

THE MOTHER OF ALL NEWSLETTERS

It seems like the time is now for a big catch-up newsletter. The computer server company that provide us with our (free) web storage and access for our web site is no more, so I began to think we need to pull finger and take the leap back into the world of MenzShed News.

Alan has been talking with a young local bloke who has a web server service and who is willing to support our web site. Transferring the data from one site to another requires some translation of the data but that is now under way so our web pages should be back online and available very soon if not already done.

MenzShed Kapiti is remarkable for what it is, where it's come from and what it achieves for the membership and the community about us. I was very recently asked to write a short item on MenzShed Kapiti and its achievements. WOW!! As the song goes "Oh Lord Its Hard To Be Humble, When You're Perfect In Every Way".

WELLINGTON REGIONAL AIRPORT COMMUNITY AWARDS WINNER **WE WON!! MenzShed Kapiti is the Kapiti Health & Wellbeing PLUS**



**2014
Regional
Community
Awards**
Kapiti
Supreme Winner

As you know from the special newsletter last month MenzShed Kapiti was the winner of the Health and Wellbeing category at the above awards and then went on to be the Supreme Award willer for the Kapiti region. We now go on to represent Kapiti at the Regional Award in competition with all the other award

winners from the Wellington region.

Winning the awards has led to promotional radio items and a film crew has visited us to produce a 4 minute video that presents us to the Regional Award event and judging. Peter assembled a good cross section of community representatives that benefit from our efforts to take part and along with our members they set out to explain the way we make a difference in our community.



IMPORTANT!!! --- GET READY FOR OUR AGM

Another year has gone by during which we have completed several marathons. Just look at how our facility matches our needs much more now than it did 12 months ago. But due to the demands created by the numbers participating and the community projects that keep piling onto the project list, there is a little way to go yet. So get your diary out now and reserve time in large, bold letters to be at the AGM beginning 12.30pm on Thursday 2 October following immediately after our regular workshop session.

Take particular note too that at this AGM it is proposed to make an important change to the constitution. So you can evaluate the proposed changes and decide how you feel about the changes I have included the Agenda and Proposed Amendment as an addendum to this newsletter.

REMEMBER - MENZSHED KAPITI AGM – THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER, 12.30PM

TEAM BUILDING & BONDING IN THE BACKBLOCKS

Another old-timer has been recovered to perform again. But this time it's an old Lister diesel engine. It's a long time since I lived permanently in Northern Hawkes Bay but my roots remain firmly there so when I heard of an old engine threatened by a deteriorating building I chased around for a contact.

The result is that thanks to the generosity of the Trustees of the Anewa Station Trust we were able to travel north and recover the engine with considerable support from the very remote Station.

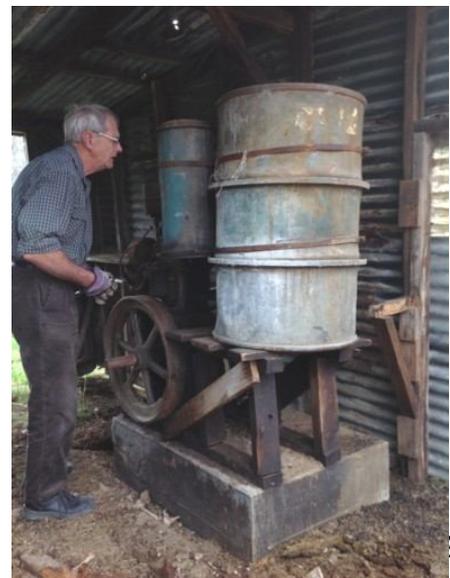
Firstly access required a decent 4WD tractor to assist which then towed us to the sight of the decaying building. (Anewa Station again)



You can see that most of the woolshed was already on the ground but the lean-to that housed the engine still remained intact, just.



And so began the task of dismantling the machinery room



to recover the fuel tank, cooling drum, overhead drive line, honing plates and so on.

In return we completed the demolition and stacked the surplus materials for easy disposal.

Lunch was cold Osler's meat pies bought the previous day. YUM! YUM!

There's quite a bit of repair work needed to make the drive line workable again but take a look at our trailer load of treasure bits to rebuild with. We have great plans and dreams on this one.



When loaded it was back to extracting ourselves from the hillside paddock down to the road and then return to the Station shearer's quarters where we were staying.



Then after a quick change we were off to the hot pools at Morere to soak away the aches and pains.



Revitalised by the steamy hot mineral water we were able to visit the station family with their young triplets, offer lots of grandpa advice, cook up a storm, share a few yarns, relax with an ale and prepare ourselves for the home journey.



You can appreciate that it didn't take Peter long to strip things down to the bare essentials and before

you could say abracadabra the engine is already chugging along a treat now driving a 3kW generator to do some serious work with.

So now we need to get our building programme completed so that we have a secure home and can get on with creating the demonstration display to show people how remote sheep stations were able to operate without access to the national grid.

We have all the necessary plant to produce a magnificent display. It would be nice to think that sometime in the next year we can return to our very generous farm trustees to display their rejuvenated engine in their own community.



PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT

a. Tractor Shed Rebuild

The rebuild of the old tractor shed is well under way. Resource and building consents are all ok. The frame, reconfigured to suit our purpose as an extension of the existing 3 bay shed, is all erected to plan. There is a new roof and new roller doors all funded and paid for. The next stage involves laying about 16 cubic metres of concrete and reinforcing steel mesh plus the wall cladding and veranda extension. All up that requires about \$13,500 so we are on hold until our grant application produces the necessary funding. There are also some occupation issues to resolve so that we can plan to use space in that extension for our activities. I am sure that commonsense will provide a solution. Without the additional space we will be severely limited in our ability to safely undertake the community projects we presently have plans to commit to.



b. Workbenches for Woodworking Completed

Gordon's team have worked hard to produce purpose built and mobile workbenches for the woodworking activities. The special design means they can be moved into the veranda area for working in safety with all the basic tools stored in a rack at the end of the benches.



Chris has carefully colour coded all the mounted tools in the hope that people will return them to the right place at the end of the day but we are all going to have to make a special effort because the organisation of the tools can so quickly become almost totally random.

c. Paving Our Front Space

There has been so many important community projects going on that paving has been on hold over the winter but Paveways, a local small business, have very recently dropped off a load of bedding sand so you can expect progress to begin again as soon as the weather stirs us into action.

d. Waikanae Volunteer Fire Brigade Outdoor Table Delivered



Yes it's all complete, in the hands of the firemen. It was delivered one cold winters evening and we understand the firemen will be extending the covered area in the rear courtyard to get better use.

e. Weta Motels

The friends of the park have recently picked up a new batch of 20 kitsets ready for the next holiday programme series. Walter and his crew have excellent jigs and patterns now to be able to turn these out when needed.



f. Pest Trap Production

Steve has sorted all the issues of how to make this project suitable for outside groups to assemble. Peter and Brian have the 30 kitsets almost ready to go for our first mass predator trap assembly project scheduled for next weekend. I will definitely have photographs next time to show the mass assembly.

g. Kaka Nesting Boxes

It seems that kaka are have a difficult time achieving success at nesting time in the environs about Zealandia. Before Lisa resigned her DOC job she lined us up to help produce a batch of 6 large artificial nesting boxes to try to make a difference. Paul and Wayne have pulled out the stops on this because we only got the go ahead in early August and nesting begins in early September. The photograph will give you some idea of the size of these. The internals are quite complex with an intention to service them after each season. There is a lot of attention to making the box predator proof. The nest boxes are 1200mm high and the tube is 400mm pvc drainage pipe that Terry and Ray did a magnificent camouflage paint job on to help them blend into the landscape. DOC will be doing the pickup this week so here's to a good kaka nesting season.



h. Monster Worm Farm

Now if you are in a situation where the people about you generate oodles of organic waste to feed a bunch of hungry worms, have we got a great deal for you.



In this case it's the environmental people at KCDC who need to show others how its done. Paul, Wayne, Peter, Ross, David, Uncle Tom, and all made it happen in quick time and delivery will take place this week.

i. Emergency Water Tank Installation

Over June and July Scott Dray, the Kapiti Emergency Management advisor from WREMA ran workshops to devise plans for the separate "villages" in the Kapiti community. Peter and I participated in that process which had a natural lead on to MenzShed offering to help older ratepayers connect 200 litre emergency water tanks to their downpipes.

One lesson learned from Christchurch's disaster is that a few bottles of water was seriously too little and that improving the resilience of households to be better able to look after themselves was important., A special offer to supply at cost was distributed with the late August KCDC Rates Demands to all households (about 22,000) and older people picking them up were given a flyer with our contact details.



John, Ray, Bill, Paul and whoever is willing to put their hand up have helped out about a dozen ratepayers so far. Three cheers to our guys! Lots of kind donations to our funds always help.

j. Waimea Lagoon Public Seat

An approach from the Waimea Estuary Restoration group for a seat for the public to admire the view from led to John & Ian taking on another fantastic feature item for the Kapiti environment. I know I have a picture but my filing system has hidden it from me for now. When I find the safe place it is hidden in or I take a new one I will send the image out.

k. Arts & Craft Society Display Cabinet Move

I had a call from Alison at the Waikanae Arts and Craft Society. They had been offered a large glass display cabinet but had no way to pick it up. Paul has a van, John and I joined him with the brains and brawn so within a day the cabinet was on location in Elizabeth St. Thanks for a fine donation to our coffers.



l. Chook House Assembled

A Peka Peka lady was keen to have a few chooks for her grandchildren so that when they come to visit, the children have the chance to experience real country life a bit more. Only trouble is that husband isn't able to put together the chook run kitset she bought for the purpose. No worries MenzShed to the rescue which raised the question of "How many men does it take to put together a kitset Chook House?" Many, many is the answer. To prove it, take a look. One even has to fit inside to check the comfort level.



m. Raumat Community Orchard Tree

Labels

This was a new group to me. They needed wooden plaques to show the public the names of the trees in their orchard. No worries up steps Alan. We normally keep him in reserve locked up behind closed doors but he escaped and now his wife knows he can be quite useful. It's all done and delivered.



MEMBERS BITS

Chris - Wooden tray plus a special tool tidy for a friend



Keith has worked tirelessly on a Garden Box & Tui feeder for home.

Michael is also producing a batch of Tui feeders for us to pass on to kindergartens about the place. Pictures next time but mean time one from my original concept ones complete with visitor to please the eye and give warm fuzzies.



Bill has a neighbour who needed a garden seat to enjoy the outdoors with, so without a hesitation he set forth into the challenge. It's a masterpiece.

SPECIAL MENTION OF OUR LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORTERS

Waikanae Hot Bread Shop once again willingly gave their end of day cream donuts, scones, apple Danish, ginger gems, raspberry buns and all those yummy things to make morning tea special on our filming day.

The Law Connection is our big hero for paying the power bill each month.

Time and again Crightons ITM come to the party to make so many of our community projects affordable by supplying at seriously discounted prices. Three cheers for Lynne and Glen for all their ongoing help.

I could go on and on about the support from local business. I think without exception any business I have asked to help has made a special effort and that attitude is what makes our unique business and public community so remarkable to be part of.

There's always lots happening at the shed; meeting new people; talking with visitors; exploring ideas; drinking coffee and tea; eating scones, cakes, muffins, etc, etc; telling stories; sorting bits and pieces; laying out the workshops; doing projects to benefit the community. Maybe you just need to get out from under the feet of someone who cares.



If you haven't been for a while, come along and share a cuppa. There's no compulsion to do anything. Maybe you have the answer to the question..... "Now what was that question???"

Cheers to you all

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**KAPITI MENZSHED (Inc)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2014**

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting (15th October 2013)**
- 4. Matters Arising from the minutes**
- 5. Correspondence**
- 6. Chairman's Report**
- 7. Treasurer's Report**
- 8. Election of Officers - voice voting unless contentious.**
(note 7.1 need at least 14 days notice before an Annual General Meeting.)
Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer
Committee members
- 9. General Business**
 - **Review of Constitution** (*note – 26.2 & 26.3 need 28 & 14 days notice to members.*)
 - **Update on redevelopment of the Shed at Rangihiroa St.**
 - **Update on 2014 Conference.**
 - **Update on major projects.**
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- 10. Next Meeting date.**
- 11. Close AGM**

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Proposed Amendment to the Constitution

It is proposed that clause 21.0 of the Constitution – “Appointing an Auditor” be amended. Clause 21.0 currently provides for:

21.0 Appointing an Auditor

21.1 At an Annual General Meeting, the Society **may** by majority vote appoint someone to audit the Society (“the Auditor”). The Auditor shall audit the Society’s accounts, and shall certify that they are correct. The Auditor **must** be a member of the New Zealand Society of Accountants, and must not be a Member of the Society. If the Society appoints an Auditor who is unable to act for some reason, the Committee shall appoint another Auditor as a replacement.

Comment;

Under this rule, an AGM of MenzShed Kapiti **may** appoint an auditor to audit the MenzShed accounts. If an Auditor is appointed, that person **must** be a member of the NZ Society of Accountants.

In the 4 years that MenzShed Kapiti has been operating, none of the AGMs have appointed an Auditor and therefore there has not been any official audit of the MenzShed accounts.

Although no issues have been raised about the state of the accounts, it is desirable that, with the level of financial activity now being carried out by MenzShed Kapiti, some form of auditing or review be required to be carried out on the accounts.

Proposal

It is therefore proposed that clause 21 be amended to require that an annual review be carried out of the accounts and that the written review be presented along with the statement of accounts to the AGM. Under current reporting requirements and the level of financial activity for MenzShed Kapiti, a formal audit as such is not required and therefore does not require the services of an auditor who is a member of the NZ Society of Accountants. The benefit of this is that there are a number of retired accountants who are probably no longer a member of the Society of Accounts or retired persons who have auditing experience who will provide their services on a voluntary basis.

New clause 21.0

21.0 Review of Financial Records

21.1 The Committee shall, with the approval of each AGM, appoint an independent reviewer to inspect and report on the financial records and affairs of MenzShed Kapiti.

21.2 The independent reviewer appointed under paragraph 21.1 must not be a member of MenzShed Kapiti and must have appropriate qualifications or experience to competently carry out the review.

21.3 If the person appointed under paragraph 21.1 cannot carry out the review as required, the Committee must appoint another person who meets the requirements in paragraph 21.2.

21.4 The reviewer’s report and the Financial Statements of MenzShed Kapiti must be presented at the AGM.

Amendment proposed by: Peter Blackler

Seconded by: