

July seemed to be a quiet month. Must have been a mid-winter hibernation or maybe the calm before the storm but even so there was generally a good attendance of over 40 per day and the work continued. On one day I counted 17 projects/activities on the go at once.

So what happened in July?

1. Grace has gone

The transformation of some ply into a bus was completed and has been relocated to the Grace Preschool at Onslow. An impressive creation – great work John. And thanks to those who helped him especially Brent P and Paul W



Ready to go



Arrived



What should I do now??

2. US Marine Lectern

Bruce M has been finishing off this stand which is designed to be for the visitors book and when required a lectern. This needs to be an all-weather lectern but as a sailor Brice is familiar with the concept of no leaks.



Sorted. Thanks John!



Careful Brent, don't grind it all away.

3. Guitar Stands

Last month featured Robbie and his guitar stands. Actually the group which was nameless in the article is in fact the world famous in Waikanae Menzshed Kapiti Musicians Group better known as Shedmen – a venerated group of GOB’s who enjoy having a jam session. Sorry about the oversight.

4. Refurbishment of Outdoor furniture

Ray N and Geoff seemed to be becoming specialists in this type of work.

Firstly there was the table and two chairs with an iron frame which they destroyed a wire brush removing the rust. They have made a great job and I understand it may be on sale at the Open Day.



Now they have started on the canary yellow set of two wooden loungers. Keep up the good work team.



5. Bird Feeders

After a couple of quiet years our Bird Feeder in Chief Nigel is back at it and there is renewed interest in the various ways of feeding birds. Just throwing the food on the ground is not in. Next month will feature examples of the bird feeders and they will be on sale at the Open Day.

6. Refurbished bench

Another of our furniture refurbishers Derek is at it again. After the success of the Athletic Park Bench to an oversized chair he is at it again. Must be some forward thinking as we see all this activity getting outdoor furniture ready for summer.



7. And another refurbishment

But at least this one is for indoors. John P showing the work to another satisfied customer.



8. Firewood

In the middle of winter Charlie continues the good work of creating firewood – supplying locals with firewood at the same time clearing the offcuts into a useable commodity rather than a load of stuff for the tip. Keep up the good work Charlie, Barry I and the rest of the band of helpers.

9. Letterboxes

The last of these were seen off the site in the first week of July. This was a project with more than its share of ups and downs but it was a great effort by the team to get the 40 completed. Rumour has it that there is interest in letterboxes for others as well.



Last ones to complete



Last batch to be dispatched

10. Raised Garden Replacement



Framing up

The original raised beds have been demolished and bigger and better units installed in their place. Tony A, Jim F, Graham and Peter were ensuring these were up to standard!!



And filling up

11. Lizard Cutouts

Brent P completed the last of these and we have 100 ready for collection in August. Great effort by those who worked on this project.



And this is what the finished product looks like in the field thanks to the artwork completed by local children.



John O took these photos on the Escarpment walk. Thanks John.

12. Site Development

We now have the building consent and the first work is due to start in early August. so we need to all be committed to both getting our hands dirty on the construction but, at this stage, more importantly the fund raising.

With this in mind we must remember that ever little helps from a financial point of view.

We can't be dependent on businesses coming up with all the money so how about so how about us all letting a few moths out of our cash bags and making individual contributions.

I can recall talking with a number of you about safety as there is so much happening on site inn a limited space. Here is your opportunity to assist in getting the work space we need.

13. Three in One

1. An Open day to show the Kapiti Coast what we are doing and are capable of
2. A BBQ
3. A Garage Sale

All three are designed as a Public Awareness/Fundraising event as part of the fundraising for our building extension.

When is it? Saturday 1st September at 10.00am

Where is it? Menzshed Kapiti, 24a Rangihiroa St, Waikanae Beach

See you there.

14. Tree planting

Thanks to John R and David A who attended and helped with the tree planting day at QEII Park.

Unfortunately their enthusiasm was such that they forgot to get photos of their participation. But this is what it looked like at the coordination centre. And down the long and dusty road John said the tree planting area was quite impressive with people over the whole area like a colony of ants.



15. Shedmen

So they are now in the public but first where and what do they do. As we have very limited space at the Shed they have been practising at the Waikanae Club every Friday morning. We must thank the Club for their generous offer of their facilities for the Sheddies who enjoy their music.

The Waikanae Club invited the Shedmen to play at in support for a busload of Golden Oldies visitors from the Hutt Valley. A very successful event even with some of the band on debut. And on all accounts a wonderful musical experience for both the audience and the band.



A big thank you the Waikanae Club for the generous donation to Menzshed for this performance.

16. Shed day wind down or is this the Dilmah Tea Club!

If you stick around until the later part of each session you can see quite a group of the sorting out the problems of the week with a second cup of tea just about lunchtime. Another social activity to reduce the stress but our dishwashers would love to see their cups washed ready for the next session.



17. Ballerina carrot

Nigel has developed culture in the vegetable garden with his ballerina carrot – McCarroty.

The future for this is not expected to be too long but an interesting phenomena as it pirouettes around the dinner table!!



Well that's it for July. Keep up the good work as we meet the challenges of the next month as well as the longer term challenges of the building expansion- fundraising and construction.

Cheers

PeterR

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