

Where did April go? A busy month with two big projects completed in addition to a number of smaller projects. More about this later in the newsletter.

1. Phil's Legacy

Phil completed this unit before he returned to the US earlier in the year. Gordon finally tracked down the owner by the hi-tech method of driving around the streets on Waikanae. It worked and another happy owner.



2. Upper Hutt Menzshed Visit

It was great to have an exchange of ideas as well as the tea/ coffee and a tour of the site when eight members of the Upper Hutt Shed visited

3. Retirement Village Letterboxes

Murray K, David A, Ron McN and Dave have set up a production line and are making good progress with the first 40 of these.



Ron and Murray muse over "What have we let ourselves in for!!"



The question is – will there be any mail other than flyers to be delivered to them?!

4. Small size BBQ tables

Brian was back in action preparing for the next order. 25 complete and how many more before the market is saturated.

5. Onslow Pre School Bus

John P and Paul W are in throes of constructing a replacement for the Pre School. It looks impressive and being powered by a Mack will surely cope with the hills around the Pre School.

Brent shows interest in where the engine will fit in.



6. Millard Stand Seat Refurbishment



Derek and Paul W are progressing with this rebuild. Progress has slowed as they are distracted by other projects. Paul brought back memories with his T shirt commemorating the last game played at the Park.



7. Menzshed Garden



As the plant growth slows for winter the green fingered team are bedding down but the optimists are planting the winter crops and relocating a lemon tree.





8. Storage Units

There is always a need to for boxes to sort all the donations of tools, fittings and other bits and pieces. Skip has been building a number of these for tool storage.



9. Weta Motels

One of our conservation type projects and Bill M, George, Graeme and Ted H are in production again keeping our stocks of motels ready for sale. Amazing how popular these are.

The weta motels from George and Bill are in hot demand. Nga Manu have sold ordered 40 for fundraising since Christmas and DOC have a batch of 40 on standby ready for delivery. Production is well into the hundreds.

10. Firewood



After some time in “Siberia” beyond Bay G, Charlie has been working to maintain a stock of firewood. Not only has he cleared the pile of offcuts up there he has kept a good supply of bags for sale at the Gate. Good work Charlie.

And now the saw has been moved back nearer the rest of the action – coffee, other shedders to assist with the de-nailing, cutting and bagging and the next pile of offcuts and pallets to process

11. Lizard lounges

John R and Ian G were cutting more Onduline for the lizard lounges.- ready for the Waikanae Estuary Care Group Gardens opening.

A set of 5 Lizard Lounges have been supplied to the Forest & Bird group working to establish a decent population at Manor Park.



12. Rebuild of a table

Chad and Gordon McG are in the process of recovering and restoring a table. It was almost designated for the firewood pile but is now looking more like a table. Great effort guys.



13. Rat Traps

They must be this year's fashionable piece of garden furniture. They are much in demand as various groups and individuals work towards making Kapiti part of the pest free New Zealand. A big job with Nigel coercing the team to build traps which meet specs and work!!



14. Kaka nest to the mainland

One of Mark's specials was exported to Nelson

Andrew of Rameka Forest Restoration Charitable Trust reported "Some fantastically fine days earlier last week made it very easy for us to get the new kaka nest

installed at Project Rameka, East Takaka."

He also thanked us for our contribution to their project.



15. Waikanae Information Centre Visit

As part of their familiarisation of Waikanae activities we had a visit from a group of volunteers from the Information Centre. Wonderful to share a cuppa and show them what happens at Menzshed. But again too busy talking to get a photograph!!!



16. ANZAC Crosses

For the fourth year we have completed the assembly of the crosses for the Wellington area and this year the crosses were completed in March and were delivered early April in time for ANZAC Day.

See the attachment on what happened in February and March and see what the accumulated crosses signifying those who died from the Wellington Area during World War One.

Thanks to our members who helped with the assembly of these crosses both this year and in previous years. A great team effort.

17. Whareroa Caravan

Again, a team effort over the last eight months.

See the attachment to see what happened during that time. Yes it's on the road thanks to Allan Shaw Carrying.

And it is well received by the Whareroa Trust.



For those interested in seeing the caravan on site the official opening is on 3rd June. See the attached invitation for details.

There are a number of ongoing projects which are our "bread and butter" which keep us busy, and at times stressed when the demands of other projects run interference.

And so we roll into May.

Thanks to all who made this another successful one and please check out the next page

Nigel and PeterR

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