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Hi fellow Sheddies

It is now that we can celebrate Christmas and welcome in a New Year. Our Shed has seen some pretty big growth with new members, our secretary tells me, we have 150 financial Sheddies on our membership roll. I am not sure about other Sheds, but this seems pretty good to me. We have been asked to take on various community projects, like painting over graffiti, re-oiling public gazebos and seating for our local council, have manufactured Bleachers for various sporting groups, and also bbq tables for a local camping ground. This has caused some headaches for our organizing supervisors with having to meet deadlines, along with our other commitments. These have now been completed and have been dispatched.

Some of my most pleasant times have been attending Jimu's evenings of various members telling us about some parts of their lives, these have been very enlightening when you work and play with these fellow Sheddies, and then you hear some of their life stories and you realize that you don't know them very well at all.

One of the things that has been a big asset to the shed has been our dedicated office, we now have all our records and history in one place. Before the paperwork was in different localities with different people looking after their little bits of the shed. When I started to do the newsletter, Alan and I discussed how to consolidate everything, the first thing was to build a dedicated office where everything could be in one place. This has happened, and now all the membership information and the financial side of the shed can be handled from one place, Alan can have a meeting in private and our secretary can do his work in good facilities. At one stage I thought that I would do the newsletter out at the shed, but since Andrew is very busy in the office, I will continue to work at home.

The shed still has a lot of donations of various things like: tools, electrical goods. Furniture and anything else that arrives. These items are treated in different ways, with some going on TradeMe, and others going into our garage sale, our first one was so successful, I think that it could become a regular thing.

Our shed rounded out our busy year with a get together at the shed with members and some of our sponsors and contributors for drinks and then onto one of the halls on the AMP showgrounds for a sit down meal and general evening of good cheer and camaraderie. It was a great way to finish off a great year.

Hoping to see you all in the New Year.

Merry Christmas and Good Wishes

Cheers



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