

And the beat goes on with plenty of action in August. I see three streams of activity – the on-going routine of projects and community work, preparation for the Open Day, and the Site development.

So let us have a look at them in that order.

1. Waikanae Primary School Raised Gardens

Jim F and the team have created and installed a series of raised gardens with wood supplied by the school – some beautiful macrocarpa which had been milled to size.



Preparation at Menzshed



On the trailer and ready to go, and bringing it on site at school



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A nice job and a bit different to the gardens they have created around the Menzshed site.

2. Preparation for the class at Waikanae Primary

Terry and John M were busy preparing bit and pieces for their work with pupils of the School. In this case propellers.





3. Duck nests for Nga Manu
One of Mark's superb creations - five nests were collected for installing at Nga Manu.



4. Clutch for a BSA

Doug W was machining a repair on the clutch for his BSA M20- a much revered machine.



5. Who does the Washup after Smoko?

Most of the time Tom B has accepted this role, and we thank him for the great job he does. Thanks also for the others who fill in on this onerous task from time to time.

Looks like he has almost completed the job. Thanks Tom for an ongoing great effort.

6. Refurbishing outdoor furniture

Seems to be the season for this.

Ray N and Geoff N have been specialising in this, or shall we say they have been doing a number of these over the last month or so.





7. Refurbishment of Kaka Nests

Mark worked on the rebuild of the nest inner after the nesting Kaka's had done their best to destroy the wood.

This is an annual event and untreated wood is used to protect the birds.



Mark and Nigel helped to load the refurbished nest ready for the nesting season. Great job team.



8. Picture Frame

Or should we say Poster frame. Ray Y worked on this at the request of a Kapiti resident. And another satisfied customer.

9. Otago Medical School Community Activity



Alan M talks with the four student doctors to understand what is done in the Community for the health of old fellas, even GOB's!!!

Not sure if they were running interference with Gordon's sharpening operation.

This is the third annual visit we have had from the medical students and the authorities want another group to visit next year.

10. Market Barrow

The Shed wants a display unit to market our wares at the Saturday market at Waikanae Park and other such places.

This is a joint effort with Ray W from the Engineering team creating the frame, axle and wheels and Murray K and Tony involved on the woodwork side of the project. It will be interesting to see the final product.



Ray working with the detailed drawing of the project, as are Murray K and Tony with page 2 of the specs!!



11. Community Discussion Group

Another of the activities for which the Shed is renowned. Bill M, George Y and Ray Y in serious discussion.



12. Getting the spring planting sorted.

Whilst the rest of the gardening team were distracted on the Raised Gardens for Waikanae Primary School and the preparation for the Open Day Ron B has been working on the plant out of vegetable plants ready for harvesting later in the year.

13. Garden Gate Supervisor

Derek has taken his role as the “Henry Moore” of wooden sculpture for the Menzshed very seriously to create the garden Supervisor. This is a ‘commission” for a local garden. Good Work Derek.



14. Bird Feeders

Our Bird Feeder in Chief Nigel has been working to get some ready for the Open Day. Ian P was helping.



Nigel reports sourcing the empty bottles was a bit of an issue!!

Rumour has it this has been very successful and a market has been created. Good work Nigel.

15. Golf Club Trophy

Ray Y has been diligent in the refurbishment of this trophy for the Waikanae Golf Club.

Not sure what the trophy is for but maybe if golfers are aiming for a hole in one they need to kiss the trophy. This may be better than turning into a handsome prince!!!



16. Firewood

Again Charlie and his team have been clearing the offcuts and creating firewood.

During the month Derek also chipped in setting up a second cutting line to clear some surplus pallets.

Great work to all concerned and it is a steady earner towards the Building Fund.

17. US Marine Lectern

Firstly an apology. It was Bruce M who was working on this last month.

Bruce continues with his good work on the lectern. A complex little design as it is a lectern, holder for the visitor's book and therefore needs to be weatherproof and is modelled on one of the Marine Huts.



19. Preparation for the Open Day

This all happened in the stampede to the end of the month with the Open Day scheduled for the 1st of September and a heap of activities were in that stampede. Among those were



- In the depths of a container Frank was brightening up a set of drawers.

- Plenty of garden tools ready for disposal and now they are in one place.





- Out of the depths of the shed and mezzanine a number of saleable items were discovered. John P and supervisor were cleaning up this bench.

- The long and bumpy road was filled in so that visitors had a smooth entrance to the Shed. Peter B and Gordon B were attacking this.



- Our background presentations were given an update with Gordon McG and Nigel leading the charge.

cleaned up ready for the obvious. Thanks to Terry and Rob

- The BBQ was



- Out of the undergrowth came a number of plants ready for sale. Cliff and his team got these on to display



And so it was almost ready for the Open Day on the Saturday.

20. Site Development

The double garage is underway with Murray and the team getting the footings ready for inspection and then the concrete pour. A significant step, as this is phase, one of the site development.



Nigel completed a Donation Box to hold the donations from visitors et al.



As Peter B mentioned the project involves four components – the fundraising, the double garage, the amenities block and the workshop. Quite a challenge with the QS estimate for the construction of the total facility being some \$320,000.

But we can do some of the work ourselves which will reduce the amount to be raised. It is difficult to estimate the cost of work that we complete but it will reduce the final figure. And, as well, we will be negotiating with local suppliers to get materials at reduced rates.

So the fundraising is also important.

By breaking the total construction into parts we can complete some of the building and use this while the building and financing continues. Hence the priority set of the garage, then the amenities block and finally the workshop.

Just remember we have met the first deadline – starting the construction within twelve months of receiving the building permit and we have raised and spent over \$24,000 on permits, drawings and consents.

And talking about deadlines the August newsletter is a bit late. Sorry about that but what is our philosophy about deadlines – can't have too much pressure or stress!!!

Another great month.

Regards

PeterR

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