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Well, here we are again and you say so soon after the last newsletter! Well that's a ploy to keep it smaller to encourage others to help with its production so it's not seen as such a formidable task. It also gives more flexibility to make the pictures bigger so you can see all the detail.

Things at the shed.

First the AGM

This very important event took place on Tuesday 22 October at our MenzShed facility.

This next year will see serious facility improvements.

The executive faces the gathering

And the gathering takes notice of the details being presented.



A great new team elected to lead the place into the next phase.

Pass on your ideas for discussion during meeting to organise activities.

Peter Rendall	Doug Watson
Peter Blackler	Tony Anadale
Murray Kennett	Trevor McIntyre
Ron McNulty	Gordon McGavin
Alan Muxlow	Roger Palmer
Gilbert Coom	

PLUS

Good news on the development plans

AND

Great financial progress to achieve the planned development.

STOP PRESS!!! - More good news – A grant of \$15,000 received from Thomas George McCarthy Trust to contribute to providing accessible facilities in amenities building.

Check out our website for more MenzShed Kapiti “things” <http://www.menzshedkapiti.org.nz/>

MenzShed Kapiti, It's All About Community

Things get done to help people in our community.

Typical is this happy customer who now has wheels on her planter barrels.

The plants can moove with the mood of the day.



And because DOC are facing challenges in responding to the mast season for native tree fruiting which caused a predator explosion, the rat pack produced a major run of tunnels for trapping. Happy chaps at DOC and a boost to our building fund.



This is what a batch of 150 rat tunnels looks like.

You can tell it took more than a single ute load to get it back to the rangers needing the goods.

Rat Pack take a bow!

Jeff



And you might like to see how a happy customer who liked marshmallows responded with a surprised look on his face.



Fundraising Projects

Here Derek does a master craftsman impression. He's not bad playing other parts too or being Frank Sinatra.



His skills and patience makes for an impressive finished garden seat.



Once again the building fund said "Thank You Derek!"

This seat is a fine example of what can be done by us blokes.

The Labour Weekend Mahara Market at Waikanae

Time to be seen with things we make, to blow our own trumpet and spread the message about what a great place we have for blokes to contribute some time to.



Another batch of 10 special tui feeders by the experts crew. Thanks Frank, David, Ray 1 & 2. Fantastic effort.

Support For Cancer Society

The Cancer Society has a new property in Kapiti Road needing lots of work to reconfigure as a fully integrated centre for all their local services. They dropped by to tell us their story. The blokes listened to the plans and responded. One particular member raised his hand to lead the team and make things happen. Kevin is the man to run the show.



MenzShed Kapiti is a strong supporter of the efforts of Mandy's team and we try to help whenever we can.

If you can and wish to help out, seek out Kevin next Tuesday or Thursday at MenzShed.

NOTE: The Cancer Society office needs to be relocated to 27 Kapiti Road by the end of November.

Another Great Project - The Lions Christmas Raffle Fundraiser



We have also now taken the step of getting in behind the Lions to produce the Wendy House they raffle to raise funds in the lead up to Christmas. The finished product is amazing. Check out the detail when you get a chance and buy some tickets.

And before it left the place the team's main men, Brian and John D, spent time planning how to do it next year. These blokes learn fast.



Reikorangi Community Special

Caroline from the Reikorangi Community asked for help making a special community table for gatherings.



Somewhere where larger groups can sit around and enjoy the company of others.

In this case its some of our own taking credit for making this table a reality. (Note how pleased they are with themselves.)

Skip is THE Man though.

Another bow.



But you can't move this monster without a decent lot of muscle.

(That's why I'm not in the picture.)



Then when it's loaded on the trailer we have to eye up the load and give advice.



And finally when it was delivered to Reikorangi the local team then made it their own by finishing the table with a whitewash to complete the job.

This table looks a million dollars.

If you are going past the tennis court stop and admire this great community asset.



Support For Kapiti Art Therapy

Corine is an enthusiast setting up a new group that will benefit a wide range of Kapiti residents. Kapiti Art Therapy provides the facilities for people receiving therapy to assist them in recovery and dealing with a range of life's challenges. Corine's list included things like a balancing beam (Tony W became the expert), a sensory wall with tiles that can be removed to sense walking on different materials (Ron Mc and Roger made use of our surplus stuff), a workshop bench (who else but Yane), a seat with storage space for the clients (Roger and Trevor are naturals) and everyone needs the calming influence of a cloud (John B is an experience cloud man). It's all delivered ready for action and in the rush to deliver we missed the photo shoot.



The Storage Unit



The Workbench

Never fear we will chase this up otherwise we will never know how all this stuff comes together and makes a difference to somebody's world.

Find out more at <https://www.kapitiarttherapy.com/>

Now - Just Think Christmas Is Coming

So it's now time for people to start thinking IT's just around the corner. Guess what, it has become time to prepare the decorations.



That includes tree former bases for decorating



Plus
appropriately shaped shelving.

We'll do our best to get shots of these all decorated for the occasion at the Waikanae Baptist Church Christmas Display. Always a show stopper worth a visit.

What a fine team worked on these things. Gentlemen take a bow.

Tony



George



Murray



Jeff



Ray



etc



So wrapping this newsletter up now, those coming along regularly will be aware that construction on our amenities block has slowed while council finalise our revised lease agreement. That means a delay in fabricating the reinforcing and pouring concrete. Just imaging if we got the concrete poured and someone suddenly said it all had to come out again. But that's not going to happen. It makes good sense to have all the ducks lined up before we start the shoot.

Murray, Brent and David plus a number of extra pairs of hands have done us proud to reach this stage. A very generous donation of materials by Bunnings was a bonus in reaching this milestone point as well. Thanks to Peter's and Cliff's efforts the finances are looking good to now complete the amenities building as soon as our lease is signed off. Next year will be a giant leap forward in improving the facilities and the options of things that can be done. I'm a fan for a special Grumpies day mid-week where we can solve the problems of the world. What an amazing resource of experience we have in our membership.

Thanks to Hazard Safety for donating the health and safety notice board. The brightly coloured perimeter fence clearly indicates the construction zone where a unique set of health and safety rules apply.

Cheers all #1 Grumpy

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