



September / October 2018

September 1. An email was sent reporting on the recent visit from the Eastern and Central Trust. I gather that members of the Trust were impressed with what we do and hopefully they will continue to support us by providing grants.

September 4. Biography number 3 Collin Blackman. An interesting story of how he became a flight engineer. He told us some of his adventures in Wellington on Wahine Day, two years of apparently not so hard labour in Tahiti and then his life as a flight engineer on DC8s, DC10s and 747s. He attached a picture of his office on board a Boeing 747.

September 7. A Linisher was offered for sale on "Tender Spot" and Roy launched "Headzup" .

September 9. Statistics about the website visitors was emailed 666 unique visitors making 1157 visits. Pictures taken around the shed were attached.

September 17. Collin reported an unexpected benefit resulting from the publishing of his bio. He discovered that Mike Slay's wife, Pam is a second cousin!

September 18. Roy sent us another of his literary masterpieces "The Outside Dunny Poem".

September 25. A notice informing members of the End of Month Dinner at the Hastings Club was sent out. This Dinner takes usually place on the last Friday evening of the month. Contact Gavin on 027 650 6463 if you are interested. Gavin like to have the numbers to pass on to Hastings Club by the preceding Wednesday.

October 6. Biography number 4, Doug Stewart. Doug told us about his very varied working life as a plumber and engineer and how his wife, Jill, was enlisted as an assistant to dig holes and fix spouting brackets. His short time in the army resulted in him being promoted to corporal and tank commander as well as proving to be an excellent marksman.

October 7th. Ian told us about his later IT enterprise, converting VHS home videos to DVD and into a digital format. He suggested that YouTube video, 'Long Haul for a Long Hall', might be of general interest.

October 15. Mike Hyde reported his lost keys. I hope you found them Mike. The opening day for DoC bird hide at Shoal Bay was to have been the 28th October. That was subsequently postponed. Gavin Smellie issued an invitation to the End of Month Dinner at the Hastings Club. Members of the Hastings Menzshed were invited also.

October 27. A link to the Menzshed National Newsletter was included in this message. We were told of a proposed raffle of Graeme Black's child's caravan and a request was sent out for someone to organise it. Brian sent a fascinating account of a precise moment at sea.

October 28. Tim Herd's mobility scooter was offered for sale and Collin Blackman asked if anyone knew somewhere where he could park a 20 foot storage container for a couple of years while he took to the road in a motorhome.

Thanks to Russell who kept us supplied with a steady stream of his candid camera shots.