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Unloading the pews, after a trip across town



St Peters Church in Terrace End had a number of pews that were surplus to requirements. After searching for a purchaser, they offered some to us – one graces our Tea Room, and the others provided fine Rimu timber to make some attractive trays. These were offered back to St Peters to sell at their Fair towards the end of 2107.

Hopefully those who purchased them realized the significance of their past and the care that went into making the trays.

GARDEN ANGELS

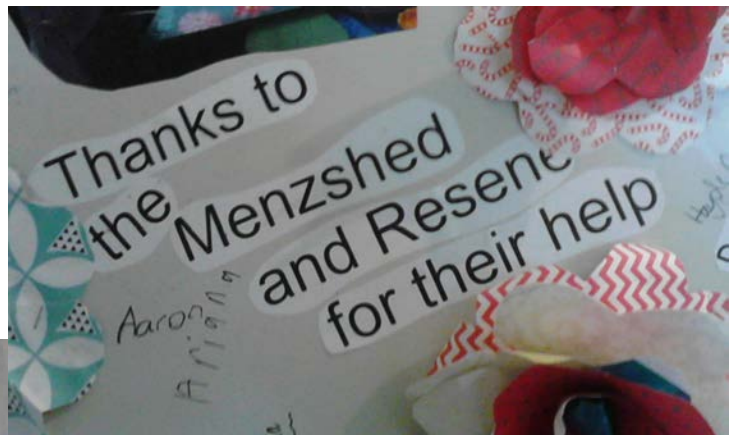
Menzshed made their annual visit to Kairanga School in September, and this year the students assembled and prepared Garden Angels, and then painted them. The angels complete with wire halos, were displayed at their Annual Calf Day. They made a truly amazing picture. This was in no small part due to the timely offer from Resene of a box of test pots. The children could not believe their eyes - new pots of paint rather than old bits from Dad's shed!



The word got around and there were other angels landing all over the community. Some had "faces" and some not. It was a very colourful Christmas.

The children made up a large poster depicting all the stages in the fabrication, and central to this was their thanks to Menzshed and Resene.

We extend our thanks to Resene for their support. We are not sure what we will come up with for Kairanga School this year. It will be a hard act to follow.



TEACHING THE TEACHERS

At the invitation of the Ruahine Kindergarten Association, MENZSHED conducted a session on making items from pallets to assist Kindergarten teachers learn some new skills and get some ideas as to what could be made at Kindergartens.



We are repeating the exercise this year and due to the popularity we will be having three sessions.

THIS IS WHAT MAKES IT WORTHWHILE

The Red Cross Curtain Bank ladies took time out to make morning tea for the guys at the Shed - in



RAMPING IT UP

When the Agapanthus Trust called wanting a ramp constructed in short time, Menzshed responded to the call. The Trust had been busy renovating a house to accommodate a Refugee family from Afghanistan . During the process they realized that one member of the family would require a ramp.



The ramp was completed with one day to spare before the family moved in.

There were still some finishing touches to be completed at the time of the photos, but all the family was able to gain easy access on the day they moved in.

DREAMBOAT

Menzshed have assisted the Park Road Playcentre in the past and were keen to help with restoring a much loved old dingy that had seen better days. It received a new floor, and also a mast and sail, to extend the range of options for the young crews. A chance encounter with Raymond Beveridge of Martin Beveridge Ltd, Master Painters, led to them providing the paint for the work, as well as some good quality brushes. Thanks to them it is now sound and set for a number of voyages! As the Before and After photos



Before work started

On its voyage back to
The Playcentre



Installed on site.

SHELVING IT

Started before Christmas, but continuing on into February, was the construction of some shelving units for the Pacifica Centre in Highbury.

Designed to accommodate equipment in plastic bins, they were made at no cost to the Centre from MDF material donated to us – material that was surplus to a trade manufacturer.



It shows what can be achieved with material that is considered of little commercial value.

Again they highlighted the difficulty in having to work around large units in the limited space available at the Shed.

GOT A PROJECT?

We are always on the lookout for projects to assist Community Groups. As you can see from the range pictured here, we have the tools and equipment and the talent to look at a wide range of projects. And due to the generosity of suppliers and individuals in the City we have a good supply of materials.

Give us a call if you think we could help you with making something that would assist your work.

GOT TIME?

Menzshed are always looking for more people to join our ranks and enjoy the fellowship . Give us a call – 0274514572, or go to our website: **menzshedmanawatu.org.nz**

We meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am – 2 pm.

Meet like minded people at the shed, learn new skills and share old ones onestgether we build great things and give back to the community.

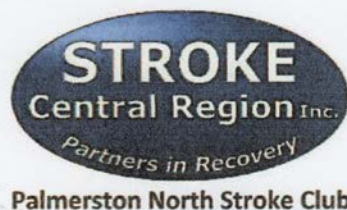


PLAYHOUSES

Prefabricated building is all the rage recently, and MENZSHED showed how it was done late last year when TWO Playhouses were constructed for worthy causes. One for the Palmerston North STROKE CLUB, and one for CLOVERLEA KINDERGARTEN. Although making two similar, but different houses was a sensible idea, it put a heavy strain on the facilities. There was a general sigh of relief when they were ready for delivery.

Each house featured a really smart kitchen, which enabled people to use their imagination and creative talents. We are sure the lucky

Thanks.....



We would like to thank you for the wonderful job you made of the Dolls House. It is very impressive and hard to put into words our appreciation. One thing we do know that is that some little child will really have enjoyment playing in it.