

# 2013 HAS BEGUN! SO HAS MENZSHED

## Newsletter No1 for 2013

A Big Hello to 2013 and All Members of MenzShed Kapiti

**2013 starts with our first session tomorrow Tuesday 8 Jan from 10 am.** As predicted, withdrawal symptoms from lack of MenzShed days has reached crisis point and after a few phone calls the milk and everything is organised to get projects off the ground for the year. The list of projects under action and proposed is fairly extensive and I think it would be fair to say that top priority will be given to things that do the most for our members and facilities.

Last year ended with an immense burst of activity to get jobs finished. But in saying that, we need to recognise the results of our final, final efforts for the year. 2012 ended with a major success. Thanks to the generosity of Barry & Karen Church at Rimutaka St, Paraparaumu, our MenzShed benefited both financially from the gate donations and the publicity at their Light up Kapiti display between 15 and 24 December. Peter Blacklers words say it all...

**"Our Xmas Light Fundraiser was a great success - not only for the funds that we raised for the Shed but also for the Public Awareness that we gained for MenzShed. It was a very enjoyable but rather tiring 10 days. The comments from the public about the light display and also the very positive comments from young and old about the MenzShed were very rewarding.**

**My thanks go to Barry and Karen Church for inviting MenzShed to be involved with the project and my thanks to all the members from the Shed who came along to help with the setting up and also being there on the nights to attend the gate or talk to people about what we do at the Shed. A special thanks to Doug who was there every night except one.**



(MenzShed Display with the Main Light Display Behind)

**We collected in a total of \$952.00 a very good boost to our building fund. This comprised \$841.20 from the gate donations, \$83.10 from the Building donation box, and \$27.70 from the JR drinks.**

The best night was Sun 23rd with \$154.30 and the poorest night was the wet Mon 17th with \$2.90.

Next year we will have a bit more forward planning - something that would have gone very well would have been the big kindly table or similar on the lawn for people to sit around and look at the lights. Perhaps we could make one for next year and raffle it off."

So everyone knows, Peter was the driving force behind the success of our part in this event and he deserves more than a beer or two in recognition of the work he put in to make it so successful. Firstly, every time Barry came up with another batch of Christmas lights that needed fixing, Peter returned them next day fully functioning again. Barry tells me he has never had so many lights available for his display and it was just spectacular. Peter's vintage Lister engine also provided the power to light up the MenzShed area beautifully. The chugging noise from that attracted many, many older men to take a look in awe at the sight. One bloke who spoke to me was just stopped in his tracks reminiscing because the woolshed at the farm still has one sitting where it was replaced by a diesel years ago. He was all ready to go home and get it going again.

Lets call 3 BIG CHEERS for Peter, his machinery and his energy.

Get yourself ready to volunteer to help with the breakdown at Barry's place sometime in the next week or so. Barry and Karen got behind us and now we need to make the tidying up stage like a walk in the park.

I leave this newsletter at that. Over the coming days, weeks and months lets all work together to make our MenzShed and our community an even greater place to belong to.

Cheers to you all

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