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BIG NEWS

Ross gave up



Sound the horns, crack out the champagne. A great big congratulations is in order for Ross, a foundation member at Wellington and Kapiti and also recognised by some as grandpa in Mrs Brown Boys. his locks with 10 years



development to raise funds for Cancer Kids. Ross's fine locks fetched a useful \$200 for the very worthwhile cause. He's now become this young dude with a trendy polished head.

MAJOR PROGRESS

The clean social area with kitchen is functioning fantastically. So now if people want to just sit and talk or drink coffee they can.



They never turn down the chance to show their cooking talent. 3 CHEERS TO THE CHEFS!!

Celebrations seem to always go down a treat and our special July version to celebrate the 3rd year anniversary of our first licence to occupy was no different. We had lots to eat; talked lots of talk and generally had a great social occasion.

Food is so crucial to our special events that I must feature our resident chefs, Eddie and Terry.



It's impossible to show the progress with reconfiguring the shed bays here but trust me the progress is enormous. The first workshop bay is basically complete and the second bay (to be mostly engineering) is near ready for the power to be activated. John has constantly put in that continual effort as he has been able to get near the walls. As soon as we have a good clean out of the surplus wall lining, shelving and general accumulated surplus rubbish the final bay will be ready for business.

I must mention the sliding door between the communal area and workshops. A real



masterpiece this. Self closing and smooth running. Ian & John take a bow for the commitment to perfection and Eddie & Nelson for the paintwork.

As you will understand, the workshop rebuilding has been getting in the way of our community projects, but recently as the workshops have been able to cope with a bit of work, a few jobs have been progressed to a

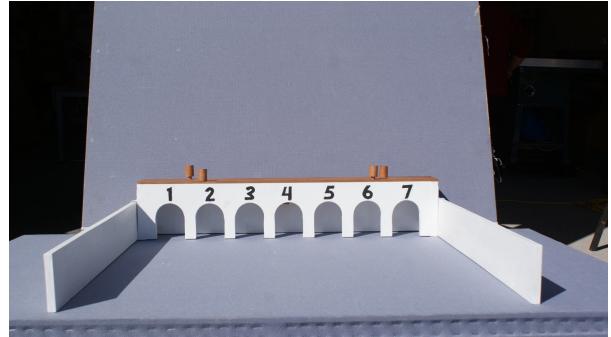
PROJECTS COMPLETED

A prototype storage boxes for Wellington Cystic Fibrosis Association was handed over to them for comment. We now have

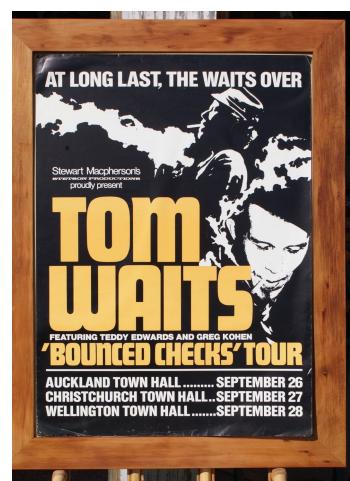
very positive feedback on that and so we are ready to

leap into production once we sort the materials we need.

Our new Joe set about building a [golf game board for the Alzheimer's Group at the Paraparaumu Community Centre](#). Now complete and ready to hand over.



You will also be interested to know that Terry, Alan and a variety of assistant chiefs, have finally completed a [full set of beautiful frames for the old Stewart McPherson touring show posters](#). The timber is very old heart matai recovered from old garage doors and very carefully, lightly planed to retain a slightly distressed look to the timber. Just magic!



The Dolly one in particular is very large and just stands out on the wall. They all date from about 1979/80 I believe

George and Richard might finally be coming to the end of the [penguin nesting boxes](#). With the demise of Mainzeal (the material supplier for the project) we had to source some alternative materials to complete the full batch needed. With the workshop semi-working we managed to cut up suitable treated plywood for the task. As at last Thursday all but 3 had been completed ready for delivery. THREE BIG CHEERS FOR THE PERSISTANCE OF RICHARD AND GEORGE!!!

As well as completing the special building work like the sliding door in the shed, Ian and John have been flat out fabricating the heavy duty pieces ready for the [Waikanae Health Centre public seat](#). All the parts are just about ready for assembling once the site is ready. This is a real community one with Waimea Womens Institute sponsoring the seat and our MenzShed will make and install it. The one thing we have to watch here is that there are no issues with underground services and the like causing installation issues. A photographic opportunity when the install is complete.



Ray and Anton have fairly well dolls housed out by now. The shingles are all now watertight, the bargeboards are complete, the windows are all fully fitted, the damaged weather boards are now repaired. Probably about time somebody with an interest in dolls had it at their place and not taking up space at a MenzShed. Ray is definitely ready for something completely different. Something like this can only be done by one or two people and not a larger team. When we get it out of the corner it's presently tucked inot I will get a decent photograph.



We will need lots of help very soon as we move from our focus of making the 3 bay shed workable to other MenzShed related development work that will make the place capable of so much more. In recent time most days there are between 25 and 30 members at a session. That needs space so we can get things done.

BOUNDARY FENCE BUILD - To do some of the work we need to raise money and one of the methods chosen to earn the necessary, is a contract to build the boundary fence behind the shed. Within the next 2 week we will need muscle power, advice both good and bad, encouragement, abuse, etc, to complete the fence job. In fact our start date for the fence is next week beginning 16 September. Who will volunteer to make the brew to keep us refreshed and the snarlers to sustain us.

HEALTH CENTRE PUBLIC SEAT INSTALL - In the first week of October we will be installing the seat for people waiting for their transport outside the Waikanae Health Centre. There will be holes to dig, boxing to install, concrete to pour, lots of talking to passing people and so on. I can just see all your hands being raised now.

KCDC IMPLEMENT SHED DISMANTLING - As you know we need to move the old KCDC implement shed currently at an adjacent property no longer used by KCDC. We were intending to move the shed in one piece with the help of some fine local businesses but time pressure and the need to resolve consent issues means that it will be simpler to dismantle the structure and rebuild when we have resolved any outstanding matters. We do not want to loose the chance to have this building like we did the old Mackays Crossing sports stadium. So as soon as we have the seat installed it's YO HEAVE HO! and off to work we go to pull apart the old

implement shed. **BE READY FOR IT.** A piece of cake for a group of blokes like us. Especially when we get a few local trades people along helping us with their gear.

COVERED VERANDAH FOR WORKSHOP - Our new 3 bays are a fantastic improvement over what we started with but as we all know the group is getting quite large and inside we can end up falling over one another. Much better outside for many jobs where we can have space around our work for several to stand around giving good advice but outside the range of anything thrown at them. Our plans are to add a 4 metre wide outdoor concreted area with a clear roof verandah outside the roller-doors. What a difference that will make on a wet day and painting items will no longer suffer the problems of dust from sanding tasks. The big improvement will be safety through space around work areas.

This development is next on the agenda after we get the shed over to our MenzShed site so best to get in training now. The beams for this job were originally waiting for us to pick up from a redevelopment in Wellington City but we had managed to get a bit ahead of the architect who had to say a big whoa before about 80 oregon beams vanished from his grasp. He might need them as part of the redevelopment. Here's hoping not or we will need to find some more money to buy materials rather than just recycle unwanted materials.

MENZSHED KAPITI AGM VERY SOON - BY now your training for this important annual event should be complete. Expect to hear the date any day. In fact it sounds like this might be an excellent excuse for a MenzShed celebration so get your eating gear prepared for a sausage.

Well that's about the news for now.

There's always lots happening at the shed; sorting out the workshops to suit our activities; projects to benefit the community; creating a MenzShed Kapiti website; organising the New Zealand MenzShed Conference for March 2014.

If you haven't been for a while, come along and share a cuppa. The new professional sign at the gate is a reflection of what's being achieved inside. You can't miss us.

A MENZSHED THOUGHT TO PONDER

- Q. As people age, do they sleep more soundly.
- A. Yes, but usually in the afternoon.

Cheers to you all

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