

Thanks to Nigel for doing the newsletter while I was sunning myself in warmer climes. The reality of what Kapiti Menzshed has done in the three months I was away is amazing. There was even the Marine Hut on site when I left.

So what happened in August?

1. Rebuild and resurface Coffee Table

Another masterpiece completed by John P. And we have people coming in asking for John. What it is to have such a reputation!!

2. Refurbishment of a caravan for Whareroa Farm

Early in the month there was a delivery of a caravan to our site which looked as if it should be heritage listed and in definite need of a clean and refit.



The story is that this caravan had seen service on Kapiti Island and then returned to the mainland to Whareroa farm. Kapiti Menzshed has been asked to do the refurbishment on the caravan and then returned to Whareroa where it will be used as a shelter on one of the many walking trails on the farm.

John O and Brian accepted the challenge and are seen in action stripping the interior. Keep up the good work team.

3. Visit from Otago University medical students

Andrew, Alex, Shamus, Eliza and Kirsty spent a morning at Menzshed to see how it operates in the Community and the support the Shed gives to our members as men in the community.

This is the second such group to visit and both our members and the students enjoyed the exchange. Thanks to Peter B and Nigel for transporting the students to and from the Shed.

4. Source of Wood

Thanks to the builders working on the Waikanae Beach Medical Centre for donating offcuts of wood to Menzshed. As they say "Someone's trash is someone's treasure " or maybe someone's rubbish is good and useful to someone else. Anyway more recycling in the community has resulted.

5. Kapiti Hospital Petition Signs



Ian G and Rashid did a wonderful job in constructing eight frames to display notices regarding the Kapiti Hospital Petition.

Amazing how the talk of the Menzshed is that we are very busy but still can react to the needs of the Community at short notice.

6. Firewood

Demand has been high and our stock of untreated wood is in short supply. As the wood becomes available the cutting team seem to be able to demolish, de-nail, bag and sell the firewood in a very efficient manner. Great effort, as usual by Barry, Charlie, Ross and the others who help from time to time.



7. Painting a Sunburst

In such a wet winter any reference to sun seems a bit unusual but Rob and Bruce with the support and guidance from John R from the Kapiti Boat Club have been working to repair this sailing dinghy and are scheduled to have it painted before the summer season, or should we say the sailing season. Sailors seem to be happy to get wet in all types of weather.

8. Saddleback Nests

After featuring last month with the redesign of the Kaka Nest Mark has gone on to design a nest for the saddleback. This is work in progress but it shows promise. Wonderful to have this skill set among our members.



9. Kakariki Nests

Paul F has been developing prototype nests for the Kakariki. The three prototypes nests are well advanced and DOC and Nga Manu are eager to test these in the field.

Are we creating a level of expertise in Nests?

10. Quilt Stands

What was this pile of unusual shapes of wood which were on a table at the Shed? Derek and Paul W have created six collapsible display stands for Kapiti Quilters. These are designed to be put up when the Quilters have a show, not to collapse under the quilts!



11. DOC Visit

Late in August we had a visit from a DOC representative visited to get photographs and information on the work we are doing in pest eradication and nests/shelters for insects and birds.

Items 8 and 9 above and 13, 14 and 15 below are great examples of what we are doing towards conservation.

I am looking forward to seeing the DOC article when it is published.

12. NZ Teal Nest Box

Tony W and Rob have built a brilliant camouflage job question is "Will we be able



nest for trial at Nga Manu for the NZ Teal. A completed as well. Such a good job the to see the nest when we visit Nga Manu?

13. Weta Motels

These remain a popular item for the Shed. There have been a number of these supplied over the years and George, Graeme and Bill were busy this month shaping the next batch of the motels.

Walter would be smiling by the ongoing supply of these.



14. Rat Traps



Pest eradication is becoming increasingly in demand. Once again we have worked to create a suitable design using some recycled wood and some new wood plus a new trap.

Barry and Brian are in the process of building 40 completed traps as well as 50 (to start) kitset traps.

Great progress, and a good platform to continue to supply these for the Kapiti area in the future.

15. Raised Garden

Paul W and Ian G have completed a raised garden for installation for a pensioner. This seemed to go together so fast that it went from a pile of wood to ready for dispatch in next to no time. Good work Guys.

Cliff and the gardening team delivered it with a load of soil to Mary at one of Waikanae's Retirement villages.



16. Kids BBQ Tables



This is another ongoing project which goes under the radar. Barry M and Tom were completing another such table at the back of Bay H. This is the sixth such table completed in 2017.

The table disappeared into the back of Barry's car and was delivered to ABC Child Care in Winiara St. Keep up the good work.

17. Bicycle Repairs

Frank featured last month and Bruce Good to see the stock of wrecks outlet for surplus repaired bike at the recycling project underway at the

Great work team.



was the bike repair man this month. reducing and I understand we have an Bike Library in Raumati. Another Menzshed .

18. The Back Garden

The gardening and landscaping team of Cliff, Ron, Peter M, Jon and Jim have been making great progress in the garden over the last three months and the outcome is a number of raised gardens, planting of trees and vegetables.



And they have made the statement that there will be salad from the garden for our Christmas BBQ.

Looking forward to sharing that.

No the newsletter is not a case of verbal diarrhoea. You guys have been working hard and there is so much to report. And the list goes on.

19. Play Hut

This hut has a number of titles but Murray and Ric are making progress with creating another masterpiece , even if it does not have the heritage of the US Marine hut.



And no it is not the stage piece for an adaptation of Katherine Mansfield's "The Doll House"!

20. Log Mover

When you have a lifestyle block you need a log mover to help to drag the fallen trees in for firewood and whatever else you need the wood for.

Gordon C had this problem and built this log mover to assist with the moving of logs using his Quad bike. Simplicity and a great aid.



21. Refurbishing of two bar stools

Peter D has needed to move into an upmarket presentation of his bar stools and was stripping these two stools before repainting them (or was it revarnishing?) Enjoy the efforts at your bar Peter.



22. Tool Sharpening

There is always a flurry at the tool sharpening bench and Gordon M and Ray >>> are always either sharpening tools or instructing others in this art. Ray has completed a box to hold the glass used to finish some of our keener edges.

23. Waikanae School Special Support Project

John and Terry are doing some special projects with three children at Waikanae School. They work with the students each Thursday afternoon and to date have:

- completed Tool Boxes
- repaired three outdoor tables
- made three gutter boards (a playground piece of equipment) which the students presented to the school at assembly
- they are currently making toy boats.

This programme is proving to be very successful.

This support project follows the Menzshed providing workbench and tools for the students to work with. This is a job well done supporting and training Kapiti youth.



24. The Birdsong Project

Nigel received thanks from the team at the Birdsong project for helping them with their special planning session using BNZ staff last week.



He said it was a thoroughly enjoyable day. They are looking for our support making up kitset bird-feeders and maybe bird-feeder making days at the shed. Nigel has suggested that if we are doing a workshop day making rat trap tunnels alongside there could be another lot making bird-feeders.

25. Celebration of Walter's Life

This was a wonderful event which showed how much Walter put into the Beach Community.

WALTERS LIFE CELEBRATION – SATURDAY 20 AUGUST AT WAIMEA RESTAURANT.



Walter Burns - Our good mate has left the shed and we all celebrate the time we shared with him.

Many of his good mates were there to share their stories with his close family.

Weren't we so fortunate to experience the time we had with Walter.



Well that is it for August and already September is almost half way through.

Our thanks to Resene for their generous donation of paint.



If you have anything which you would like put into the newsletter get in touch with Nigel or Peter R at Menzshed.
See you there

Peter R & Nigel

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