



BBQ THIS WEEKEND!!!!

This past week Terry said to us at the Shed that the weather is getting better and it's a long time since we had a BBQ get together. Now how's that for a big hint! I've now checked the long range forecast and it looks like this coming Saturday will be perfect so the BBQ is all on. After all this coming Saturday is as near as we can get to the 2nd anniversary of our Grand Opening on 3 Sept 2010

Short Notice I Know - So put it in your social diary right now!

When - 11.00am – 2.00pm Saturday 1 September

Where - MenzShed Kapiti workshop
KCDC Waikanae Beach Depot

Down long drive beside 24 Rangihiroa Street, Waikanae Beach

We'll have sausages and meat patties with onions & tomato sauce on bread plus anything that members care to bring along and share. And as everyone knows there is always good coffee at the shed and I still have some fruit cake made to my mums favourite recipe that I kept back from the shed a few weeks ago.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription renewal has been going well.

As a reminder our annual subscription is \$20 and can be paid in cash or by cheque at the workshop

OR

send a cheque to our treasurer, Charles Lloyd at 164 Weggery Drive, Waikanae Beach

OR

Direct credit to the MenzShed Kapiti Inc bank account

Kiwibank account number 38-9010-0354831-00

Include your Surname + subscription as reference on the deposit

Note that we keep close track of sub payments so that anyone having a senior moment and accidentally paying twice does get refunded.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING WITH OUR PROJECTS & THINGS

Firstly we had a big welcome back to our Festool Random Orbital Sander. As we thought, it was just a matter of someone having a senior moment.

Following the Conference in Wellington at the beginning of July, work is going ahead in establishing a formal national body. At this stage we need to make very sure that any national organisation does not become a drain on us local sheds. The sheds in the area are going to meet for a cup of coffee Friday morning at the half way café at Palmers Garden World in Plimmerton to present a regional view to hopefully show the establishment committee that we are keeping a watchful eye on developments. Every shed from Wainuiomata to Levin should be represented.

Peter has been away looking after family matters and some R&R. But before he left he dashed off an entry for MenzShed in the Community Award scheme. The winner gets a \$500 prize which is something worthwhile. We will know the outcome of that very soon so keep an eye out next newsletter. There could be a celebration.

Following the Trust Power Community page of the Observer featuring MenzShed, we have had a number of new members walk in and join our ranks. Boy do we need some action on the new building front to allow us to provide a wider range of activities for members.

Unfortunately we are still waiting on the outcome of our proposal to KCDC to develop our facility at the Depot to better serve the needs of our members and through that the whole community. We had hoped that a decision would be easier than this. KCDC no longer has staff operating from the Depot site and the potential of this site to provide magnificent community resources is mind blowing. It just needs KCDC staff to let us community groups all work together to fit the needs of us all.

THE KINDY WORKBENCH

The workbench for Waikanae Kindergarten is near ready for delivery. What do you think? It's all complete and painted apart from a plaque attached crediting the job as Manmade at MenzShed Kapiti with support from Crighton's Building Centre. There's a bright blue cover to go over the vice when it's finished with for the day.



STORAGE CUPBOARD FOR GREYPOWER



Similarly the cupboard to be installed at Coastlands for Greypower to store old files in is pretty well ready too. It's all complete ready to be fitted firmly into the space allocated with the door painted etc. The only bit to do is to scribe and cut the scotia to complete the job after we get the cupboard in place. Let's hope they built Coastlands walls and pillars perfectly because we have only allowed about 5mm for packing out.

John & Ian have put a lot of effort into making this perfect and Hung Doors did a great deal for us to make the door and frame affordable.

I can tell you Kapiti small businesses have been great at giving us the support we need to get these jobs done and affordable for the community groups we try to help.

THE CANCER KIDS DOLLS HOUSE is one of those most worthwhile things to do. Being only child size it's very hard to get more than a couple of people around it. Ray has driven the job and from time to time others (like me) have either done a bit of sanding or routing or whatever to produce small things to help him out. The house has reached the priming stage

ready for the final painting job. The replacement chimney looks perfect and now we need to keep the paint job in the right style for the era the house belongs to. So it looks like cream colours with a red roof. We do have some vinyl flooring and felt type carpet to try out but that decision is yet to be made. Good luck Ray.

A LETTERBOX FOR A FRIEND OF THE SHED

We are always on the lookout for materials to use to complete some of the items we make. For instance the bumblebee nests need quantities of exterior plywood. A small local builder donated us about 6 part sheets left over from a cladding job. We noticed that at home they were in need of a new letterbox so Denis has custom-built a special letterbox to fit into the fence at the house. I don't have a picture but take my word it is fantastic.

BUMBLEBEE NEST STOCK

Speaking of bumblebee nests, Terry and Alan have produced a stock of about 20 all ready to go with instructions and anything needed. The intention is to hold a stand at the Paraparaumu Beach Saturday Market to raise some money and promote ourselves. We have a number of bird feeders and letter boxes to put on display and sell too. Once we get this Saturday's BBQ over we might find time to organise the stand. The Coast is a magic place to be isn't it?



MEMBERS PROJECTS

There are always projects being done by members for themselves too.



George is getting ready for the next school holidays when entertaining his grand children will become essential. He has begun making frames that will be perfect to design and construct ceramic art into.

For myself I have a newer chainsaw that is worthy of being cared for. So it needed a carry box plus an accessory case to hold special tools like ear muffs, safety glasses, gloves, files, spare spark plus and spanners etc.

Petrol, chain oil, case, rags and anything essential to a safe job is included in the carry box.



So this is the result of my efforts. I'm pretty pleased with the way it came out.



NEW PROJECTS JUST DEVELOPING

I have previously mentioned that we have made up storage boxes to hold our power tools and any associated accessories. There are 16 boxes already in use and we plainly need at least another 8 more. And then looking to how these are managed we need storage racks so each one has a home that makes it obvious when something is missing. Terry started building the first storage frame this past week. The frames will all connect together to make the whole thing more stable and very flexible in how they are set up when we have the room to be more organised.

During the last 2 weeks we have had things brought to us to see if we can repair or refurbish them back to a former glory. Firstly there is a very nice chair made in Czechoslovakia that has a broken back strut. We have found a timber match and now need to put together a steamer to help us form the narrow pieces of oak to match the original shape. IS THERE ANYONE WITH SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE ON THIS???. Ian has come up with a steamer design but maybe we have an expert to help too.

The second item for refurbishing is a very nice coffee table with a ceramic tile top. The timber frame is finished with a dark stain that is over-varnished. Along the edges where things have been knocked against the table it has exposed the bare timber. It could be a matter of careful stripping back to timber to begin the staining and varnish process again. Do we have any expert advice amongst our membership.

We also have a request for someone to turn up a batch of staircase posts to match existing ones to make the stairs meet modern regulations. This is on hold until we get more information and advice.

You may remember the batch of easels we produced for the Home and Garden Show earlier in the year. Because we are often asked to assemble a display stand we need something like this for ourselves. Bill has just started to think about this now so people to help out would be very welcome.

Once the Greypower cupboard is installed we will have room again to start a larger job. That job will be the arched bridge for the Paraparaumu Kindergarten. I think we have an idea about how to solve all the major issues now so it will be all on soon.

If we haven't seen you lately we look forward to catching up sometime soon.

**Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 12.30pm - PLUS
special project and BBQ / Social days by arrangement.
KCDC Depot behind 24 Rangihiroa Street, Waikanae Beach.**

Cheers everyone

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