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MENZSHED MANAWATU

PLUNKET CENTRE

It was a long time coming, but Menzshed has delivered on an agreement to install a stable-type door in the Plunket Centre in Albert Street. The door enables the centre to have more control over their popular clothing exchange. Menzshed were happy to assist, and are sure the result was worth waiting for.



HOKOWHITU KINDERGARTEN

A major recent project was the construction of a tool cupboard for Hokowhitu Kindergarten. The project was a collaboration between Menzshed, Awapuni Rotary Club and the Kindergarten. The cupboard accommodates tools and materials, so that children have ready access to these to make things with timber. Menzshed is always keen to encourage the young boys and girls to experience hammering in nails and the like.

RED CROSS CURTAIN BANK

Menzshed has been involved with Red Cross in a number of projects, and were keen to assist the Curtain Bank with a bench to enable curtains to be cut out with ease. The bench needed to be 3metres long which posed problems both in making and installation. Red Cross obtained some heavy used plywood for the top, and Menzshed devised a support framework that could be pre-fabricated and assembled on site. Some adhesive marking tapes down each side completed the table. The cost? Only that of the tapes.



Pictured a few of the boxes constructed and Andrew Mercer from Milson Scouts taking delivery of a batch of traps

STOAT TRAPS

The trapping of stoats and other predators has become an important part of the quest to conserve New Zealand's biodiversity. Menzshed has constructed over 100 traps for the Milson Scout Troup, who will be placing these in strategic positions along the Manawatu River bank. This was a really worthwhile project where a number of Menzshed members participated.

It seems some time since we made a sleigh for the Unity Singers, and it featured in their concert, round the middle of the year. This was a fun project, which enabled members to exercise some design freedom.

Pictured are 2 of the team – Jim and Murray, with members from Unity Singers. It was fabricated from donated materials, but we were grateful for the donation from Unity Singers.

