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It's that Silly Season again. That means Light Up Kapiti is on again which leads to MenzShed getting in behind Barry Church and his wife with their display at 11 Rimutaka St, Paraparaumu. You know, close to the railway overbridge and just off the main Highway north.

So it's been all on over the past week or so helping to get the light display setup and the MenzShed display installed. Thousands of small light bulbs checked, support cables run, strings of lights strung, gazebos setup, signs made, Santa dusted off, lots of items for display etc, etc.

That is just to get the site ready.



Then no current display would be complete without our present big project of the cottage façade being made as the children's entrance for the Montessori Preschool play area.

Another feature of the display is Peter's 70 year old Lister running the lights with its constant asthmatic kerchunk! kerchunk! miss! kjerchunk! So the display is up and running and now we need

HELP PLEASE!

Help to man the gate and talk to people passing through the display. People want to know about what happens and generally talk about things. The proceeds from last years gate take more than paid the power bill for the year so this event is very important to keeping the shed going throughout the year without the need to continually chase up grants from other sources.

The display runs from this past Saturday 14 December between 8.30pm and 11pm to 24 December 8.30 pm to 11pm. If you are able to give a couple of hours it would be very much appreciated and make a big contribution to the MenzShed activities.

To sort out a suitable time please ring

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**AND THERE'S MUCH MORE!
JUST KEEP READING OVER.**



VERY VERY VERY IMPORTANT!!!!!!

THIS TUESDAY, 17 DECEMBER, MEMBERS BBQ AND PAUSE FOR BREATH - General gathering from 10 am and BBQ from noon.

After a very busy time these past 2 months it is way past time to call a halt on doing projects and special jobs while we pause to relax, talk amongst ourselves, have a cup of tea with cake, then progress to a BBQ lunch to use up all the leftover sausages and meat patties from earlier events. (I need the freezer space for Christmas leftovers).

TIME FOR A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO OURSELVES AND NOT FEEL BAD ABOUT JOBS LEFT UNFINISHED.

3 CHEERS TO EVERYONE AT THE SHED!

HIP HIP HOORAY! HIP HIP HOORAY! HIP HIP HOORAY!

We have been much too busy of late to just relax and have a laugh about ourselves and things going on about us so let's just pause and have a break.

Tick These Off The List

The Waikanae Health Centre seat is installed and I see in regular use.



Surf Club Trailer Frame well under way now we have the materials needed.



By special request we held a workshop day for participants in a teacher only day for Childspace Early Childhood Institute. There were about 50 young teachers involved in completing challenging tasks during a 25 minute stopover at the Shed. Last newsletter I reported that we had produced kits for planters using recycled water meter boxes and old decking plus kits to make small child picnic/BBQ tables.

This was a very successful session with participants doing things and using tools they have never dreamed of before.



To produce very useful items



That the youngsters they were made for just loved.



And then as a sign of appreciation this lovely person drove up a few days later with loads of food. (We had told them that women would always be welcome at the MenzShed carrying food. TRUE!)

MAJOR FANFARE

The dismantling of the old KCDC tractor shed adjacent to our old Depot site is complete.



A major challenge but never underestimate what a bunch of determined old blokes can achieve. Firstly asking if we were sure we could do it was a mistake but then leaving the OK to proceed until well into November with the rider that it had to be done by the end of the month. But never fear, Peter's car is quite used to towing large poles with concrete attached to a suitable storage location.

We now have the building permit to re-erect it but must wait for the Resource Consent to go through the full procedure. We don't anticipate any insurmountable issues arising. That should just about sum up where we are at with that project.

Early next year we need to get the covered veranda in front of the workshop under way so that the space is ready for us to host the National MenzShed Conference in mid March. No worries!!

Woops! I almost forgot that Alan has the website near done so very soon we go real high tech. Maybe there is a way to automate newsletter writing but what would I do then apart from just telling stories to the members at the shed. Probably all lies anyway.

I know when I send this off I will remember all the other items I should have included so sorry about that.

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; organising the New Zealand MenzShed Conference for March 2014.

If you haven't been for a while, come along and share a cuppa.

Cheers to you all

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