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Another Milestone Achieved!



Since taking over the empty machinery shed on the Waiatarua Reserve we have spent many hundreds of thousands of dollars in materials and labour converting the building into a first class community facility. Benefiting not only the current membership, but those in the future. Our latest achievement has been the refurbishing of the tractor shed next door and the creation of a vehicle accessway and covered apron. This will enable us to work on large projects like a recent "Wendy House" and the "Trees For Survival" Nurseries, we assemble and deliver.

Toy libraries Powered by Mens Shed!





A favourite pastime of many of our members is the repair and refurbishment of toys for local toy libraries. Sometimes it's a spring clip on an axle and sometimes we recut and paint part of a much treasured, jigsaw. The projects are many and varied and members great a real kick out of making something perform again for the local kiddies.

For The Birds

Our members construct many interesting things in our shed. Because of Covid and the shutdown of travel in the city we have noticed the return of many native birds. This has awakened interest in bird feeders.

Guess what? Members now build, for the birds!





construction of a recycling

his physical dexterity.

station. This was made for a

local handicapped person who

uses it as therapy and to recover

Recycle and Recovery Therapy Another recent project was the



Tool Collections



Many people today have very little understanding of how things are actually made. Due to globalization and computerization many of the old skills have died out. However, our members still know how

to make things. They remember their grandfathers using bow saws, spokeshaves and rabbit planes. And so we have established a collection of tools from a forgotten world. One day we will hold the key to antiquity!



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Panmure Basin Raft Race 2021



The Mens Shed Auckland East again competed in this "world renowned" annual event. After hours of physical training and psychological conditioning, our highly competitive team propelled their technologically advanced craft, including foils, to an uncertain conclusion. Competitors started at different times due to some odd communications and some competitors avoided going around all the marks on the course. But we all had a good time anyway!

Slabbing with Bernie!



Around the parks and building sites in our community, sadly many beautiful old trees are being cut down. However, we are giving these ancient woods a new life by cutting them into slabs and making

tables and seating for the local community. Bernie Ward cuts the slabs and master woodworkers Don Liggins and Ian Hollister convert them into furniture.

On Board with the Arthritis Foundation

Who you gonna call when a donated Boardroom table doesn't fit your boardroom? Well, you could call "Ghostbusters" but the Arthritis Foundation called us. Our wood shop trimmed the top and our engineers remodelled the steel base, so now it fits! Don't call us if you have a "supernatural" problem though!

"Wendy House" ready for occupation



Allan Lendrum and his skilled team of artisans have completed a weatherproof playhouse for Point England Kindergarten. Allan's built it to last, with construction ply, roof trusses and corrugated iron. Thanks to Bunnings Mt Wellington, who supplied materials for this project.

Our Funders and Sponsors

Thanks to their support, we are able to continue to develop a first-class community asset, for today's community and those in the future.







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