

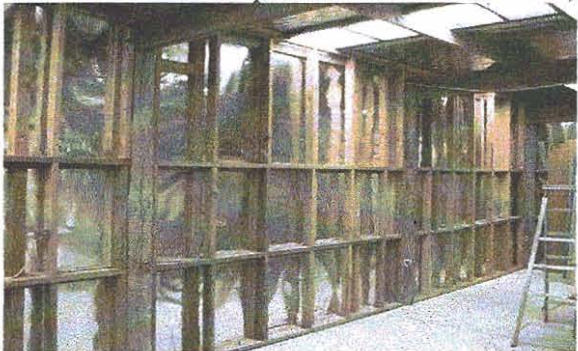
Report to Charities Commission for 2014 -2015

Another very busy year for MenzShed Kapiti with further development of the Shed facilities, numerous projects carried out for the Community and a number of fund raising projects.

Thanks to Transpower Community Care Fund, for the funding that enabled the additional shed space (rebuild of the old tractor shed onto the end of the existing shed) to be completed with 85m² of concrete floor poured,



external walls completed to secure the shed,



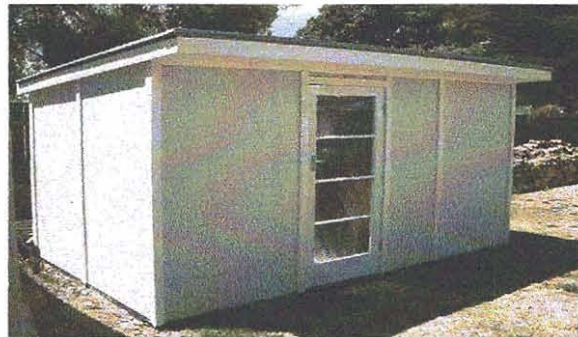
and firewall lining completed.



Another significant event for the year was the Shed's success in the **Wellington Airport Regional Community Awards**. Firstly winning the Health and Wellbeing category for the Kapiti area, then being selected as the Supreme winner for Kapiti, and that all topped off by winning the Health and Wellbeing Category for the whole of the Wellington Area.



As a **fund raising project**, Shed members built a garden shed for the neighbour over the back fence



and have also carried out various fundraising assignments such as moving shop displays and fittings for some of the business houses.

The year has also been fully occupied with the various projects for other community groups and some members of the public:-

Waimea Lagoon Public Seat

The local group of volunteers who have been planting and restoring the Waimea Lagoon in the Waikanae Beach area into a well kept wild life sanctuary decided to use their community award funds to have a public seat installed to provide a view across the lagoon. MenzShed designed, built and installed the seat.



Castle Kids Boat

The local Castle Kids Pre-school centre asked MenzShed to build some sort of a boat for the children's playground. After a fair bit of research and various design proposals a colourful and well decorated boat was delivered to the playground.



Pre-School Centre Hat Rack

A Paraparaumu Pre -School centre wanted some sort of storage facility for the children's sun hats. A roll-away fold-away

cabinet was constructed and delivered.



Kaka Nesting Boxes

In response to a problem around the Karori wild life area for the Kaka birds to find suitable natural nesting places, a Ranger from DoC asked MenzShed to make some nesting boxes that could be placed around near the Karori sanctuary for the Kaka. DoC managed to source some large PVC pipes (at a reasonable cost) and MenzShed made 6 of nesting boxes that are lined inside with wood battens, and are attached to appropriate trees.



DoC have now advised that 3 of the boxes have Kaka nesting in them and are expecting the hatchings about October.

Toy Refurbishment

The local Women's Centre had a number of wooden toys that had seen better days. They were brought along to the Shed and later returned ready for a few more years of

pleasure for the young children.



Kapanui School Notice Boards

The local Kapanui School Parents Association wanted a couple of notice boards that could be placed near the school gates to inform parents of school events etc. After a bit of head scratching to design an all weather notice board, a couple of surplus aluminium windows were built into an appropriate housing and these were erected adjacent to the school gates.



Weta Motels

The supply of weta motels has been an ongoing project to keep up with the requests from DoC and other local conservation

groups and some individuals.



ANZAC Crosses

At a fairly late stage, the MenzShed was asked if we could provide some help to assemble some 800 crosses that were needed to commemorate the WWI soldiers for ANZAC day. With a good team effort the Shed was able to assemble around 350 crosses with the name of each soldier on a cross.



WREMO Emergency Water Tanks

As part of the MenzShed work with the Wellington Regional Emergency Management Office, MenzShed have installed a significant number of emergency water tanks where members of the public have purchased a tank from the Local Council and require some

assistance to install the tank.



Home and Garden Show

As organisers of the Sustainable Home and Garden Show, the Kapiti Coast District Council asked the MenzShed to assist with the building of a display case for the Lego Town competition and display. The display case that the Shed had made for the previous year's event was enlarged by about 50% and significantly improved in its construction. MenzShed also carried out the erection of the display case in the Home and Garden display tent and then dismantled and re-erected the display case in the local shopping mall.



Win-a-Wish Bedroom Makeover

In response to a request from a local family of a young teenager who was undergoing significant cancer treatment and had won a "Win-A-Wish" for a bedroom makeover, MenzShed undertook some of the work to change the layout of the bedroom before the makeover of her bedroom could be undertaken.



The finished product



Christmas Lights

MenzShed again participated in a significant display of Christmas lights with our real live Santa, vintage machines, and displays of Shed activity and information.



A fairyland garden



Other Activities undertaken during the year include:

- Assisting the organisers of the Relay for Life challenge to provide help to the participants with the erection and packing up of their tents.
- Hosting groups of children from a children's holiday programme who came to the Shed to make something – this time stilts and hand shields.

- Talking to other community groups such as Probus, Parkinson's etc about the activities of the MenzShed and how we can help the community.

Social occasions at the Shed are also an important component of the Shed activity to build on the companionship and share the Shed environment with other members of the family. Any reasonable excuse and fine weather is always a good reason to have a BBQ to get everyone together for a quiet chat without worrying about machinery and projects.



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Thanks to Crighton ITM Building Centre - Many of the projects undertaken by MenzShed Kapiti can only be undertaken due to the generosity of Crightons ITM Building Centre in Paraparaumu who provide many of the materials at a very affordable cost.

Thanks to The Law Connection who power the Shed by covering the cost of our electricity each month.

Thanks also to Local IT (Lee Claughton) who provides the hosting for the MenzShed Website.

Thanks to Team Harcourt for providing the Shed pamphlets and other support.

Acknowledgements also to **Pub Charity** for the grant that covered the cost of a new roof for the new shed and **Transpower Community Care Fund** for the grant that enable the new shed to be completed with concrete floor, firewall, and associated front veranda.