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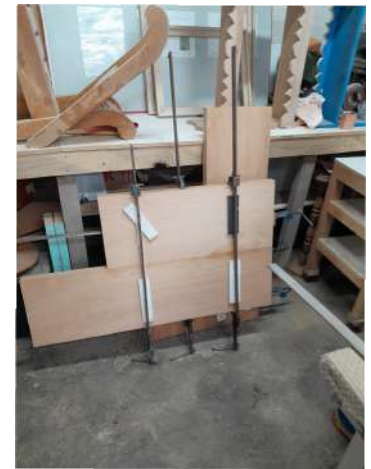
As we make our mark in the community, we get asked to do a variety of things

John is busy again making art forms for local artist John Wilson to paint his three dimensional pictures on. These are the biggest forms that John has made, and the third one this size. However it is the only one that John has had to design for the artist. He was given the dimensions and the number of projections needed, and then needed to work it out. An art form of this size and complexity requires about thirty hours of work, and is a work of art in itself.



Take a pew (or two...)

We've been entrusted by a local pastor to cut this pew in two— to make two new pews or benches, one smaller than the other. As you can see patterns have been made for the new ends that will be required, and some kauri timber has been dressed and glued together to become those ends. When finished they will be re-purposed to go with a dining table, and the hymnal racks on their backs will contain cook books.



Best dressed...?

And a builder dropped in some big timber beams, which he wanted dressed, before recycling them to another purpose. While looking good on the outside,exposing the inner timber revealed knots and blemishes which had not previously been seen.

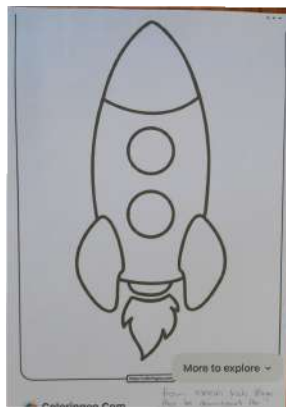


Meanwhile down in the engineering shop, the Shed has been donated a trailer which failed its warrant of fitness. Once stripped back, the reasons were clearly obvious with the 'rust mites' having left holes in the frame. New steel has been ordered, and Richard says that it will be rebuilt, have new wood, new mudguards and lights fitted, and then it will be sold. Watch this space in next month's newsletter to see the finished result.



And David is seen here putting finishing touches to some shelving which will grace the offices of a local law firm. Two units were built to be book shelves.

No job is too small. The Tauranga Astronomical Assn has requested these rockets be cut out so that kids can use them for puzzles and jig saw.



Brooklyn and Dante have completed their eight week attachment to the Shed, and on their last day finished seven pickle ball bats, which they took back to school. Two new lads will start on 16 July with the task of making another seven bats.

All very different projects for people in the community – variety IS the spice of life!

For the last several weeks, road access to the shed was made difficult by the road works and road closures, but the contractors have ensured we have access, and done it with a smile.

The job is almost done with our accessway now concreted.

Thanks to Morgan and his team from Higgins.

Thanks to our sponsors and supporters:



President's thoughts.....

Winter is well and truly with us, with its weather bombs and colder mornings. Early starts at the MenzShed can be a rather 'cold experience', however the camaraderie makes up for it. Initially it's the hardy few that come along first, then gradually the numbers increase throughout the morning, so that by morning tea time the usual 'crowd' is there – a great opportunity to catch up and share some stories, learn a little more about our fellow 'sheddiess', and sit in the sun – if it's not raining!

The range of work being done is always interesting, from repairs to new creations, or planting or reaping the rewards from the garden. Whether the projects are for personal use, or for the community, for refurbishment before re-sale in our new 'cabin' (to raise a few funds), there is plenty of scope to share the knowledge and receive another member's thoughts on how they would do it.

Our membership continues to grow in numbers, although it isn't necessarily in 'active' participants - we also welcome those that are very supportive of our role in the community in other ways.

We recently were donated several copies of the book "Bloody Inspirational Tips and Stories", compiled by Maureen Taylor. Maureen is a great advocate for inspiring us to take a look at our mental health, and suggests we look at different stories in the book to pick and choose which 'good sort' resonates. You are welcome to borrow a copy – just make sure that it comes back to the Shed please.

We will be having our A.G.M in the near future – date to be advised. If you have any remits, or even a suggestion, I recommend you bring them beforehand to a committee member so they can be incorporated on the day.

I look forward to seeing you at the Shed – stay well and safe.

Regards

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The Shed is open -
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Trivia Questions –

1. What brand of scooter is named after the Italian word for wasp?
2. In which city did New Zealander Jack Lovelock win his Olympic gold medal in 1936?
3. Which Rolling Stones song was used to promote the launch of Windows 95 software?
4. Anarchist Neil Roberts was killed when he blew up the building housing the National Law Enforcement Database, known also as the _____ Computer?
5. What was the first message sent by morse code?
6. What was the name of the Kiwi double amputee mountaineer who successfully climbed Mt Everest in 2006?
7. Which US state grows coffee beans?
8. Who played Uncle Bully in the movie *Once Were Warriors*?

Thanks Don...

Last month we featured the 'Are you qualified?' board which has been put up in the kitchen. What was omitted was that board itself and the sign writing were all donated by member Don Rose. Thanks Don, and apologies for the oversight.

Thanks Gerald...



Long time member Gerald Paterson has recently moved to Katikati, and has been invited by the Katikati MenzShed to join their ranks, and has accepted. He is not lost to us totally however, as he intends to split his time between both Sheds, and both sheds will benefit from his wit and energies. So thanks for your contribution to our shed.



A star is born

Later in the year MenzShed NZ will be launching a book, "101 Faces of MenzShed New Zealand". This book will highlight the stories of men in sheds throughout New Zealand - not only that, but it will also be a wonderful way to promote our organization. All sheds have been asked to contribute a member's story – and we have selected "Jed" aka David. Autographed copies will be by negotiation?.

- Answers –
1. Vespa
 2. Berlin
 3. Start Me Up
 4. Wanganui
 5. What hath God wrought?
 6. Mark Inglis
 7. Hawaii
 8. Cliff Curtis