

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FIRST

OUR UPCOMING AGM

Please take note and be there to contribute your say and ideas on making 2012/2013 a big step forward and a big success.

The Annual General Meeting of the MenzShed Kapiti will be held on –

Date: Tuesday 16 October 2012
Time: 1pm to 4pm
Location: Waikanae Beach Community Hall
24 Rauparaha Street
Waikanae Beach

We have nominations for the 3 main office holders of the Society plus additional names of members willing to help organise and operate the day to day activities. Maybe you are willing to add your name to the list too. It's a lot of fun to be part of.

A KAPITI OBSERVER VISIT THIS WEEK

On Tuesday 9 October we are having a visit by a reporter from the Kapiti Observer. Because we are about to launch into a new phase of developing the place the resulting newspaper item will be very important as a part of our fundraising campaign.

PLEASE BE THERE FROM 10am TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR MENZSHED ACTIVITIES.

MENZSHED KAPITI RECOGNISED FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE HEALTH & WELLBEING OF MEN IN KAPITI



As reported in our last newsletter, Peter submitted our name for an award during the annual Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards under the Health & Wellbeing category. We were pipped at the post by the very worthy Meals On Wheels people but we received recognition through being presented with a special Certificate. The photograph here shows Nigel telling the



assembled organisations about our MenzShed, its challenges and its achievements and the certificate we received. This is MANPOWER at work.

KCDC DECISIONS

Another matter that Peter has put enormous effort into has been in making submissions to the Council for their agreement and support for our developing the old Waikanae Beach Depot site to better provide for our needs. During this past month we were advised by the Council that a number of decisions have been reached.

1. We will be granted a Licence to Occupy an area at the Depot for a period of 10 years. This will give us some certainty while we fundraise and develop our plans. Part of this decision relates to a decision for the Operations Group to leave the Depot site making existing sheds surplus. We will be offered 2 bays of the 3 bay shed for our workshop operation.

2. The Council has agreed in principle with the concept of MenzShed Kapiti developing a community facility to provide the facilities needed for MenzShed activities along with other community groups.

These decisions are critical to moving us into a new phase of development.

COMINGS AND GOINGS OF PROJECTS & THINGS AGE ON THE GO DISPLAY

I guess this is one of the comings or goings that has happened. Yes we held our display at the Waikanae Memorial Hall and what a great success that was. Lots of things on display. We had such a busy time with a constant stream of people that



I only managed this picture at the conclusion of the day just before we pulled everything apart. We launched the fundraising for our purpose built workshop facilities at the Display and received a number of useful donations. Fantastic interest. Fantastic support from our members manning the stand. A number of new blokes signed up too.

THE KINDY WORKBENCH DELIVERED

You will have seen the item in the Kapiti Observer covering the delivery of the workbench to Waikanae Kindergarten. Peter featured showing the children how to destroy bottle caps with a hammer on the anvil of the engineers vice attached. Last week we received a lovely hand made card signed by the children of the Kindy telling us all the things they were going to make on their new workbench. We might have to make some kitsets that can be hammered together. What do you think?



STORAGE CUPBOARD FOR GREYPOWER INSTALLED

We have space once again to start a larger project now that the cupboard for Greypower has been delivered and installed at Coastlands. We learned lots about hanging doors and very tight measurements on this one.

THE CANCER KIDS DOLLS HOUSE

We are definitely on the home straight now. Ray has produced this amazing chimney in the style of the era that the house is made. Everything has been rebuilt or refurbished. The internals have been given a new coat of paint. The glass windows are now a safer Perspex alternative. So it's paint the outside time. To match the age and style of the house, we are going to start out with the traditional old cream coloured walls with red coloured window frames and a bright red roof. If that doesn't work out we will then have a second go but this project looks fantastic and I just know the Cancer Kids will love it.

POWER TOOL RACK FRAME

Terry and Alan have completed the first 2 storage rack frames for our power tool boxes. We have 22 boxes already so with each frame holding 5 boxes we need 5 racks.

SPECIAL CHAIR REPAIR PROJECT

The repair to the made in Czechoslovakia chair with a broken back strut is well under way. Another big learning curve here. Ian has put together a steam box from plywood offcuts and a vegetable steamer. Voila! He has produced a perfectly shaped oak strut to replace the old broken one. It's just like magic. Next newsletter I will include a photograph.

MEMBERS PROJECTS

THE BIKE RAMP SPECIAL Special mention of a spontaneous job completed. A young boy on holiday at a batch adjacent to our shed popped in to see if we might be able to help him make a bike jump. You know; on holiday, mates still in Wellington, Mum doing her best to keep him happy. An hour later with the help of George, Richard, Uncle Tom Cobley and all, an old pallet had become a jump ramp. Fully tested and proven to be up to the task. Another half hour later the MenzShed members were feasting on beautiful fresh scones straight out of the oven made by mum. Enough to say we have offered to keep her on. . The young lad was back over the fence again on Thursday and this time he wanted a stoat trap. He was told to draw up what he wanted and again George and others got busy and he went off at the end of the day with a trap and some materials and ideas to finish off the door release mechanism. He then brought his Mum back over the fence with a nice lemon cake hot out of the oven.

PICNIC TABLES. Presently we have a bunch of fold-up picnic tables being made for members plus one for the shed to use when fundraising or whatever. Always a useful item to have available. I am making my one out of cedar to keep it very light-weight so lets hope the soft nature of the timber holds up to the task. We do have some old recycled rimu that could be made into beautiful tables like this but would need special finishing.

NEW PROJECTS JUST DEVELOPING

I mentioned the need to make an easel for ourselves along the same style as the ones we made for the Home and Garden Show. With lack of space that's been on hold but now that should get under way again. The display at Age On The Go is done and dusted so completing this item is not urgent any more. It might end up with a new design. Any takers for this one?

Paraparaumu Kindergarten's arched bridge project is about to get under way. Now that the cupboard for Greypower has gone we have room to store large things again. So this last week John and I did a fantastic deal at Mitre10 Mega and we have the beginnings of the support beams for our arch. That means the design will be finalised and the first steps to completion taken this coming week. Crighton's have given us a great price for the decking treads so as long as that still stands we should have all the materials accounted for. HOORAY!! I can almost see the kids blasting over the hump on their trolleys already.

Plunket Playcentre approached us to see if we can help them by making a trestle table for children that can be bought out when they have a birthday party to cater for. We have the technology (and a few bits of recycled pine and plywood) so within weeks we will have a magnificent polyurethane coated, easy to clean, light-weight table for them. There will also be a couple of long form seats to go with the table. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription renewal has been going well but there are still quite a number of outstanding subs. Of our more than 70 membership, about half are fully financial.

As a reminder our annual subscription is \$20 and can be paid in cash or by cheque at the workshop

OR

send a cheque to our acting treasurer, Peter Blackler, 24 Fleetwood Grove, Waikanae.

OR

Direct credit to the MenzShed Kapiti Inc bank account

Kiwibank account number 38-9010-0354831-00

Include your Surname + subscription as reference on the deposit slip.

Note that we keep close track of sub payments so that anyone having a senior moment and accidentally paying twice does get refunded.

While paying your subs you might feel generous and wish to make a donation to our building fund. We are a registered Charitable Entity so donations over \$5 are tax deductible. Receipts will be issued.

To make a donation, payments can be made as above except the Kiwibank account has a different number.

For MenzShed Kapiti Building Fund donations, Direct Credit to:

Kiwibank account number 38-9010-0354831-01

Don't forget to include your Name details + donation in the reference line on the deposit form so we can complete the receipt process.

If we haven't seen you lately we look forward to catching up sometime soon.

**Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am to 12.30pm - PLUS
special project and BBQ / Social days by arrangement.
KCDC Depot behind 24 Rangihiroa Street, Waikanae Beach.**

Cheers everyone

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