

Another month flashes by and where have we got to?

Every month seems busy. Why? Firstly there are generally over 10 different activities every Tuesday and Thursday morning and there are a number of other happenings on the go. These include

- Visits from groups or interested parties
- Installing water tanks and stands
- Collecting donated supplies and tools
- Delivering completed projects
- Planning other activities such as Santa parades (yes it is that season again) □ Disposal of surplus or refurbished items through other sheds or Trademe.

So what projects have been completed this month:

1. Shelf for medical support equipment – a Menzshed member who needed a shelf to hold medical equipment. Well done Chad for a great job.

And no that is not Chad. Just a model who was hanging round Menzshed!!



2. Reconditioning of Family Heirloom – John P did a wonderful job in the refurbishment of these two chairs. A rebuild including lathe work by John O.



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A job well done with a quality finish which the family are extremely happy with.

3. Cancer Society Wig Stand – John O completed a Wig stand for the Cancer Society. A number of our members are also Woodworkers Guild members and one of their important annual tasks is to produce enough wig stands for Cancer patients needing stands. They also do large numbers of turned bowls as well. A magnificent supportive venture.



4. The Men's Shed Movement – Nigel wrote a section on Menzshed Kapiti and admires the finished article in the book. This book is available at the Paraparaumu Public library for those interested.



5. Working with Nga Manu – recently there has been a push to work and support the activities at Nga Manu. To date we have supplied
- a. A Nest for the Grey Teal thanks to Tony's efforts.



Not a bad location

and close up. >

The sign says Do Duck Inn!



- b. A table for the Volunteer workers

A good job by Brent P and Skip

who also was able to test the table at Nga Manu



- c. And we are supplying kitset Weta Motels for sale through their Shop.



Bill M and George have this well under control

Great to be able to support effort in the local community!

6. Lattice Work – as part of our United Nations of members we have Rashid, an Iranian from near Persepolis which was the centre of the Persian Empire. Rashid has been creating lattice work reminiscent of his home country and is happy to create such work for sale for the benefit of Menzshed.



Watch for the final article next month with the coloured plastic installed.

7. Shelving for a local Rest home
– this was shown as work in progress last month and is shown here with the backing in place and the final paint job.



Frank, Ron and Peter D worked their magic to create this.

8. Strawberry Garden – needed for the Menzshed strawberries and as a prototype for any garden. Filling it will mean there is a sample at Menzshed. The last prototype was sold too quickly! Under Nigel C's guidance Harry McC, Mike E and Brent P produced a masterpiece. Ted keeps a beady eye on progress.

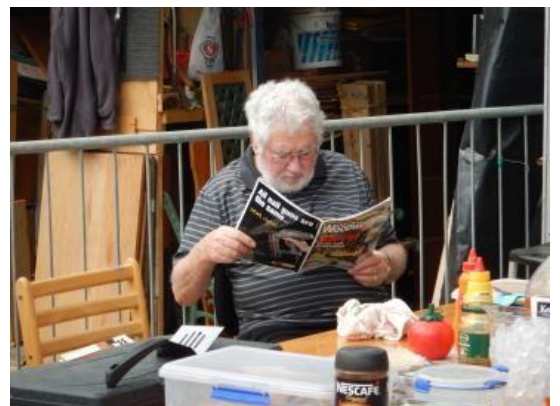


9. Rebuilt tray –Gordon rebuilt this and Barry acted as the model!
Anyone know who owns this? We are sure it is important to someone but do not have the contact details



10. What is this new fangled woodworking stuff – Ray investigates ready for future projects in Practical Woodworking!!

We have a large collection of past editions of Practical Woodworking for anyone interested.



Recent Visits

1. Children and grandchildren of members it was great to see a number of these who visited during the recent school holidays. They seemed to enjoy themselves and produced something useful.



2. Raumati Montessori – students from here have been doing a project on the rebuild of the US Marine huts for QEII Park and visited to see the progress on the rebuild



And tested the Santa sleigh in preparation for Christmas



Web site

We are delighted that Local IT has recently renewed their sponsorship of our web site. This site, plus the Newsletter, are our two important communication tools that ensure our role and achievements are known to anybody with a computer! We also know that people use the web site contact form to tell us of surplus products and requests for projects.

Alan M endeavours to keep adding the latest projects, news and events to the web site but like our projects, the timing gets a bit behind at time. If you want to share our successes with your friends then there's lots of photos to show or files of past newsletters to catch up with.

<http://www.menzshedkapiti.org.nz>

Safety

The Committee is keen to maintain our safety record and the safety standard that Menzshed Kapiti has established.

If you are in doubt about how to use any equipment or how to do anything there are a number of people who are happy to help or guide you.

On the contrary do not be offended if someone taps you on the shoulder and suggests a safer way of doing things. We are keen to ensure you are able to enjoy our facilities without damage to yourself or others.

And for those who do get ‘bitten’ by something then the first aid equipment is on the Safety Trolley.

Safety Trolley

The Safety Trolley is fitted with the following;

Fire – 5 extinguishers and a fire blanket

Protection – plastic and heavy duty gloves

Goggles and safety glasses

Earmuffs (level 5) and ear plugs

First aid- band aids in the box on the top left of the trolley

First Aid box for more extensive injuries

Blanket and pillow

Survival blanket

And Chad has volunteered to fundraise for a defibrillator

Defibrillator

Already several members have had training in the use of defibrillators so we just need the equipment.

Our target is \$ 2,900 and to date we have raised over \$1,100 through Trade me sales, garage sales and the sale of other items.

Well done Chad.

If any members would like to donate cash towards the defibrillator you can make this using internet banking. The Menzshed Kapiti bank account number is 38 9010 0354831 02. Please put ‘Defibrillator’ as the reference as well as your name so that we can send you a receipt.

Cash donations are welcome also. Just put the money in the box on Tuesday or Thursday writing the details in the sign in diary listing the amount and that it is for the defibrillator and your name.

For your information any donation over \$5 is tax deductible if you are into tax returns.

Enough for October

Thanks for your contributions/efforts in October and we look forward to the happenings of November.

There's always lots happening at the shed; drinking coffee and tea; sorting donated bits and pieces; having a laugh; organising projects to benefit the community and so on.

If you haven't been for a while, come along and share a cuppa.

Peter R

And a special mention of very important MenzShed Kapiti outside support people; our sponsors -



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