

AGM

Our AGM took place as previously advised and there was an excellent turnout of about 25 members.

The election of officers sounded a few changes and reshuffles of the people working in the wings to make the place a success.

New Chairman	-	Doug Watson
Secretary	-	Alan Muxlow (previously on the committee)
Treasurer	-	Peter Blackler (previously the secretary)
Other committee members	-	Nigel Clough, Ian Gillespie, John Robinson

URGENT NOTICE OF BBQ TEST RUN TOMORROW

We have been a bit slow this year in organising the usual monthly BBQs and Christmas is fast approaching. So now take special notice.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE! A BBQ WILL BE HELD TOMORROW 15 NOVEMBER, OVER LUNCH, AS A TRIAL RUN TO PREPARE OURSELVES FOR A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH INVITED GUESTS LATER.

There will be sausages and bread and onions and whatever we can concoct to keep the hunger at bay. Terry and Eddie will have this all in hand so be prepared for grubby aprons but good food.

The normal workshop will happen starting at 10am then instead of everyone heading home for lunch we will have the chance to stay on and enjoy the food, the day and the company.

This should get us ready for a special BBQ one Sunday in December when we can invite anyone and everyone who are friends, associates, people who have helped us and lobbied for us, people who might like to just visit and special guests who we just want to come along. Be prepared for that one because we will ask people to bring along a small inexpensive Christmas gift to be donated for disadvantaged children. BUT THAT IS NEXT BBQ.

NEWSLETTER FEATURE ITEM ON TOOLS

We have received a very useful publication that defines and describes many of the important features associated with the common workshop tools we use every day. So this newsletter I thought we might begin including a selected item for the edification of all our membership



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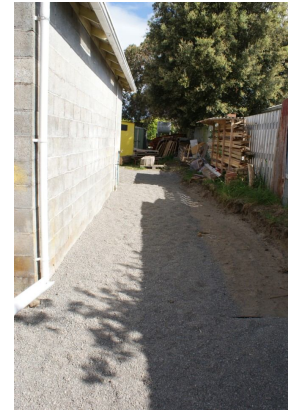
A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

KCDC PROGRESS

Discussions and negotiations with Council over our occupation of the Waikanae Beach Depot site are progressing ok. Peter is in regular contact with Lex Bartlett and we are doing our best to assist with relocating the plant nursery activities previously based at the rear of the adjacent Council house onto the Depot land with us. After we cleared away all the overgrowth behind the shed a Council bobcat contractor has cleaned and levelled the area, laid down weedmat and installed a 75mm layer of gravel ready for plant nursery activities.



MenzShed are waiting upon Council for some suitable pvc water pipe to install a tap for the nursery people and then we will assist them to move all their plants and potting tables behind and alongside our workshop shed. We also have the shade house to rebuild at the Depot.



I think it would be reasonable to expect real progress to begin when the Council take full possession of the old Lawn Farm buildings early December. Only then will they have somewhere to relocate all the operations machinery



presently partly stored at Waikanae and allow us access to the adjacent shed bays.

The area in front of the large shed has also been skimmed and gravelled by the bobcat contractor. This fellow would be another potential member with very useful skills.

COMINGS AND GOINGS OF PROJECTS & THINGS FOLDUP OUTDOOR TABLES

Eddie and John are working to produce 2 low cost, foldup, tables that can be opened out and placed together for a small gathering of women who get together occasionally. I had a wee senior moment and forgot to get a photograph to show everyone. Next newsletter you can expect to be enlightened with a picture of the real thing.

PLAYCENTRE SPECIAL TRESTLE BIRTHDAY TABLE & SEATS



The special birthday trestle is progressing well. This is a special design for small children 3 to 5 years old so is only 500mm high and to seat lots of kids is 2metres long and 800mm wide. It will hold lots of food in the middle that everyone can reach for the food fight.

Bill and John are the main men on this one and are just starting the form seat to go with this right now. The seats will be about

300mm high to suit the size of the children using the table.

This project is a special request for a playcentre and targeted to exactly what they need.

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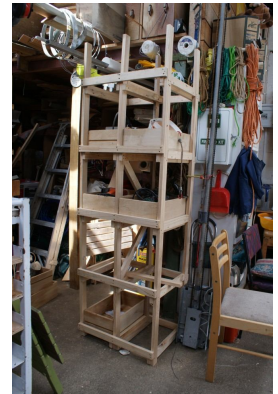
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POWER TOOL STORAGE RACKS



Terry and Alan have been working on this job for some time and some of the blokes reckon they have just about perfected the art now. In recognition of these fine specimen of skilled men at work the photograph alongside says it all.

With our limited space it is truly quite hard to keep track of all our donated power tools along with the accessories and spares that belong with them. Everything needs a place so that it becomes obvious where something goes when it is no longer in use. An empty space also makes it obvious when something is missing too so these racks being created will become crucial to keep the place tidy and organised. When we move to the new shed these units will have pride of place. This photo to the right shows a single unit of the racks with some power tools in their boxes. Terry and Alan have completed 3 of these double units which gives us space for 30 boxes. An excellent start and when they have done this last one it will be time for a real celebration and a change of project for them.



THE FINISHING TOUCHES TO THE CHILD CANCER DOLLS HOUSE

Ray has been on the home straight here for some time. Being a small item, the most people who can work on it is 2 people and that is only as long as the second can work on a part away from the doll's house.

Ray's next project is a personal desire to make some special toys for friends and family.



Child Cancer will be taking delivery of this as soon as we can arrange it. I must add that as a result of this project I have been asked by the Cancer Society for pictures from the MenzShed that can feature in some of their revamped publications.

SPECIAL CHAIR REPAIR PROJECT COMPLETED

The Czechoslovakian made chair is all complete and waiting for the owner to pop in with a donation for Ian's and others efforts. As you know we found some suitable matching timber from some bits that were donated but then needed a steam box to shape the piece with the right bend. Consequently Ian's first challenge was to make something and borrow from home a vegetable steamer to generate the steam energy for the task. A fantastic effort that I am sure the chair owner will never know about fully.



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KINDY ARCHED BRIDGE

The arched bridge project has just begun. The timber is on site for the beams and shaping has begun. Nothing to show yet but by next time there should be evidence of something that shows what it might develop into.

MEMBERS PROJECTS

EXERCISE STEPPER BOXES I'm a regular attendee at a cardiac group based at the Paraparaumu Hospital and the best 100mm high stepping box disappeared it seems to Kenepuru so good old Nigel said Menzshed can make you one of those. That caused some difficulties because it might need some sort of management approval. I did recommend a Royal Commission of Enquiry but they decided to just accept the gift in the light it was offered. Between George, Richard and myself one was prepared. The only thing left to do is to paint a heart on it before it gets a polyurethane finish and it will then go into use with its local heart group identity.



TRAILER REPAIRS Our trailer WOF is due for renewal on 17 November so we took a look to check if anything needed attention. The Tail and Front gates were showing signs of deterioration so Daryl and I made good use of some of the excellent plywood donated by Allied Pickford to us. It might not be treated but with good paint it is perfect for the job.



FOLDING PICNIC TABLE The folding table I told everyone about previously is now complete and into us. The old cedar came up beautifully with multiple coats of polyurethane.



CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAY

Barry Church, the landscape gardener based just past the north end of the Paraparaumu railway overbridge, has offered MenzShed the opportunity to participate in his Christmas Light display this year, raising money for our building fund. We will be looking for help checking out strings of lights, also during the setup stage, in manning the venue gate leading up to Christmas, and running our BBQ selling sausages and whatever at the site. Can you give this some thought.

NEW PROJECTS JUST DEVELOPING - Maybe you are just the person to give these items a go.

EASEL NEEDED FOR THE SHED

PROJECT BOARD UNDER DEVELOPMENT

A KITCHEN UNIT READY FOR THE NEW SHED AMENITIES BAY

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MAYBE YOU KNOW SOMEONE

I am reliably informed that BP is exiting the solar energy business. That could be a great opportunity for us as we develop our new facility. Because we don't occupy our premises 24 hours and because our power use is quite modest (only 204 kwh last year), we could be an excellent model for a community facility that is truly stand alone and disaster ready to assist the Civil Defence efforts in the area.

If BP Solar is being disestablished and the solar energy plants associated with so many BP Service Stations (Paramata & Otaki) are not continued as a feature, then BP might be willing to donate enough photovoltaic panels, battery storage and inverter power management hardware to MenzShed Kapiti.

I have a personal interest in this concept and since KCDC has expressed support for energy efficiency and self sufficiency I had the thought that our new community amenities building might be something quite special. You can see where I am leading on this. OUR FACILITY COULD BE A MODEL FOR OTHERS TO COPY.

DOES ANYONE HAVE GOOD BP CONTACTS WHO MIGHT BE USEFUL???

MAYBE YOU HAVE SOME OLD BATTERY CHARGERS

While we have lots of donated battery operated drills, many are unusable through lack of a suitable charger. If you have any drill batteries and chargers especially the old type lying around the shed, maybe you would consider giving them a new purpose in life at our workshop. It would be great to have more battery operated hand tools working as we launch into a new lot of projects.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Considering that the special BBQ is set for tomorrow I am under real pressure major pressure to get this out to everyone so I end with this. The newsletter is probably full of errors and spelling mistakes and grammatical woopsies but oh what the heck! I hope you enjoy the read about whats been happening.

Cheers to everyone and hope to see you at the shed tomorrow and share a snarler at the BBQ over lunchtime.

Nigel Clough

Past Chairman and now relaxing dogsbody

**NOTE: BBQ TOMORROW AT MENZSHED THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER
NOON TO WHENEVER**

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ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription renewal has been going well but there are still quite a number of outstanding subs. Of our more than 70 membership, a little over half are fully financial.

Membership runs from 1 July to 30 June the following year.

Our annual subscription is \$20 and can be paid in cash or by cheque at the workshop

OR

send a cheque to our treasurer, Peter Blackler, 24 Fleetwood Grove, Waikanae.

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 slip.

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

While paying your subs you might feel generous and wish to make a donation to our building fund. We are a registered Charitable Entity so donations over \$5 are tax deductible.

Receipts will be issued.

To make a donation, payments can be made as above except the Kiwibank account has a different number.

For MenzShed Kapiti Building Fund donations, Direct Credit to:

Kiwibank account number 38-9010-0354831-01

Don't forget to include your Name details + donation in the reference line on the deposit form so we can complete the receipt process.

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.

A SPECIAL BBQ THIS THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER

KCDC Depot behind 24 Rangihiroa Street, Waikanae Beach.

Cheers everyone

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