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From the Chair

Talofa

With all the “mahi” (work) happening with the Kapiti Foodbank project, our new workshop construction and all the other projects and jobs we have on, our shed is humming along like a well-oiled machine.....well most of the time!

There have been a number of new members join recently, all have commented how impressed they are with the vibe of our shed and variety of projects and activities on offer. I take this opportunity to welcome all our new members and remind them if they have any questions or queries about anything, please to ask.

Thanks to you all for keeping our Shed safe and minimising the spread of COVID by complying with our COVID procedures when you come along to the shed. It is of great comfort to me to, know that guys are erring on the side of caution when making decisions about their attendance when coming into contact with positive COVID cases or think they have symptoms.

With the construction of our new workshop underway, a sub-committee called ‘future site development’ has been set up to begin thinking about what our site will look like when the workshop is up and fully operational. Pivotal to any final decisions being made, the subcommittee would like input and ideas from members. Mark K (a member of sub-committee) has completed some draft plans based on discussions he has already had with some of you. They are on the notice board in the facilities building. If you haven’t had a chance to talk to Mark and would like to, please do!!

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
Barbeque	14 th April	The Shed	Weather dependant see Dave W

THRIVE CHIROPRACTIC

Last month we had an article of how Thrive Chiropractic had sponsored our Movember moustache competition and that they donated \$1,300 to the shed. We thought we should somehow recognise what they had done, and Ray W made this rather unusual 'Spanner Man' trophy which was presented to them at the shed. Note 'Spanner mans' great 'handlebar' Moustache



Back Row: Noel T, Dr. Jack M, Dr. Isaac J, Gerald T
Front Row: Tony A, Stephen M, Ray W, Dr. Iain G, Dr. Aryane P



Spanner Man

Vaccines that changed your life

1796 smallpox
1885 rabies
1890 tetanus
1896 typhoid fever
1906 TB
1923 diphtheria
1926 whooping cough
1932 yellow fever
1937 flu
1952 polio
1963 measles
1967 mumps
1969 rubella
1974 chickenpox
2021 covid ???



I am the very model of a Russian Major General
My standing in the battlefield is growing quite untenable
My forces, though equipped and given orders unequivocal
Did not expect the fight to be remotely this reciprocal

I used to have a tank brigade but now I have lost several
My fresh assaults are faltering with battleplans extemporal
I can't recover vehicles but farmers in a tractor can
It's all becoming rather reminiscent of Afghanistan

My ordnance is the best but only half my missiles make it there
I would have thought by now that we would be controllers of the air
But at the rate the snipers work my time here is ephemeral
I am the very model of a Russian Major General

WORKSHOP PROGRESS

The floor slab was poured in January and then apart from a few small but essential jobs all we could do was wait for the delivery of the framing. The wall and roof framing arrived early March and the construction team set about erecting it. Here are a few pics of the process.



The wall and roof framing arrived on one truck and the driver, with a Palfinger crane, unloaded it himself.



It was a tight squeeze getting it over the Amenities roof and next the garage



The roof framing came off first so had to be stacked separately from the wall framing



Some steel framing had initially to be erected to form a recess in the back wall for storage

To Commemorate Prince Andrew
The Royal Mint
Are Releasing A Limited Edition
50 Pence Coin

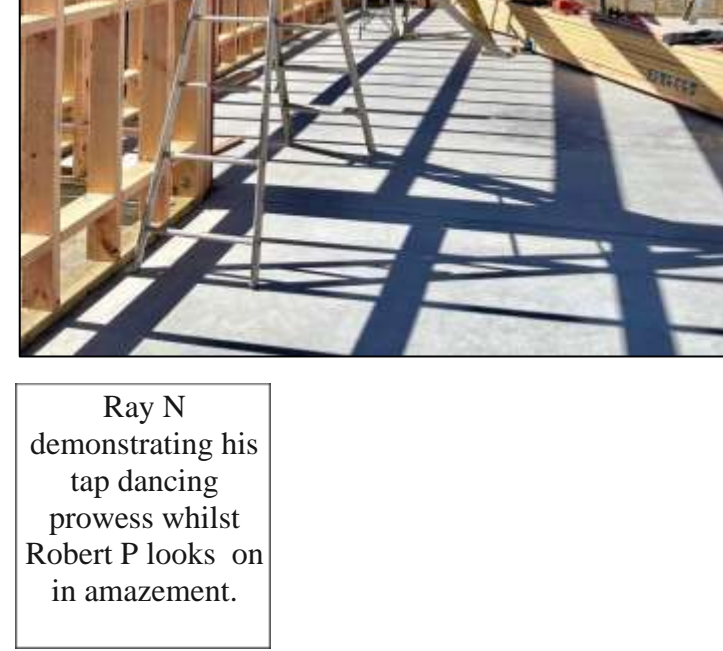




Back wall being erected, hope the garage wall was plumb and note the attention to detail, how the steps had to be held in place in case they wandered off!



Back wall, which had to be attached to the steelwork



Ray N demonstrating his tap dancing prowess whilst Robert P looks on in amazement.



End beam going up to support the roof trusses next the garages.



Roof trusses up and the erection gang admiring their work.



The rooftop from above now that all the roof framing is in



Around The Shed

A regular collection of current shed activities



Doug C and Wayne W fighting the ongoing battle of sorting donated screws, catches etc.



John R ensuring screws are laid out in the correct pattern



Kevin A and Roger C made a weatherproof notice board for a retirement village, it will hold larger notices than the one shown! They had a slight problem when installing it, they hit a water main!



Roger C giving a talk about tips and tricks with the Android phone



Chris T with his proposed new cricket bat for the White Ferns



Keith H bringing furniture back to life





Mike E showing how we still use hand tools at the shed



Ray W putting that last touch of CRC to the concrete mixer he refurbished



Ray W welding brackets on the concrete mixer for new wheels.



Wayne W and the ongoing table sanding marathon

The Ratters

Yet more orders pour in for the ratters. They had an order for twenty traps each holding a bottle of gin. These were obviously very popular as they then had a further order for another hundred. Unfortunately, there were no left-over bottles!



Ian G with the latest stack of rat traps



A gin trap -
Paraparaumu
Bond Store's co-
Kay calls the special

that's what
distillery, The
owner Bec
edition of its

Kawakawa Gin. The award-winning tippie is shipped in a special wooden gift box, which can be repurposed into a rat trap.

It all started when Kay saw a rat scamper across her lawn as she tried to enjoy a gin in her backyard in Raumati. She had already been giving friends and family rat trap boxes as Christmas presents.

Now the company is selling 100 of these boxes, made by a community group, (Menzshed), in Waikanae for the Department of Conservation, with a sachet of peanut butter as bait and a safety instruction card.

The gin, infused with kawakawa leaves grown on the distillery's farm in Wairarapa, is made to be an affordable, everyday gin.

Kay, and the distillery's other owner Chris Barber, have been trapping pests for more than two decades on their farm.

"We noticed a drop in bird life, and that's when we were starting to get serious about the trapping. [We] would find lots of rat holes and things like that when we were weed controlling around our native plants. It has been a great worry to us," Kay says.

Kay and Barber have managed to get rid of most of the stoats on the farm, but a "little crazy idea" came to Kay - gifting traps.

The Bond Store owner Bec Kay with her Kawakawa Gin, some of which she packages in gin traps, her version of a rat trap.

"We started trapping in our backyard on the Kapiti Coast. We have been trapping lots and lots of rats, and we started giving [traps] to friends and family as presents for Christmas - they weren't overly thrilled! It took a bit of convincing for them to start using [them]."

Cutting waste created by regular gift boxes was another reason Kay decided to stash the gin in rat traps.

"What do you do with the box after emptying the goodies? Usually, you just throw it away. I just put a bottle of gin in a rat trap and make the rat trap the gift box, so there is no packaging."

Kay said The Bond Store had sold 20 of the special-edition gins so far but hoped the gift could be a more permanent fixture in its catalogue, because it would mean more people were contributing to the conservation effort.

"It's important for people to understand that trapping is something we can all do to help preserve our native birds and other species, and it's not just something done commercially.

"People will get more excited because they have a bottle of gin to drink, rather than just a rat trap."

By Justin Wong

The Gardeners



Peter M watering the cabbages. He works there with Graham C and Ron B. They grow cabbages, cauliflower broccoli, lettuce, beans and rubarb all for the food Bank



An overview of the garden from where they can keep an eye on happenings at the Shed



A load of wood chippings for the garden curtesy of Alan M

Kapiti Food Bank Project

We have a core group of 9 or 10 MenzShed guys working on the refurbishment of the building that will become the new Kapiti Foodbank when it opens in Hinemoa St Paraparaumu in the middle of the year. We have a couple of experienced tradesmen leading the build and a group of keen handymen helping.

Foodbank purchased an old school prefab which is now relocated on their leased site. Our guys have stripped out the building and installed most of the internal framing required. A new veranda, decking and access ramps are underway. There's some interesting work to be done to make the building watertight as quickly as we can before the Autumn rains arrive.

Good progress is being made with power, water and sewage connections completed this week, the veranda and decks are progressing well and internal framing almost complete. The new windows and doors will be installed from next week on.

We are currently working on the job on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 0900 to 1400 or thereabouts for the next few weeks. From early June we expect the gib board needed for internal lining and finishing to arrive.



The Food bank frontage before and after, the deck is well underway



Tony W & Keith H have similar interests in what's happening above!

Gerald T, Cliff D with Richard Moulton, a member of the Kapiti Foodbank Exec who is organising the layout of the new building and Dave Edwards, Chair of the Kapiti Foodbank.





The main internal room, just longing for gib!

The Firewood Gang

One of our income streams and a service to the community is selling / supplying firewood. We cut up logs, old pallets and any surplus timber and put it in bags to be sold at the entrance to the shed. Strangely enough the timber goes Winter or Summer.



Barry I doing quality control on Charlie L's firewood cutting



The plastic bags are usually returned for recycling.



Hans VDH taking old pallets apart for processing, see the mountain of pallets on the left.

Dave P and others produce trailer loads of logs for sale.



Charlie Lucas test driving the new F.T.U. (Firewood transportation unit MKI).

Home Covid Test.

- 1: Open a can of beer and try to smell it.
- 2: If you can smell the beer, drink it to see if you can taste it.
- 3: If you can taste it and smell it, this confirms you don't have Covid.

Do the test 15 times and if all are negative you are safe. If, in the morning you wake up with a headache do the test again.

Eventually you reach a stage where you hope you have Covid! In which case do the test until it goes away!

The Quartermasters Store

The crew in the store Dorwin H, John F and Alan M having been working away behind the scenes to make sure that when you are looking for anything from a screw, a tool or a piece of string they can, Yes, we have it in the store, or check they with someone like Alan M to locate it somewhere else if we have it. If you want to find something don't hesitate to ask them. Thanks guys!!



John F and Dorwin H in the store



Unmasked!

What to expect on a flight with Kulala airlines?

Maybe you have forgotten what it is like to fly in an aeroplane. Well here are a series of snippets from a South African airline which may remind you what you have been missing:

*From the flight attendant, when passengers were apparently having a hard time choosing their seats:
"There is no assigned seating, you just sit where you want, People, people, we're not picking out furniture here, find a seat and get in it!"*

On another flight with a very "senior" flight attendant crew, the pilot said, "Ladies & gentlemen, we've reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants."

*From the pilot during his welcome message:
"Kulula Airlines is pleased to announce that we have some of the best flight attendants in the industry. Unfortunately, none of them are on this flight!"*

*From a Kulula employee:
"Welcome aboard Kulula 271 to Port Elizabeth. To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and pull tight. It works just like every other seat belt; and, if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised."*

"In the event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, masks will descend from the ceiling. Stop screaming, grab the mask, and pull it over your face. If you have a small child traveling with you, secure your mask before assisting with theirs. If you are traveling with more than one small child, pick your favorite."

"Weather at our destination is 50 degrees with some broken clouds, but we'll try to have them fixed before we arrive. Thank you, and remember, nobody loves you, or your money, more than Kulula Airlines."

"Your seat cushions can be used for flotation; and in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take them with our compliments."

"There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 4 ways out of this airplane"

"Thank you for flying Kulula. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride."

*As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at Durban Airport, a lone voice came over the loudspeaker:
"Whoa, big fella. WHOA!"*

On landing, the stewardess said, "Please be sure to take all of your belongings. If you're going to leave anything, please make sure it's something we'd like to have."Please do not leave children or spouses."

Heard on Kulula 255 just after a very hard landing in Cape Town: The flight attendant came on the intercom and said, "That was quite a bump and I know what y'all are thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, it wasn't the flight attendant's fault, it was the asphalt."

Overheard on a Kulula flight into Cape Town, on a particularly windy and bumpy day: During the final approach, the captain really had to fight it. After an extremely hard landing, the Flight Attendant said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to The Mother City. Please remain in your seats with your seat belts fastened while the captain taxis what's left of our airplane to the gate!"

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