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Time to catch up with some past projects and we start with a project for Mum's helper who couldn't reach the kitchen sink without his steps that then needed some sides. John and Bruce used a bit of Kiwi ingenuity and hey presto, new sides and two folding arms provide a safe platform.



A happy youngster and an opportunity for some early male training in the kitchen.



Then something a bit different from the standard timber "key" for his son's 21st was Bruce's objective and this was the result – there's a hidden creative talent there!





Some projects are surprises and a request to finish a small imitation sea chest started by his son proved a challenge but the end result, constructed by Terry and Robbie, has been admired by all. The special purpose for this trunk will be revealed later.

Recycling is a common theme as we avoid at all costs buying anything new if we can get away with it. The picture of the ordinary looking mower, used by Peter B for keeping our site tidy, (thanks Peter) has an interesting history. It is the result of three donated mowers that were cannibalised to make one sturdy working model with the remaining parts in the scrap metal pile – well done to the metalwork team. There's still a few more mowers around the bac that need some TLC if there's a need somewhere?.



Tucked around the back of our site is a garden plot



that gets a fair amount of sun and the growth on the potatoes looks like they will be ready for Xmas!

Obviously some of our members have green fingers

Progress With Our Facilities Upgrade



Thanks to Hazard Safety for donating the health and safety notice board which identifies the current hazards on our amenities block building project.

Construction on this New Amenities Block is delayed until our lease with KCDC is finalised. However fabrication of the reinforcing is already under way so the concrete pouring can happen very promptly.

The brightly coloured perimeter fence clearly indicates the construction zone adjacent to our shed and ensures site safety has a high profile with members working nearby.



We Help the Girls With Kapiti Indoor Market Signage



Rachael, Nicola and Stef are a bunch of nice young women doing their bit organising special events in Kapiti and donating the proceeds to local community groups in need of a few dollars.

Earlier this year they talked to us about some muscle to install roadside signs between Otaki and Raumati to promote their event of course we couldn't say no.

The winter one went well and they donated a nice sum to our building development fund for our efforts.

THE NEXT EVENT IS ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 15 AT WAIKANAЕ MEMORIAL HALL

NOTE: WE ARE THE BENEFICIARY OF THE DOOR GOLD COIN ENTRY DONATIONS. HOORAY!



So it was time to set up the signage again and the signs are out and the crew is happy and celebrating the team achievements at this the last sign.

So MenzShed members, get your bright and happy faces ready to perform for the public at the doors and our stand while you extract maximum donations for our development fund.



A couple of months ago we had some young visitors to our shed who spied the Santa sleigh.

Of course they had to have their picture taken – did they wonder if this was Santa’s cave with Santa in disguise

A Bit Of Class At MenzShed

As anyone who attends knows, the morning briefing before “things” get started includes lots of information about how progress is being made, introducing guests or new members, looking for people to lead new projects and finally before it all happens a short joke. Well this past month things took a new turn with John O introducing a bit of class to proceedings with a poem that can become new lyrics to “I’m A Lumberjack”. I think he said it came to him in the shower. Now this shows real talent and we are hopeful a few more edumicated members come along with a few more to add to the “Morning Talk”.

The song of an OK Boomer (For all Boomers with apologies to “I’m a Lumberjack”)

*I’m a Boomer and I’m OK
I get my pension every pay
I save my pennies for Hogmanay
This Summer I’m going to Whangarei*

*I’m a Boomer, yes, I am
I went to war in Vietnam
I did my bit with Uncle Sam
A lot of people died but here I am.*

*I’m a Boomer as all can tell
I didn’t go to Varsity, But what the hell
So I rolled up my sleeves and did quite well
Shearing Sheep beyond Fordell*

*I’m a Boomer and I’m having fun
I hunt and fish and snooze in the sun
Sometimes I even go for a run
And I’ll see you all when I reach the ton,*

Cancer Society Property Refurbishment

Headlines in the local Kapiti News and a photo of the major team members who were behind this refurbishment exercise of the local Cancer Society's new support centre were true recognition of the work of this team.

Thanks to Kevin Avery (Project leader), Tony Annandale, Trevor McIntyre, Peter Moldenhauer and others who participated under the guidance of their local health promoter Mandy Savage.

Numerous other Kapiti businesses and groups who supported this exercise were named in this Kapiti News article.

Our photos is a behind the scenes action of at least one member.



Mary Potter Strawberry Festival



Our stand in this year's Strawberry Festival event was very successful for our MenzShed. The exposure identified the interest and support for what the shed does for the men in Kapiti and what we do for the community. These comments were mirrored by feedback from businesses and other local dignitaries who visited our stand, and we sold some items.

Time Gentlemen Please

Our general membership Christmas celebrations are about to happen with the last day windup BBQ on Thursday 19 December for all members and their families.

Sorry that we did not achieve the normal Saturday Christmas barbecue this year but the whisper is that we are planning a special barbecue early in the New Year to celebrate the finished floor slab for

the amenities building. Special guests and sponsors will also be invited to mark this momentous milestone - and then there's the mid-year barbecue already in the diary.

Well that's it for this edition and fingers crossed we can get one more edition out this year that captures our involvement in the Xmas festival season and a summary of finances and sponsors for our building project.

See you all when we tell you about our December activities.

A special mention of important MenzShed Kapiti backers, local business, supporters and sponsors



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