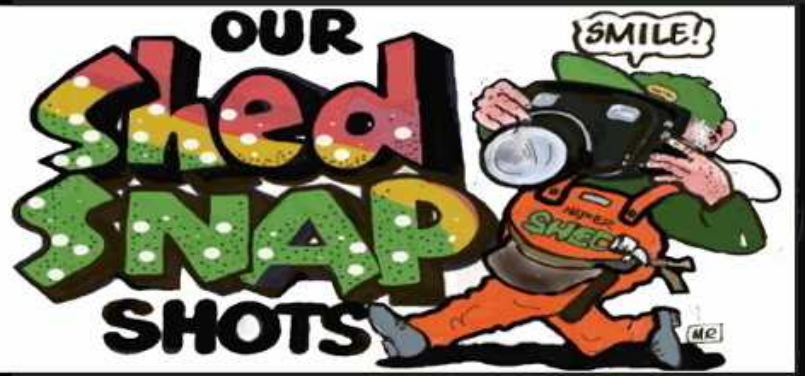


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There was nothing much to report during September as the Shed was locked down for much of the month, hence this bimonthly edition.

When I first wrote bimonthly, I wondered if it meant every two months, or twice a month. According to Mr Google, it can mean either. Now there's confusing!

This is the end of your English lesson.



Last month I told you about the Dodecahedron that Ian Levet assembled during lockdown. Owen Betteridge too was busy while locked down at home. This is a picture of his Lister stationary engine that he has been restoring. It has been something of a Menzshed project though as prior to the lockdown he had help from Doug machining the wheels, Graham welding the axles and John with the woodwork.

This is one of several stationary engines that Owen has.



Newer member William Phelps is seen carving a Patu with a dremel. A Patu is a type of Maori mere or club, traditionally made from wood or bone, often whale bone. This item was carried over from the August issue as I had misplaced the picture. Welcome to the Shed William, we look forward to seeing you there.



Ian Levet, building a pirates chest. This chest is to hold sand toys for children playing on the beach at Ahuriri. It will be securely bolted to a concrete pad. As with all Ian's constructions it is built like the proverbial brick sh - - - - - .



Ian Appleton making sand pit toys to be included in the pirates chest. It's going to take a lot of toys to fill the chest. We certainly won't be providing all of them. Paddy has made a couple of small wooden bulldozers to be added.



Doug Stewart observed by David McKenzie working on the metal lathe. David is an experienced wood turner, having taught wood turning in schools.



Loading the trailer with items for our garage sale which will be held on Saturday December 4th. Our storage shed at Whitmore park is filling up with things for the sale. We will need plenty of hands on deck on the 4th to set up and man the sales tables. If the sale we had earlier this year is anything to go by, it will be a lot of fun and profitable as well.



Paul Coe sanding the small table that he has been repairing.

Sadly, the Mitre 10 Ladies Night, which was to have been held in November has been cancelled. The kitset plant stands that we have prepared have been collected by Mitre 10 and will be stored until next year's event.



The first day back after the lockdown and we had full compliance with the mask wearing rules. Sadly, we have since let ourselves down. At the time of writing, traces of covid has been found in Napier's waste water. I hope we don't come to regret our laxness at following the mask wearing rules.

Brian Underwood giving another of his interesting and informative talks. This one about using the Shed's defibrillator and also on prostate cancer. A more comprehensive report on this talk, written by Roy with pictures from Mike R was emailed to the members on 25th October.

Thank you to Russ for providing the pictures on page 2

