
 Debra Gibbs, Richmond Rotary



Receiving recognition for a job well done, in this case children's traffic signs, is James & Terry.



Equipment upgrade

A brand new, small, zappy, single phase MIG welder has been purchased and has meet with approval by all users.

“Compact and easy to use makes this unit very user friendly,” reported Ian Hobden, this Shed’s renowned and experience welder.

A disused metal cabinet was converted by our ‘creative Roy’ to hold the little blue beast complete with acetylene cylinder. Wheels were fixed into place making this a very portable piece of equipment. The aged and cumbersome TIG and MIG welders have been sold.

The woodworkers haven’t missed out on an upgrade either. The table saw on the landing has seen a lot of use and is proving to be under powered for it’s high usage.

Although not brand new, the Shed won an online auction for a replacement, a Baron-Max. Bill Gutsell travelled down to Christchurch with trailer in tow and up lifted the machine. At this stage it appears to function very well with a greater sized motor, housing a 300mm blade and offering better operational features.



Busy cutting and restocking the kindling for sale is popular, regular sheddie, John Jellyman.

