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Christmas and New Year Wishes

Hello Men's Shed Members,

Your Men's Shed Committee Members and I send you all our very best wishes for Christmas 2023 and the New Year in 2024.

This year I will be lucky enough to spend the Christmas and New Year with all my family members. That doesn't happen every year so this year I'm particularly pleased we will all be together. But whoever you are with over Christmas and New Year, I hope you have a very pleasant festive season.

I have always felt that we all share in our organisation's considerable success. We started in February 2017 and from that very first incorporation there has been a great collection of people involved. We all contribute to the organisation and the community in many ways; with projects we do for others and the support we all share as members. These successes are the result of the efforts of us all, and we all should share that success.

The coming year looks demanding, but I feel that I will be able to share those demands with the members I have come to know in this society.

Best wishes to you all and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.
Gary Beecroft



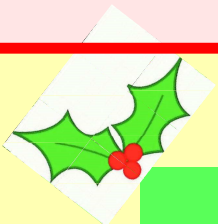
Picture of the original Sugar water bird feeder

This the grandmother of all the sugar water bird feeders that we have made. It was made for me by a friend about 12 years ago and stood in my garden until I moved in May this year. I used it as a pattern for all the sugar water bird feeders that we have made and as you will see it did a good job and is about to retire.

Jack



There has been some discussion recently amongst some committee members regarding when subs - indeed if subs have been paid by some members. If you are in any doubt you can contact John Gibson our Shed Secretary. Members owe it to all the other members that have paid to make sure they are current.



Christmas Break

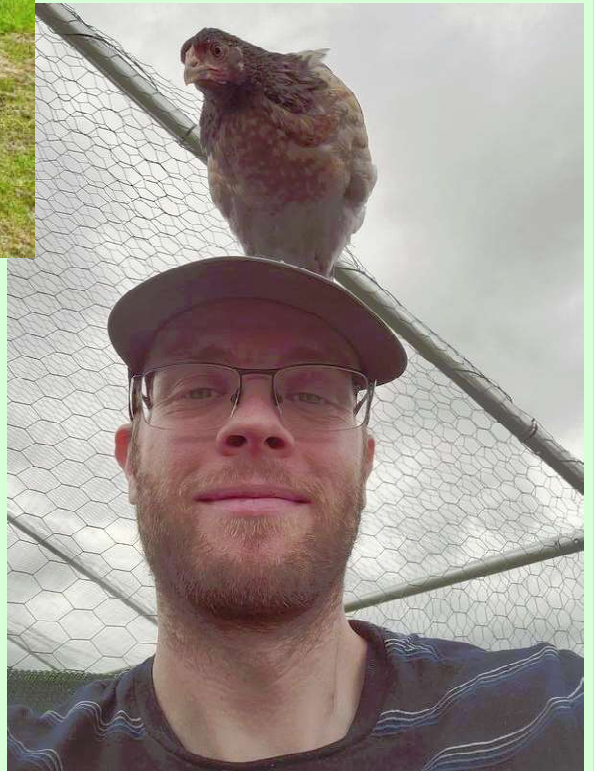
This to remind members of our closure over the festive season

Last shed day for 2023 is Saturday 16 December.
First Shed day for 2024 is Tuesday 16 January.



Here is our Rural Report

Ben is progressing in leaps and bounds.
He has brought in the big machinery, no job too big!!
It might be driving him a bit light headed tho'.



At last committee meeting, Faith Winchester proposed, and it was discussed and decided that we needed the equivalent of a Welfare Officer. Faith volunteered along with John Holloway - who offered to assist, to try to get some sort of system going to follow up on members who suddenly stop coming to the shed. There will be members who know of other members that for various reasons cant make it to our shed. Hopefully if a member lets Faith or John know, perhaps we can help??

Faith can be contacted on: 027 322 1372
John H on: 021 100 2069



Reindeer, ready for duty



Reindeer, on duty at Tawa Christmas
Parade on streets of Tawa

Interesting snippets from the shed



John building a basket ball hoop thingy for his grandson who will be visiting from Aussie over Xmas



This is some samples of toy cars made by Peter Mansfield



I thought this was a mystery object until it was explained it is a "drillguide for drilling holes at 90 degrees without needing a drill press"- which by the way has been donated to the shed by Ian Dennison. Thank You Ian.



Linden Community Garden, run by the Vulnerable Support Charitable Trust. Building a third garden bed. The Shed did it.

To get an idea what this organisation is about, you will be surprised, please go to :

<https://vsctrust.org.nz/> for more



I asked an old shed mate, "After 60 years you still call your wife darling, beautiful, and honey. What's your secret?"

"My secret? I forgot her name 10 years ago.

Now I'm too scared to ask."