



MenzShed Kapiti Incorporated.
Registered Charitable Entity Nr CC45795
Secretary, 16a Major Durie Pl, Waikanae Beach
5036 Telephone (04) 293 7728
Email: menzshed.kapiti@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2019 No. 127

WHERE DID THE YEAR GO?

Just look at that, the 2019 MenzShed Kapiti year has come to the end. Just so many projects completed and so many happy customers and community organisations. I think it can be said we did our bit again. Just to crow a little I think the analysis of the attendance and project records show we conservatively contributed more than 16,000 man hours to our community over the year. That is a very special thing to keep in mind. Through supporting the “Health and Wellbeing of men...” the skills and manpower resource available makes so many community projects possible.

And there’s MORE! So yes it’s time to crow.....



SANTA COMES TO TOWN



Yes that’s right our Santa and his team of elves is in high demand again. Lots of happy children and even a few older blokes with great big smiles on their face.

Who could keep a straight face with our lot dressed like this,

This was the scene at the Marine Gardens, Raumati Beach.

And Bunnings got a special visit too.

What an amazing site.

Our Santa team has performed right across the Kapiti region.





- 9 November - Kena Kena School Fair
- 5 December - Bunnings Family Night, Waikanae
- 6 December - Paraparaumu Beach Kindergarten at Raumati Marine Gardens
- 12 December - Waikanae Kindergarten at Victor Weggery Park, Waikanae Beach
- 14 December - Carols on the Coast, Paraparaumu Primary School
- 14 December - Lights on Te Moana, Baptist Church, Waikanae

As listed above as a celebration for receiving a wonderful donation of timber to make some of our projects just that bit easier to get off the ground, the crew did a special Bunnings Family Night for dad and the children to put together small stools for the children to take home.



More happy people.

ONE LOAD OF TIMBER DONATED BY BUNNINGS



Yes! This is just one of the three truck-loads of timber to help us do the things we do at MenzShed Kapiti.

Just imagine the extra effort we would need to raise the money to pay for this.

A BIG THANK YOU BUNNINGS.

THE REAL BIGGIE - OUR CANCER SOCIETY SUPPORT CENTRE TEAM HAS DONE IT

Kevin, Tony, Peter and Trevor have pulled out all stops to get the new Cancer Society Support Centre building ready for the mooovve from Kapiti Lights with extra support from Brian, Mark and ????? (I forget his name but he rides a bike)". It happened. HOORAY! Shout from the rooftops!



Mandy and the Cancer Society team took the time to celebrate our achievements, say thank you and give us a wonderful celebratory morning tea.



Thank you Mandy and your team.

THE GARDEN CREW CONTINUES TO CONTRIBUTE PRODUCE FOR ALL

Firstly another big addition to the garden facility. Good neighbour David very generously gave us an old glasshouse frame that was surplus to his needs. The team picked it up, walked it back to the garden area, created a foundation and with money specially donated have rebuilt it using PVC sheeting in place of the original glass panels so prone to damage. Just perfect for us.



Then as you can see the veggie garden is producing very well from the constant tender loving care.

Great strawberries for the team
Fabulous lettuce for the soul



A great crop of spuds.



And a highlight just recently was a delivery to The Kapiti Food Bank of a very large bundle of rhubarb, surplus veg and buckets of beautiful new season Jersey Benne spuds. My favourite Christmas spud.

AND LOTS OF SMALLER PROJECTS GOING ON

The big ones always attract attention but often the smaller ones slip by without too many photographs getting taken. So here are a couple to enjoy.

TIMBER RINGS FOR A FLORAL DISPLAY

This is someone showing some ingenious No8 wire techniques.



A young woman in Tawa needed some special timber rings. Her usual builder was overcommitted so MenzShed Kapiti stepped forward.



Consequently a nice donation to our building fund for saving the day.

Just remember this when you have to tackle something similar

A BIRD FEEDING PLATFORM FOR SHEILA AT PARKLANDS

Sheila drove into the MenzShed one day late October looking for someone to solve her problem at home. Ducks were the pests she needed to defeat. Like many, Sheila takes the time to feed the birds in her yard; the finches and similarly nice birds that is. But the exploding duck population were bullying the little ones and very pleased with their free feed.

Not anymore. Mike Y had just joined up and without hesitation said he could manage that without too much trouble.

All now done and installed in Sheila's tree. Note the paint job to blend into the environment. As Sheila said, "It looks just like a branch in the tree." Magic!



CELEBRATING THE LONGSTANDING WAIKANAЕ SCHOOL WORKSHOP LESSONS

For some time now Terry, Mark, John and Murray have given any time they have to help out at Waikanae School with a hands on workshop sessions where less academic children can benefit plus contribute special things for the school.



As an end-of-year special effort the team got together at our MenzShed Kapiti workshop to celebrate what they have achieved together.



And it gave the boys a chance for hands on with a few things a bit out of the ordinary.

Where else would you get to adjust Snoopy's booster.



What a team! You beauts.

UPDATE! THE BAPTIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

You may remember the November newsletter featured a trailer load of special decoration formers to be used at the Waikanae Baptist Church in their usual special Christmas Lights display.

As promised I dropped by to see how these developed with the help of some imaginative artists and people who went to a bit of trouble.



The Gingerbread House is now a Masterpiece.

And the Christmas Tree shape is now decorated with knitted squares that will be made into a special blanket for a needy person after the festivities.



The tree shaped display shelves are in the decoration phase at time of the picture shoot. If you get a chance visit to see her Glass Angels.

Very creative work.

A BIG MONSTER FAREWELL TO JOHN B

While our membership continually grows, occasionally some members move away. The size of the cake donated by John reflected the size of his contribution to our shed and the friendship he has shared with the blokes about him.

I managed two bits and I think some did better than me.

Talk about luxurious chocolate topping on a beautiful rich cake.

- - thanks John and all the best for the future.

Lots of things got missed I know but time always gets in the way of covering all the activities going on. I look about the place and there are teams working on all manner of jobs. Next thing the trailer is heading out the gate doing a delivery and nobody knows where the masterpiece went to.



MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!!



A special mention of important MenzShed Kapiti backers, local business, supporters and sponsors



Powering MenzShed Kapiti



Printing The Brochures



Goodman Contractors Ltd



Driving The Website



GUS EVANS NURSERIES

Plants for the Plots



Contributing To Provide Accessible Amenities



Boys Toys and Just Stuff for Community Projects

Remember these magnificent people when you plan your next special project