

Well March is done and dusted.

Although there weren't as many external activities outside the Shed as in the past few months (phew!!) there were plenty of projects for us to work on in March. And we made great progress.

So what has worked on?

**US Marine Hut for QEII Park (Deadline 31 April 2017)**

A bit of pressure to ensure this is completed and installed at QEII Park ready for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the US Marines in World War II.

The team of Dave P, Ric, Paul F, Paul W, Murray and Brent with help from others have completed the weatherboards and windows ready for the butanol to be fitted to the roof. The door and final trim to go before relocation of the hut to the park.

The following photos show progress through March.



Weatherboards going on



Inside the hut as the roof lining is fitted



Work in progress



Fitting the windows

Great progress and all looks on schedule for completion for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in May this year.

**Deck Chair-** John P completed his masterpiece and it is difficult to recognise the wreck which was presented to him as a challenge early in February. .

Note the intensity of the shade under the chair- an unusual event in the summer of 2016-1711



### **Shed B Sorting of tools and fittings (Nails , screws ,etc)**

A major crisis looms as James prepares to move to the greener pastures of Richmond in the northern sector of the mainland. That is unless someone can remove the wheels to his caravan!! James has led a team in the protracted effort of sorting and labelling of everything in Shed B

Thanks for the great job of creating some order in the chaos that was Shed B - well done James and we look forward to a volunteer to manage this in the future.

### **ANZAC Crosses (Deadline early April)**

There were 1586 crosses to be completed and with a flurry of action these were completed late in March.



At times there were up to 15 people working on the assembly of these- thanks to those who were involved. It was hard enough to count up to 15 in the haze of action without remembering their names!!



And finally a team of Peter B, Bruce, Doug and Alan with some others getting partial passes had to complete the NCEA memory test for older persons. They had to sort the crosses based on a system by Alphabeck Lauder. The team successfully completed this major challenge.

**BBQ Tables** – Alan and Brian continue with the building of these for Kindergartens and the like. This team have a great production line based in the back of bay G

**Seed Rumbler**- - this is for the Kapiti Biodiversity Group and the engineers have been making steady progress in spite of other demands on their time. In fact in the late part of March Ray W continued the good work on his own as Terry had disappeared for a holiday. Fingers are crossed that this will be ready for the Autumn sowing season.

**Lathe Rest**- Ray W completed a lathe rest for Ian P's other interest – woodturning. Thanks Ray for a job well done.



**Lizard shelters** – after a successful run on the boxes our template kings, Ian G and John R, converted the Vertical sheet cutter for the cutting of the Onduline for the lizard shelters. A flurry of action they then , with the help of Rashid, John O and David A, completed the cutting of some 1800 pieces for the lizard shelters over two sessions of Menzshed action.



All go on the vertical sheet cutter



And trimming the sheets to the final size



Such was the speed of the cutting the stackers struggled to keep up with the cutting team

Spectacular result team!

**Weta Motels** – Bill , George and John H have been making the components and assembling the next batch of motels. A popular repeat project based on present demand.

**Menzshed Garden-** as the raised beds are flourishing and members reap the benefits.



The team of Cliff, Harry, Phil and Ron have moved on to clearing the rest of the site. Already neighbours to the Waikanae Beach Domain and the adjacent Menzshed facility have commented favourably on the progress and how the clearing improves the look of the area.



Great effort team.



**Derelict Bench** – Not the people but the bench!! in preparation Chad’s meditation and relaxation Richard and Chad have been working this for Chad’s garden.

We also have a number of other things which happen each day

**Firewood-** Barry, Ross, Ian, and Charlie continue to do a great job with the cutting on firewood and with some cooler weather (we will ignore the wet weather) the bags of firewood are being sold at a great rate of knots. Keep up the good work there is a number of appreciative and warm people in the Waikanae area.



More wood to be cut for firewood being stacked.

**Tool Sharpening** – Ray Y continues to sharpen a number of chisels and planes. Ray it is wonderful to have a supply of sharp equipment.

**Dishwashing-** After the stampede of guys rushing to start projects after their cuppa Morrie and Tom regularly do the dishwashing. We are very appreciative of this support.

**Mini Houses** – Chris has completed a number of these for painting for a therapy group at a local retirement village. No rest or retirement here. Is retirement an oxymoron??

**Picture Frame** – Tony has completed a picture frame

**Recoating of an antique table** – Skip and Gordon McG have started to work on this masterpiece

**Repair of a table lamp** - Doug W has replaced a burnout fitting on a table lamp. A case of too high a wattage bulb burning- a warning for us all!

**Sand Box for a local Kindergarten** – Skip has been creative in constructing this work of art.

It is hard to get a photo of the mythical Skip hence the table only pose!!



**Collection of Donated Goods** – thanks to Nigel, Frank, Gordon, Tom and Tony for their great effort in collecting a trailer load of tiles from another generous donor.

Also there were two trailer loads of timber collected by some of our dedicated members.

### Setting up for the Monday morning U3A Meeting

There is always a team who volunteer for this.

Another means of raising funds for our building extension.



And the list goes on. Unfortunately I don't get around enough to note all people who are involved. My apologies to those whose efforts I overlook.

However I would like to **thank our keen photographers** who get a number of candid photographs of the action at the Menzshed and around the Kapiti Coast. Thanks to Nigel, Ian G and Barry I.

And finally **Welfare**. We are always interested in keeping in touch with our members, If you hear of or are aware that a member is sick or unable to get to the Menzshed contact John O on 04 293 8587. He is keen to make contact or get someone to get on contact. Thanks John for a wonderful effort in keeping us up to date with our members.

There's always lots happening at the shed; drinking coffee and tea; sorting donated bits and pieces; having a laugh; organising projects to benefit the community and so on.

If you haven't been for a while, come along and share a cuppa or even just a chat.

Nigel C & Peter R

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