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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ia manuia le tausaga fou (New Year greetings) to you and your family.

We had our first day back for 2022 at the Shed yesterday. It was great to see everyone smiling and catching up on what they had been up to over the Xmas break. This was all done with a cuppa in one hand, a biscuit in the other and talking at the same time. We guys have certainly got ‘multi-tasking’ down to a fine art! 2022 is shaping up to another busy one for us. We have a workshop to construct, a community foodbank premises to fit out as well as the many other smaller jobs that the community will want us to help with throughout the year. It really is amazing what we at the Shed have achieved and continue to achieve in the service of our community.

Ensuring the health and wellbeing of our members and their families is a priority for your committee. This is particularly the case with COVID. Thanks to Ron Mc and Roger C we have good protocols and a data base to ensure that everyone who comes onto our site has a current “My Vaccine Pass”. Please ensure if you invite someone to come along to the Shed they can produce a current “My Vaccine Pass” to the Supervisor on the day.

It was unfortunate that our Xmas BBQ had to be postponed due to the weather. However I have it on good authority (Dave W) that he has rescheduled it for the end of January and spoken with the weather gods.....so expect a cracker of a day! I look forward to sharing some food and a drink or two with you and your family at the BBQ

Tofa soifua

Tony A

Upcoming MenzShed Activities

Just a memory jog of what MenzShed Activities are happening in the foreseeable future. Please make sure you have them in your own Diary.

Further details will be added as they become available.

Event	Date	Where	Comment
Delayed Christmas BBQ	29th January	@ the Shed	
Committee Meeting	10 th February	@ the Shed	

DONATION TO FREE AMBULANCE

We would like to acknowledge the fantastic service that the Wellington Free Ambulance provides for the greater Wellington area and for the Kapiti Coast. Our MenzShed has had to call on the Ambulance Service a few times over the past few years to attend to members who have become unwell, and no doubt some have also called the ambulance for their personal situations.

In recognition for the fantastic service that WFA provides, the Committee suggested that donations could be collected at our end of year BBQ. The men at the BBQ contributed \$450, with another \$185 being contributed thru online payments. The Committee agreed to top up the contribution and a total donation of \$800 was made to Wellington Free Ambulance Service from MenzShed Kapiti.

Thank you to all our members who contributed to this very worthy cause.

FOUND IN NAPIER

On my holiday trip around NZ I came across some beach seats that rang a bell – if seats can ring bells!.

After much searching, I remembered where I had seen the seats before, in a Menzshed NZ Newsletter. The seats are set up on the beach at Perfume point, Napier, so called because it used to be the sewage outfall.

The seats were well made and much larger than I expected, but they did make me appear much younger!

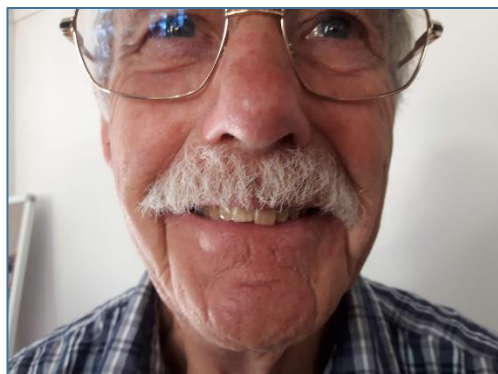
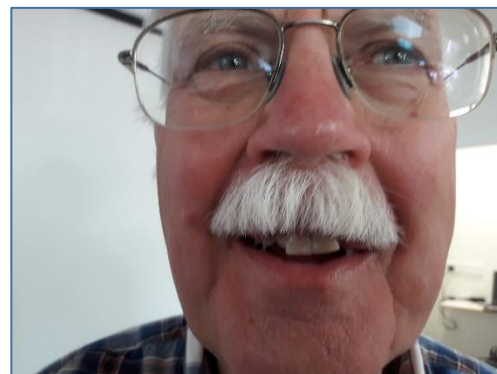
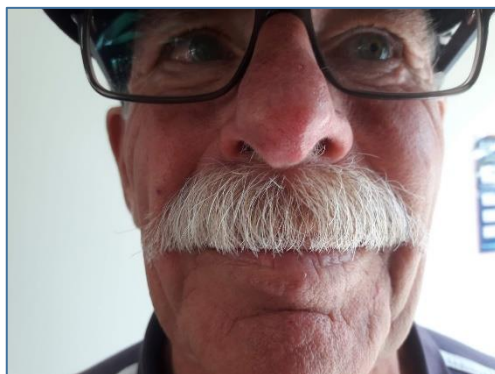
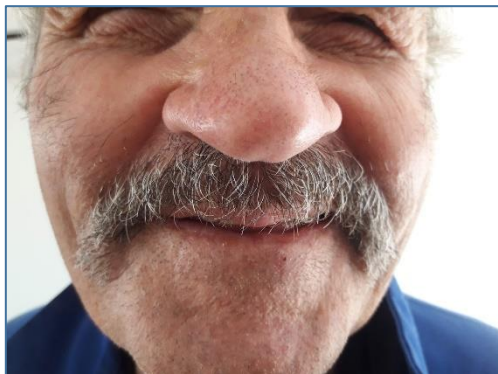
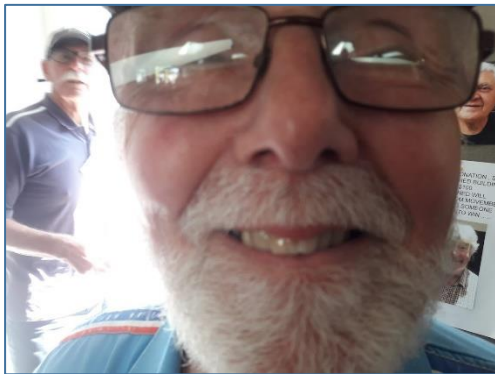
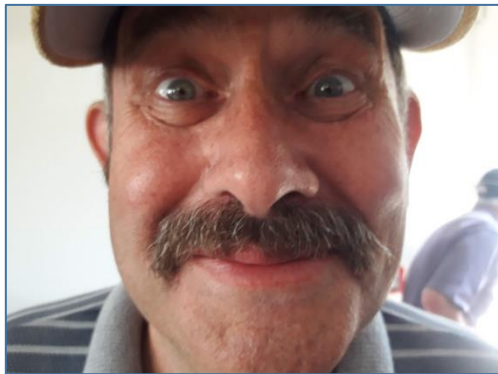


A Seat at the Beach

The Napier Menz Shed has been making five colourful seats for down at Ahuriri Beach. The chairs are huge and are a talking point for visitors to the beach as well as being very popular for photographers. What a way to sit and overlook the sea. I am sure these are going to be very popular.



MOVEMBER



Jack and Ian from Thrive Chiropractic came to judge the Movember best moustache competition. Some moustaches were established but others were newly sprouted.

After careful judging Robbie Mc was declared the winner with honourable credits to the other 'sproutees'.

Thrive Chiropractic donated \$1315,70 to the shed for which we are very grateful.

WORKSHOP PROGRESS

The new Workshop is coming on despite Covid and material shortages. The foundations are dug and concreted and this week 20/1/22 the slab main pour has gone in. The wall and roof timber framing has been on order for several months and is due for delivery early February.

Foundation pour



Perimeter foundations ready for the first concrete pour



The Menzshed always ensures the work is appropriately supervised!



6m3 concrete pour, truck & pump with crane - just for the foundations

Slab pour



Similar setup for the foundation pour except it took 5 trucks



Levelling off as they pour, I wish I was as flexible as he is!



Supervisory team in the approved position, hands in pockets for safety



Getting there -concrete coming from heaven.



A final float after half an hour

The Floods

The shed was twice flooded in December by heavy rainstorms. Peter B pumped the first one out, into a neighbour's garden, (accidentally), and for the second one we had to use blotting paper!

No damage was done.



Barry I after a pee



Peter B's successful pumping setup



The second flood



Cliff R removing the blotting paper



Around The Shed



Cat scratching stand- A happy client with her very elaborate refurbished cat scratching stand - what worries me is, looking at the condition of the stand on arrival, I would not like to get on the wrong side of that cat!



The missing owner once upon a time we were presented with a vase standard lamp that needed the light bulb socket and wiring repaired.

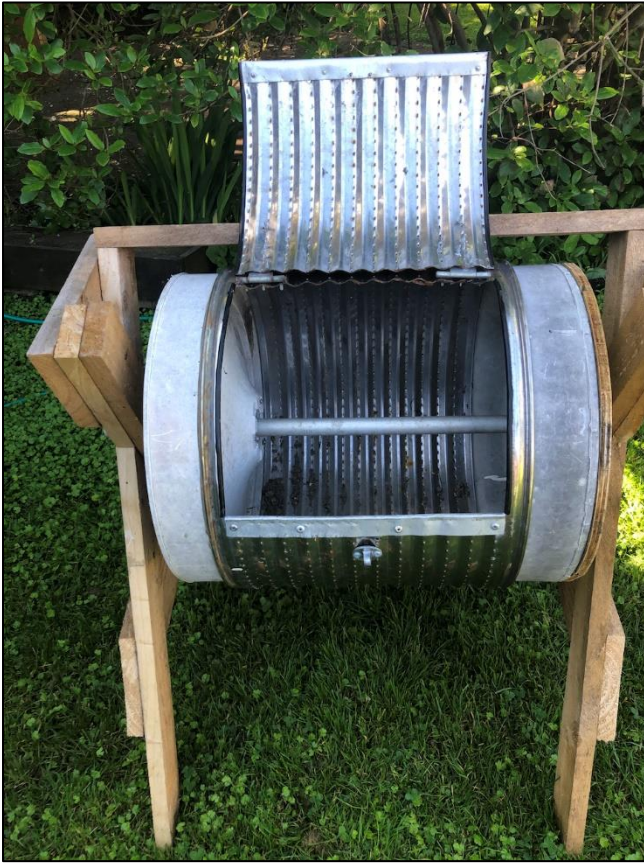
Unfortunately, it was not written in the project book, and we are still desperately looking for the owner to return this now repaired unique item - any clues?

We are introducing an improved job recording



Bike Rack, What started as a request for a bike rack for Kaibosh Food rescue ended up as two bike racks, and this customer was very pleased with the end result.

The second stand was for our shed and all the keen fit bikies that arrive at every shed session



Compost bin - Recycling is on everybody's mind and encouraged in our shed activities so Alan M's request from his daughter for a tumbling type of compost bin resulted in an opportunity to recycle a washing machine bowl for that purpose. It will also restrict access for rats that had been a problem with the traditional compost bin.

Alan was very pleased with the end result, as was his daughter who reports the regular tumbling means the content breaks down very quickly for use as compost. We have perfected the design that works so will we get orders for more of these?



No doubt you have seen the Repair Shop on TV and the dedication and expertise of those workers. Well, we have members with similar talents as was proved with these toys that are over 70 years old that were refurbished for grandad. This was a really rushed job done mainly at home and just in time to be part of the luggage for the pre-xmas flight to Auckland for father xmas to deliver.

Jeen, located the agent in NZ who sold matching parts and he was even able to trade-in the broken wheels to offset some of the cost of the new wheels.



Friends Menzshed is all about friendship and it was nice for two Menzshed friends Ray N and Anthony W to pose for this photo to show just how well they get on! - It only took a chocolate fish each!



Yet another recycling exercise was the very very long church pew that arrived cut in half with two extra ends from a church in Carterton.

John D fitted the two extra ends with a lot of banging to fit them in the grooves resulting in two very useful and flash bench seats being produced which were then shared between two families.



Thanks to all the Team at MenzShed Kapiti for the opportunity to allow Kapiti Youth Support to help mentor young men like Kace and allowing him to be part of the wider team and his community.

Few projects done and he's looking forward to more opportunities in the New Year.



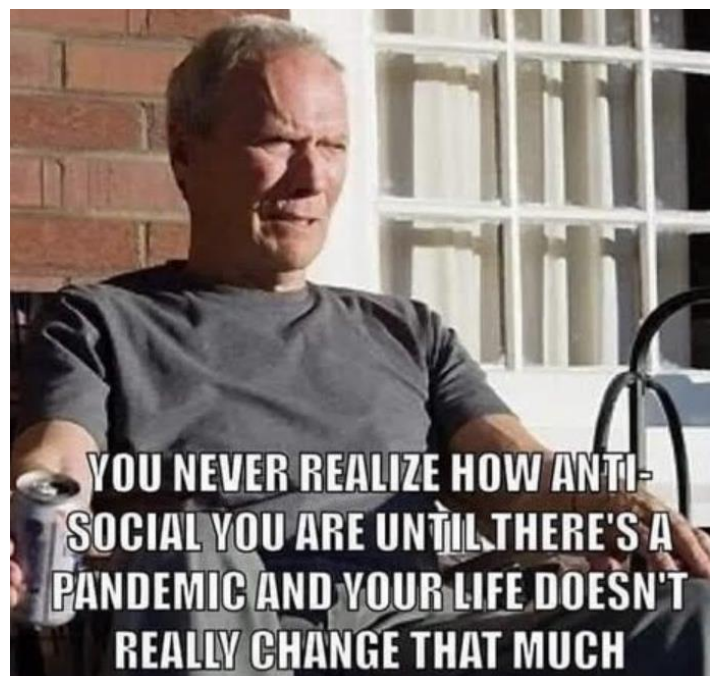
John P repairs yet another table



Public Health
England



With the shortage of lateral flow tests available the government are going to introduce a new '1 minute self diagnostic' process. You put one finger in your mouth, and one up your arse. After 60 seconds swap fingers. If you can't smell or taste the difference, isolate.





Mark K demonstrating how to make spoons and the resulting spoons



Noel T on the turn!

**YOU COME FROM
DUST,
YOU WILL RETURN TO
DUST.
THAT'S WHY I DON'T
DUST.
IT COULD BE SOMEONE
I KNOW.**

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With thanks to Express Glass for providing toughened glass for the school noticboard

Menzshed Cycling Group



The Shed's cycling group is growing, maybe it has something to do with frequenting Harrisons for coffee as this group were doing in December. Purely for exercise of course!



This cycling is a serious buisness

The Gardeners



As you would expect at this time of the year the garden is flourishing and the gardeners seem to spend most of their time with a hosepipe in their hands. The food produced goes to the food bank, except for the occasional nibble by a passing sheddie!

Plus a special mention of support of our MenzShed Kapiti backers, local businesses, supporters and sponsors.



A Roof Over Our Heads



Supply of toilet & Plumbing Items



Serious Site Earthworks



Amenity Electrical Items



A Heatpump For Our Comfort



Waikanae Charter Club Community Grant



Electrical Apprentice Manpower



Printing Our Brochures



Driving The Website

Plus that ongoing support for our projects and community activities



Boys Toys and Just Stuff for Community Projects

Remember these magnificent people when you plan your next special project