



Aged Nuts, Bolts & Shavings #14

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Have you visited your Shed yet?

It is looking really great as members start to settle in to a routine of Tuesday and Thursday openings of 09:30 to 12:30 each week. The attendance is beginning to grow as members start to feel their way into a new adventure, as an 'adventure' it is!

Many of us have, on retirement, lost the comfort of work colleagues; in many cases having worked alongside them for many years. Once we retire, that contact seems to be largely lost – or very difficult to maintain – and this is where your shed can fit in.

Working with our hands, sharing and developing projects, either for members or community projects, starts to kindle new relationships and there is nothing like sharing a Ginger Nut and a 'cuppa' to lubricate our thoughts and tongues, which helps develop new friendships and camaraderie and exercise our grey matter.

If you just want come and read the paper and enjoy the company, that is just fine; we have some donated boat models that can be built, there is a jigsaw puzzle on the smoko table that you might enjoy, and then there are several lifetime buckets of screws to be sorted – so come and enjoy the company and companionship.

We Need Help:

Test & Tag: Electrical Appliance Safety

We require to have the many electrical tools that have been donated to be checked for electrical safety, along with our machinery, which all need '**Test and Tag**'

Research indicates that this can be carried out by any 'competent person'; however, we would appreciate any 'competent person', ideally an ex-electrician from our membership, who knows and understands the foibles of electric current, to come forward and offer to do this task for us.

We will supply the Tags – you supply the skill. Phone Des on 022 424 8802 or e-mail him on admin@hibiscusmensshed.co.nz

Machinery Training:

Most members are by now aware that we must all be passed off by our Training Officers in appropriate safety standards for use of the workshop and machinery therein. There are no exceptions. We all have a **Duty of Care** towards our fellow Sheddies, as the Health and Safety laws do not apply to an all-voluntary organisation.

Frans Geurts and Peter Croft will be conducting the next training session on Saturday 14th April at 10.00am. These sessions are restricted to the first 10 aspirants and, accordingly, if you have not already enjoyed one of these sessions, please register with Frans on mobile 021 906 706 (**AFTER 5pm, please**) to participate and then have full access to the machinery you have been assessed on. This will save any potential embarrassment through you being refused access to machinery...



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