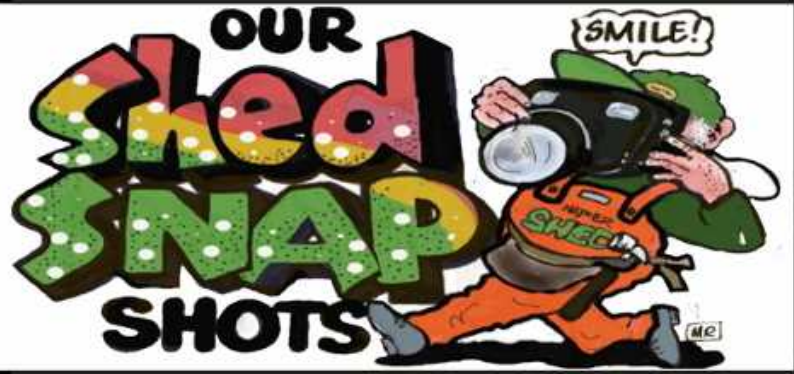


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Welcome to the first edition of Snapshots. It is hoped that this will turn into a monthly newsletter. Shed Manager, Brian, is quite keen to see a regular newsletter as well as the email forum which we have successfully used up until now.



These walkers were salvaged from a rubbish skip by a resident of the P.A. Retirement Village. They were in need of a little restoration which was ably completed by Paul Yorke.

Brian Underwood, our resident doctor gave us an interesting talk on heart attacks and strokes and how to help ourselves to reduce the risk of them happening to us. Brian has an engaging and entertaining manner in which he passes on this important information.



Thanks to Russ who provided some of the photos for this newsletter.



We have had several new members join us recently. New member Toss, is quickly getting into it.

Rotary Ahuriri have fitted credits plaques to the giant chairs that we built for the Ahuriti Business Association. I understand too, that Rotary will maintain the chairs.





A group of six Napier members and five from the Hastings Menzshed met recently to start preparations for the 2023 National Menzshed Conference and AGM. Our two Sheds have been asked to host this event in April 23.

Napier Boys High School has been booked as the venue. Early discussions were about the accommodation, guest speakers, presentations, transport and sponsorship.



Another project successfully completed. A low, sectional partition wall for the Te Kohanga Reo o Keita Ahenata Puriri. A Kohanga Reo Kindy close to the Shed.

Bryan & Brenda Fulton from Harcourts Real Estate have kindly funded our phone landline



since it was installed some time ago. They have now generously agreed to add an internet component so the Shed should soon be on line. It may take a week or two for Spark to arrange the installation. Thank you to Brian & Brenda.



This simple stand was made for a lady who called in to the Shed a couple of weeks ago. An easy project and she was delighted with it. It added \$40 to the coffers so Graham was happy too.

I'm sure you have all heard the Two Ronnies sketch about fork 'andles or four candles? Well, here is Paddy replacing 17 spade 'andles for the HB Regional Council bio diversity unit.

The unit supplies

the spades to groups to plant trees in parks, along riverbanks, drains and waterways. He made and supplied the hardwood billets to join the shafts to the new handles. We are being reimbursed for the materials used but the labour is given as a Shed contribution to the bio diversity of NZ for this year.





John Plant putting the finishing touches to a tool shadow board. It is up to us all now to put the tools back on the board after we have used them.

Paul Yorke working on another project. This time, replacing a seat on a step ladder chair.



Ladies Night at Mitre 10



Ladies Night at Mitre 10 is an annual promotion that our local Mitre 10 store puts on every November. We have participated now for several years. We make up simple kit sets and help the ladies assemble them on the night of the promotion. This year, Noel has designed a plant stand and the timber has arrived for us to start mass producing the kits. It is intended that the timber will be sawn up quite quickly and the finished components stacked to clear the floor.

Ladies Night is a fun night and raises a few dollars for us too.

This set of shelves is being stripped prior to re-finishing. Graham (the stripper) Aitken has been trying for weeks to get someone else to take on this task, but there were no takers. You're doing a great job there Graham!



Weather vane

This fine piece of aeronautical engineering was produced by Jim Strothers. It is flying proudly above the Shed.

I believe its purpose is to show where all the hot air is coming from.

Brian wheeled in an old wicker, probably early 20th century, pram. By the end of the session the team had it in bits. We shall watch the restoration process with interest. I hope to show the finished pram next month.



The following businesses sponsor our Shed. We request that you support them in return.

