



A brief run down of the email traffic through the email Forum November 2018 to February 2019

Because of computer troubles no Forum email messages were sent out during the earlier part of November. The first posting of the month was on 17 November.

17 November. Not Quite a Newsletter No 3, Sept/Oct was sent out. The same email told how new member Peter Collins brought the place to a stop when he brought in and demonstrated his 3D printer. He built it himself!

19 November. Biography no 4, Ian Appleton was distributed. Ian told of how bagpipes brought him to NZ.

20 November. A Headup from Gavin about the End of Month Dinner at the Hastings Club on 28 November. A reminder followed on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

29 November. Mike R. sent out a plea for Christmas bunting and tinsel to decorate the floats for the Christmas Parade. The same email had a couple of photos taken at the Mitre 10 Ladies night.

29 November. John Purcer created one of his masterpiece bowls which was presented to Paddy in appreciation for all the effort he put in to getting the Shed compliant.

2 December. We did it! Congratulations to the team, particularly to Doug & Mike R. on their 1<sup>st</sup> prize winning float in the Napier Christmas Parade.

2 December. Notice of the Christmas break up pot luck lunch to be held on 13 December.

9 December. A few photos of our Christmas Parade float were posted on the National Menzshed Facebook page. Likes and congratulations flowed in from other Menzsheds around the country. The same email contained pictures of the aeroplane in its new hanger above the mitre saw.

11 December. A link to the Christmas Parade video which showed our two floats. Also in this email, pictures of the Trustees plaque and activities taking place around the Shed.

19 December. Sad news when we heard of Tim Herd's passing.

23 December. Christmas Greetings. We also had a photo of Mike R. taking an art class in an Oz school. Mike Slay sent his personal congratulations to the 'lads' on their winning Christmas float and Russell sent a generous supply of pics taken at the Christmas barbecue lunch.

30 December. Ian A. sent details of his cure for snoring! A bit bizarre guys but it does work.

31 December. We heard that the NZ Menzshed movement was semi-finalist in the 2019 Kiwibank awards. Haven't heard any more so don't know if we progressed any further.

3 January. Russell sent an article from NZ Herald about a woman who has had a coffin that she made, at the Menzshed in Whanganui stolen.

3 January. A copy of a Facebook posting showing a picture of the Hastings Menzshed new premise was sent.

16 January. Menzshed Thursday. We need to increase our membership and Mike R told us of his proposed Menzshed Thursday Idea.

22 January. Bio no 5 Richard Morgan. Richard told us his interesting story and how a job opportunity for Gloria brought him to Hawkes Bay.

22 January. Russell's pics around the shed and a Stuff article about a cheaper way to die.

5 February. Gavin's notice about this month's dinner. This time at the Taradale Club on 22 February. A reminder went out on the 19th

7 February. Brian sent a link to a video showing a trio of people dancing on an electronic keyboard.

12 February. We beat Donald Trump to it and completed our wall in record time. The wall separates the smoko area from the workshop.

18 February Mike R. sent copies of telegrams sent between American President Harry Truman and General Douglas MacArthur the day before the signing of the WWII Surrender agreement with Japan in 1945.

19 February. A reminder was sent out to, "bring along a mate" to the Open Day on Thursday.

19 February. The Napier Menzshed Facebook page was launched. Please do all you can to "Like" and "Share" the page with your friends and family. There was a selection of photos showing the preparations for the Open Day in two day's time.

19 February. Bernie sent a link to a very clever and amusing video. Sadly, the file was too big to be received by some members.

21 Feb. A good selection of photos taken at the Open day. I gather the promotion was deemed a success and several new members were signed up. I look forward to adding the new members' email addresses to this Forum. Notice of the next event, the VINTAGE DAY AT ESKDALE PARK on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

22 February. The Facebook page brought in an offer of a free workbench. Anyone interested was to contact the owner direct.

22 February Mike R. Reported on the Open Day promotion. A few figures. Nearly 90 men folk walked through the door and John Purser barbecued 120 sausages. The day was considered a success.

22 February. Bernie sent a picture of an elephant coming to the rescue of a lion cub, while the cub's mother walks gratefully along side. If only more humans could show such empathy.

23 February. A selection of photos taken at the Taradale Club Dinner on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. There looks to be a good turnout. Thanks Gavin for organising these events.

25 February. Biography no 6. Keith Walker. Born in NZ, worked in NZ, Campbell Island, Fiji, UK and Libya before moving to Napier in 1986. Another fascinating story from one of our members.