

**Newsletter No6 October 2013**

# WE KNOCKED THE BASTARD OFF

Peter and a cast of 1000s have completed the boundary fence build project. This was a major undertaking as a contract to raise funds for some of our other developments.

Take a look at the photographic sequence that hopefully shows what has been achieved by a bunch of our guys. The whole job took just over a week.



Firstly time to clean up the fenceline.

Then it's a perfect line of fence posts and rails to carry the load.



Constantly checking.

The old story. Do it once! Do it right!





Backfilling behind the retaining board.

Attaching the fence palings and capping



To produce a work of art to be proud of.



CHEERS!!!!

AND THERE'S MORE! JUST KEEP READING



# FINE FURNITURE FEATURE COMPLETED

The Waimea WI proposed MenzShed Kapiti might assist them to manufacture and install a seat to be installed at the Waikanae Health Centre for those waiting for transport. Ian and John took the project from a general idea to a practical design and then with the help of many Assistant Chiefs, Ian undertook turning the plan into a reality.

WOW! It's now all done and what a work of art it is and solid.

Of course this is to be concreted in a position beside the footpath very soon.

AND Thanks to the kind help and support of the boys at Keyosk in Rimu Steet, Paraparaumu, we even have an amazing, laser engraved plaque to fit into the back of the seat telling everyone where this seat came from with an image of MenzShed Kapiti workshops in action behind the wording.



With a close look you can even make out John and Ian at work plus Murf dismantling recycled material in the foreground.



Note the prepared rebated area on the seat back ready for the plaque to be security screwed into.

# OTHER PROJECTS COMPLETED

About 6 weeks back we were given some timber storage brackets that we had to collect from Brooklyn. The lady of the house asked if we might be able to repair an old wooden tray that had a broken handle.

No worries!! James to the challenge. The broken section is removed and a brand new matching section made and installed to make it like new again.



Note the broken piece inside the tray to show the damage that had been totally restored.

The completed penguin nesting boxes were handed over to the Regional Council people for installing along the shoreline near QE11 Park.

You can see that the penguins have names that reflect the people involved in the project with the boxes all labelled ready for putting into the field.

My favourite name is Jing Jing. The mind boggles!



Chris and a few helpers completed a trolley for a grandmother of a child with difficulties.

It has a customised number plate and all. There is one very happy grandma who made a kind donation for the efforts of the crew.

We had a visit from the men at Parkwood. Time for a cuppa with the fellas and a talk about things. You know Blokes stuff.



A fine bunch of fellas who in earlier years would have been down at the shed giving their all to make things happen and doing what they could for our community.

The old man pine firewood that we managed to acquire when the pines were removed from Waikanae Park have all been cut up and split for members. For me personally I now have about 2 cubic metres of firewood ready for next year. A donation toward the development fund is definitely in order.

There's just loads of other things going on at the workshop. In the last few weeks we have had several donations of beautiful old timber from people moving house. Rimu, Matai, Oregon, Totara doorsteps, just to name a few of the pieces.

Richard and George have made major progress is preparing a large number of old rimu balustrade pieces and gluing them into a block ready to cut into chopping blocks. Those will be beautiful pieces that can be sold at a market.

Bill has completed an extra workbench for our workshop. Before he's had time to urethane the top surface its already been borrowed for a kitchen unit to be assembled for a lady.

Anton has completed a prototype stool like we all used to have at home.

**GET READY FOR IT**

**VERY VERY IMPORTANT!!!!!!**

**OUR AGM THIS TUESDAY 15 OCTOBER 1pm**

Get your laughing gear down to the workshop this Tuesday morning from 10am all prepared to wrap around a BBQ'd sausage in bread at lunch time before adjourning to the Beach Community Hall, Rauparaha Street nearby for the AGM starting at 1pm. The sign will be out. Come along, participate and have your say. We have a good bunch of guys running this place. Hearing about your needs and concerns can only help them make the right decisions.

### **THEN SOON - INSTALING THE PUBLIC SEAT AT THE WAIKANAE HEALTH CENTRE**

The seat is all made as reported earlier so now it needs to be installed. Probably Wednesday 16 th. This isn't a big one but the crew will be very much in the public eye. There will be lots of people to talk with and tell about what we get up to. I expect it will all be just a good time with a bunch of mates.

### **PLUS - PREPARING KITS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHERS TO ASSEMBLE**

On Friday 1 November we have agreed to help out with activities for a bunch of early childhood teachers having a special development day. We need to prepare kits of recycled materials that can be assembled into items of use at early childhood centres. Things like planter boxes using old plastic water toby boxes or small childrens picnic tables. We have some designs but now we need to get things ready.

**VERY SOON - KCDC IMPLEMENT SHED DISMANTLING** - Now that the fence is finished our next big challenge is to dismantle the old KCDC implement shed from an adjacent property. Then as soon as we have the consents signed off we need to reassemble the building alongside our present workshops for space for ourselves and others. Plans are done and consent applications have all been lodged with Council along with all the necessary safety plans etc. We should get the go ahead any day now. When that happens we need to have the building gone by the end of the month. So get into training ready. We should have Ross all lined up to make extensive cups of tea and coffee to keep us charged while we get the job done. So it will be YO HEAVE HO! Maybe you can crack a whip to help get things done.

**THEN ALSO VERY SOON - COVERED VERANDAH FOR WORKSHOP** - The Waikanae Community Board has granted us money toward the concrete for our covered verandah area in front of the 3 bay workshop. We need to prepare the boxing and we are short of a few large beams for the roof so if you know of any it would be much appreciated. But apart from that we need your body to get along and help or just rev up the ones who can do the job through encouragement or abuse or whatever it takes.

Well that's about the news for now. There's always lots happening at the shed; drinking coffee and tea; sorting donated bits and pieces; laying out the workshops; projects to benefit the community; creating a MenzShed Kapiti website; organising the New Zealand MenzShed Conference for March 2014.

If you haven't been for a while, come along and share a cuppa. The sign at the gate will lead you to the shed. You can't miss us.

Cheers to you all

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