



NEWSLETTER – October 2022

No. 142

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

From the Chair

Talofa lava

With the start of daylight saving it signals to me that summer is around the corner with the promise of warmer days, BBQ's, ice-cold beer and a good red wine.

Congratulations to our 4 newest 'Life Members' Alan Muxlow, Bill Milburn, Doug Watson and Gordon McGavin. Individually, all have made outstanding contributions to the life of MenzShed Kapiti. Thanks again guys for all you have done over many years and continue to do for our Shed.

It was good to get the AGM out of the way and the confirmation of who the committee will be for the next 12 months.

With Doug Watson standing down after 7 years as the Chair and in more recent times a member of the committee, it was great to see Roger King agree to join the Committee. Roger brings among other things leadership and management skills he gained during his 25 yrs. in the field of managing a Medical Laboratory here in New Zealand and being the Scientist in charge of the Haematology Department in a major hospital in Melbourne Australia. Thanks for 'stepping up' and agreeing to join the Committee Roger.

As highlighted in my Chairs report this year the priority for the next 12 months, is to 'pause' and not to take on any further large community or Shed projects. The main reason for this is to allow us to put all our focus and energy to getting the new workshop opened, setup and being used. This will also involve getting the existing work bays E, F, G, H and I set up and organised so that they complement and augment how the new workshop and other Shed buildings, containers and activities operate efficiently and effectively as a whole.

My vision is that the buildings and other areas will become more than just 'bricks and mortar' they will be more like a 'home' that will provide a safe place for us to meet and work together, a place to create, repair and build things, a place to talk and laugh, a place for grumpy older blokes to be happy!

Soifua
Tony A

The New Committee



Tony Annandale - Chair



Peter Blackler - Treasurer



Peter Rendall - Secretary



Trevor McIntyre



Cliff Daly



Ron McNulty



Dave Waddilove



Roger King

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
Sharpening Tools	Last Thursday of the month	@ the Shed	This is a regular event
Fresh scones	Last Thursday of the month	@ the Shed	This is a regular event. Hans will be producing his superb scones fresh from the oven
Open Day	11 Oct - 10:45-12pm	@ the Shed	
Open Day	18 Oct - 10:45-12pm	@ the Shed	
Garage Sale	29 th Oct	@ the Shed	
Movember start photos	27 th Oct	@ the Shed	
Movember judging	1 Dec	@ the Shed	
Christmas Break	22 Dec	@ the Shed	
Christmas Barbecue	Sat 10 th Dec	@ the Shed	

Workshop Progress

Despite having a roof on the weather interfered with progress. The levels of moisture in the framing were above the 18% maximum of the Building Regs so we could not fix gib until the moisture level dropped.

In the meanwhile, the team of Murray C, Peter H, Kevin A, Alan W, and others got on with other finishing jobs.

Eventually things dried out and progress started in gib lining the walls right up to the roof. We were required to install two layers of 19mm gib for fireproofing, so the process has taken time.



Does anyone know why Ecoply has to be fixed this way up?



Lex W fixing gib



The prize for the fastest gib fixer



Another painting job for Peter H

And suddenly, Bob found himself the topic of all the office gossip.



Foodbank

Work at the Foodbank has now finished, and the exhausted workers returned home to where they are valued and missed.

The Foodbank held a thank you barbecue for the tradies and other workers and many patties, sausages and bottles of beer were consumed.

As a last job we helped them move from their temporary premises next to Coastlands and erected the massive industrial weight shelving.

Even though we say it ourselves the finished building looks magnificent compared to what it was originally, two classrooms in need of a lot of TLC.



The moving / shelving team



The final day of building at the Foodbank, finishing off the decking. The Foodbank were going to complete the handrails



John D with the steps he made for the Foodbank deck



One of our ratters' traps set by the Foodbank, unfortunately it's set so the rats can't get into it. Will save having to change the bait!

Your Annual Dementia Test (Only 4 questions)

It's that time of year again for us to take our annual senior citizen test.

Exercise of the brain is as important as exercise of the muscles. As we grow older, it's important to keep mentally alert. If you don't use it, you lose it!

Here is a way to gauge how your memory compares to your last test. Some may think it is too easy, but the ones with memory problems may have difficulty.

Take this test to determine if you're losing it or not. OK, relax, clear your mind, and begin.

It starts on the next page.

The Outcomes of the AGM

Here is a summary of some of the AGM outcomes and matters arising. If you want more details, please refer to the minutes of the AGM which were circulated to the members.

- We are going to appoint commercial cleaners for the Administration block.
- Covid: MenzShed will follow the Government guidelines on COVID 19 and any future Government decreed pandemics for all members and visitors to our premises. This will include guidelines on masks. Any new members will be required to affirm that they have received any Government decreed vaccinations.
- There will be informal meetings to keep members up to date on what is happening at the Shed. The Committee will set the format for the meeting and could involve the Sub Committee Chairs reporting on activities and answer questions.
- Annual subs will go up to \$35 per annum.
- We will not take on any major community projects for the next 12 months.
- Peter Blackler had been liaising with KCDC, concerning the flooding at the shed, is and looking at options to solve the issue.

Life Membership Awards

At the AGM and subsequently life membership award certificates were handed out to Doug W, John, Christopher T, Alan M, Bill M, and Gordon Mc



Doug Watson



Gordon McGavin



John Robinson



Christopher Thomson

Annual Dementia Test, Question 1

#1. What do you put in a toaster?

Around the Shed

The Menzshed has donated a couple of rat traps to support Atareira's celebration of the Annual Mental Health Awareness week. Atareira is an organisation that provides Mental Health and Addiction Support for Family and Whanau, including in the Kapiti area.

As part of the donation, Tony suggested a photo of a handing over of the traps and some details about what is happening.

So, here us a photo of Ray N, giving Alison Chadwick, Family Whanau Worker from Atareira, two rat traps from Menzshed as a donation towards Atareira's event celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week.

We won't mention the stocking feet!



Peter B is back and looks better than he has been for a while. He will soon get rid of the stick and be back working on the Workshop.
Welcome back Peter.



A special prize was awarded for the most interesting knees to Peter Horn. Do come along to the shed they are worth a feel.



Ray Y has kept the sharpening buisness going in Gordon's absence



Ron Mc checking out a newly donated machine.

Annual Dementia Test

Answer to Question 1 & Question 2

Answer: 'bread.' If you said 'toast,' just give up now, and go do something else.

And, try not to hurt yourself!

Question 2

Say 'silk' five times. Now spell 'silk.' What do cows drink?



Aan W and Roger C painting a fence with a roller



Have we got any Half Akaroa - you know - sort of off-white, or is it a mud colour?



The size of instructions I received from China for electronic earpieces



You might think they're concerned with committee business but it is the most important Shed activity: chatting in the sun. Peter R & Cliff D.



Ratters trying out the new rivet gun



The gardeners building compost bins



Some projects require lateral thinking, or some call it cheating, and the request for two large numbers out of wood had Mark K testing out his new (expensive) toy at home i.e a CNC Router and the end result is very impressive as was the short video on his phone showing it in operation.

Dementia Test

Answer to Question 2 & Question 3

Answer: Cows drink water. If you said 'milk,' don't attempt the next question. Your brain is already over-stressed and may even overheat.

Content yourself with reading more appropriate literature such as Women's Weekly or Auto World.

Question 3

If a Red house is made from red bricks, and a Blue house is made from blue bricks, and a Pink house is made from pink bricks, and a Black house is made from black bricks, what is a green house made from?



Tony W planing a weta's motel to ensure it has a draught free room



Roger K polishing a coffe table top ready for glass inserts1



Gate repair of rotting slat



Circular pastry table



A damaged Jaguar car emblem after repair by Ray W

A man asked his wife "what would you do if I won the lottery?" she replied "I'd take half and leave you". "Great" he said, "I won \$12, heres \$6 ... stay in touch....."



Turning the legs of the pastry table



Keith H and Wayne W with the ship's wheel which they repaired

Dementia Test

Answer to Question 3

Answer: Greenhouses are made from glass.

If you said, 'green bricks,' why are you still reading this??? PLEASE, go lie down!!!



The stock of Barry's rifle had some rot in it so we cut it out and glued in a piece of matching walnut.



Set of 10 kiwi boxes, in total we made 16

Kiwi carrier box made by the Ratters



The repaired stock



Metco are very good to us, they make the roof flashings for the weta motels from their roofing offcuts

Dementia Test

Question 4

Do not use a calculator for this:

You are driving a bus from Wellington to Auckland.
 In Wellington, 17 people got on the bus.
 In Waikanae, 6 people get off, and 9 people get on.
 In Taupo, 2 people get off, and 4 get on.
 In Hamilton, 3 people get off and 9 people get on.

You then arrive at Auckland.

Without going back to review, how old is the bus driver?

Barry's Holidays

Barry I has returned from a holiday in Ukraine and has brought back some photos as a memento. Customs prevented him from bringing in a Russian tank which is a shame because ones with a turret are becoming rare and an unusual sight in Waikanae.



Barry practicing for shooting rabbits



These are for larger rabbits



The Lone (rabbit) Ranger



Traditional rabbit gun, kills at least 3 rabbits at a time



Copdock is in the UK, Ipswich, Suffolk and specialises in rabbit hunting!



And as a last resort this will get the monster rabbits



A collection of guns in a fish tank



I have nothing to say!

Dementia Test Answer to question 4

Answer: Oh, for crying out loud!!!

Don't you remember your own age?!? It was
YOU, driving the bus!!!

(95% of people fail most of these questions)

The Cycling group

The cycling group and their partners had a couple of leisurely days away in Napier. Here's a picture of them at the Crab Winery where they seemed to spend most of their time eating, tasting, and sitting in front of a roaring fire.

Come and join them, they are very good at spotting excellent restaurants and cafés! And yes they did



some cycling too!!

Nigel's bit

An extract from an email from Nigel C to Alan M:

Alan you may remember back about 2016 you “encouraged” the Kapiti Library to purchase copies of the then latest Barry Golding paperback about how it all began and included a section about our Shed. A 93 year old friend of mine having a bit of clearing out at home, dropped by last week with a couple of books he owned which he felt were perfect for me one of which was an excellent book titled The Men's Shed Movement - The Company of Men Edited by Barry Golding.

Interestingly when I opened it I found inside a KCDC District Libraries CANCELLED stamp and a printed docket showing a bloke called Muxlow, Alan Raymond had last borrowed it.

I gather it wasn't a popular choice, so they made space on their shelves by disposing of the entire book which had an edited version of my contribution that I called “A Quite Remarkable Shed”. Boo Hoo! Tears! Screams! Etc.



The front cover of the book

So let it be known that our Kapiti Libraries no longer have a copy of this book, but I am quite willing to donate mine to the MenzShed Kapiti library if there is to be one other than a document in the “Cloud”.

The Waikanae Tornado by Roger C

It’s an ongoing story. In early June a tornado hit Waikanae and, in particular for me it knocked down a large Macrocarpa tree in my garden. The Menzshed helped chop it up but left me the partly buried trunk to deal with together with a load of offcuts to be split into firewood. Two chainsaw chains later the trunk has been chopped up and stacked for splitting. The sand in tree roots plays havoc with chains. Here are the progress photos to date.



Original trunk



Going



Going



Going



Going



Going



Gone, - well hidden from view!



Ah there it is! Don't know how I will get it in my woodstore.

The next project is to hire a big log splitter and produce a heap of firewood on my lawn which has to be transported to the wood store.

May there never be another tornado!

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



Flashings & trims



Stair tread edgings and trims

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