

Well October is done and dusted.

**Firstly an early warning.** The Menzshed Christmas BBQ is scheduled for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. More details at a later date.

And what were the happenings in October?

### 1. Kenakena School Production

Twenty cubes are being assembled to be used in the school production.

Derek and Barry I have been working to design and assemble these. Looks

as if there will not be a last minute panic as they have got stuck in to

their task early- time will tell. Another project using surplus materials received from the community.



## 2. Rat Traps

It seems these are very popular items at present. What does 50 rat traps look like when stacked together? Look impressive don't they?



This is one batch of 50 sponsored by DOC to kick-start the local predator eradication programme by Kapiti Rat Pack.



Ned, Rob and Brent have been working to deliver on this request as well as several others. There are a number of groups in the Community who are keen to achieve pest free environment. We will do our bit to help them.

## 3. Kaka nests

Mark is still working on these although the nesting season is well advanced. There has been positive feedback from the Art in Nature Programme with the mockup nest designed by Mark for their education programme.

A copy of Mark's CAD plans for the Kaka Nest has been forwarded to the Waimea Shed so they can get involved in the production of Kaka Nests for the Nelson Sanctuary.

## 4. Menzshed Tool Stands

Ron McN has completed two stands which have a stock of hand tools sharp and ready for your use. Good work Ron and thanks to Gordon McG for his guidance on the design of the racks. Remember if you use these tools please return them to the racks. The racks are not designed as a monument to our laziness.





### 5. Seed Rumbler

The original rumbler when it underwent field trials found the engine could not manage the load particularly when the rumbler was starting up. Terry, Ray and Rob are working to repower the rumbler.

Kapiti Biodiversity is looking forward to having this machine so that they can provide seed balls to distribute for the seeding of the slopes along the Escarpment track.

### 6. Kids BBQ Tables

Brian and Alan are well advanced in the completion of the 24th table as their production proves to be popular with local child care facilities. Great work guys.

### 7. Weta Motels

Another popular item with the local community. No one is sure exactly how many have been produced but it is well over 200. 40 plus have been delivered this month alone. Bill, George, John H and Graeme continue to produce these. Who needs a robot when you have a team which produces a high quality product with a series of templates to help production.

### 8. Site Cleanup

First there was the shifting of some large beams.

Peter B and a group of interested helpers and spectators saw these were relocated to everyone's satisfaction.







Then work has started on the retaining wall between the two levels on the site. Murray, Bruce J and Rick are working to get this complete.



At the same time Cliff was working with Alistair of AHB Diggers who came to help with the site clearing and levelling. Thanks Alistair - your work with bobcat saved the gardening team many days of hard labour with shovels and wheel barrows.

On the perimeter of the Menzshed site Jim and Ron planted some Ake Ake, supplied by Gus Evans. It will enhance the boundary as they grow. Thanks Gus. Sorry no photograph to record this.

## 9. Gardening



Peter D, Ron B and Jim have been keeping the garden tidy and under control. The growth in the various vegetables is an indication of their hard work. Even when the supervisor's figure is right on the spot!

During the month Ron B and Jim F erected a fence for the beans to grow up. Is this a case of “the has been’s will have beans”?



#### 10. Trimming the windfall

This man appears everywhere and he does not wear one of the “S” suits!

#### 11. Thirty Letter Boxes

Kapiti Retirement Trust wanted these for Seven Oaks Retirement Village. Skip has finalised the prototype for these and we await signoff before going into production.



Do we have a secure letter box design here?

It’s a special for Junk Mail ... No Slot to be found ANYWHERE.

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## 12. Rocking Horse

Ian P did the refurbishment of this Rocking Horse and Lyndsey P was happy when she came to collect it. Another satisfied customer.



## 13. The Music Group

Friday morning I dropped in to the music session which is at least temporarily being held in a nice room at the Waikanae Club. Good space, good acoustics, no noisy neighbours, no cake and in fact only morning tea if they can

con the staff into it. You might like to drop in between 9.30 and 11.30 to find out the full story.

*Thanks to Nigel for this update.*

## 14. Kaito's Skate Board Park

In the last school holidays Bede bought his son Kaito along to make things. In fact Kaito wanted a model skate board ramp for his toy skateboard if that's what you call it. The photograph of the results of their efforts and his smile tells the story.



## 15. Lych-gate

Murray K was completing this gate to complete an area at home. Not sure if this was Peter Jackson spoof- "leading up the garden path" but it is a solid gate and should slow down any roving stock!





### 16. Whareroa Farm Caravan Restoration

Fred and Brian are working on this. At this stage they are lining the inside of the caravan with ply. A challenging task, with all the curves and corners of a caravan, and they are completing it to a very professional standard.



### 17. Kapiti Playhouse production

18 swords to be made to meet the bloodshed and mayhem of local theatre.

Chad and Bede worked to complete these and after several duels in the forecourt of the Menzshed "live" theatre they produced the goods.



A representative of the Playhouse was very enthusiastic with the finished product.



### 18. Washing the Dishes

Tom has been working quietly to tidy up after the morning brew. So quiet and efficiently that it was not possible to catch him on the job. Hence the lack of a photo. Thanks Tom for a thankless job well done.

### 19. Preparation for a Guy Fawkes Fire

Thanks to Dave P for suggesting this could happen on his farm. Also for the use of his ute to take all the offcuts of wood, branches and stumps for the fire. With at least five loads to date this should make for a great fire on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November.

Dave P and Charlie were doing a great job when this photo was taken. And, more importantly, it meant more of the site was cleared. Great job team.



### 20. Playhouse

The great work of Murray and Rick is nearing completion with the fitting of the carpet. The delivery of this to the Salvation Army is planned for early in November. There should be some great photos of the moving and handover of the playhouse next month

### 21. Refurbishment of the Sunburst



Once the hull was painted the Sunburst disappeared from the Menzshed Site but Bruce M continued to help John R of Kapiti Boat Club with the refurbishment. As the photo shows the boat has been completed although the centreboard and tiller were not in place. Thanks for the update Bruce and a good job well done.







## 22. Letterbox vandalism

After four houses in a neighbourhood had their letterboxes vandalised Tony and Dave created four masterpieces from offcuts at the Shed. Thanks to Peter B for this update on Shed assistance in a community.

## 23. Wellington Free Ambulance

Just an update if you want to see this wonderful model (a Carton Jigsaw Puzzle), which Menzshed completed earlier in the year for Wellington Free Ambulance fundraising, it will be at the Waikanae Christmas Parade at Mahara Place on December 16th.



## 24. Menzshed Kapiti's Development in the Reduction of the use of Fossil Fuels!!

Thanks to our engineering gurus!!



## The Saga of a Sheddie

### Or should this be Orr's Odyssey or John's Jaunt

John started on 16<sup>th</sup> October when he flew north to start his jaunt. At the end of his third week he had progressed through 253km of sand (Ninety mile Beach), mud and rivers. There are a number of sections when the walkway is along a river bed. And there are some good walkways as well.

And if you can't remember who we are talking about this is Sheddie



His experiences as numerous and each week brings up a new aspect of life- his fetish for sitting in tyres, other trekkies footwear, having a radio interview on Mungamaku radio station, catching and cooking eel for a group of trekkies, and coping with an oversupply of rain (let us know when you are back in Kapiti John as locals are complaining about a lack of rain – how things change in 6 weeks!!).

But is most common comment is about the generosity of the locals – they are happy to give them a meal, lift, have a chat. Great to hear Northland.

Thanks to Terry for the Trail name of Sheddie. John had been talking with other international trekkies and they had nicknames for communicating progress between each other. John adopted Sheddie as his trekking name after a big response from his followers.



And to those of you who are sponsoring John the first \$5 will happen in November when John passes the 500km mark. Don't let all the mothballs out of the wallet at once or if there is anyone who would like to release a few moths a contribution of 1 cent a kilometre towards our Shed extension is John's fundraising effort. Maybe we should be exercising at least the dome to our wallet !!!

It is wonderful to see so many members, new and old, turning up on a Tuesday or Thursday and to see them involved in the 12 to 15 different activities or projects which happen each day.

The great spirit of Kapiti Menzshed and its efforts in supporting our members and its contribution to the Kapiti community are amazing. Thanks to you all.

Watch this space in November

Cheers

Peter R & Nigel

Note: Any suggestions, comments, complaints or, most importantly, offers to do articles (please) see me at the Shed in person!!!!

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