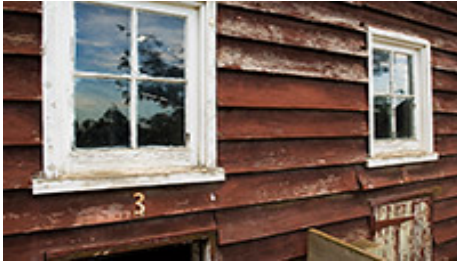


NEWSLETTER Christmas 2015



MENZSHED MANAWATU



TRANSPower AWARDS

We were encouraged by the Volunteer Resource Centre to enter in the **Trustpower** Community Awards, and looking at the room full of aspiring applicants at a briefing meeting, it did not look hopeful. We wrote about what we were trying to do and filled out the application as it would be good experience! We kept it all a bit of a secret, so we would not be embarrassed if the result was not good.

And on the night we were most surprised to be acknowledged as the Regional winner in the category of Health & Wellbeing. We felt a great deal of pride in this, as we firmly believe that **Menzsheds** have an important role to play in men's health and well-being.

AND THE WINNER IS.....

It really should have been Jim Pull standing on the highest podium, as he was the person who masterminded building these podiums for the Performing Arts Competitions Assoc. of NZ. They will be used over the North Island for performance competitions. But the help from the guys on a Thursday was an essential part of the project.

COMMUNITY
AWARDS
Empowering Volunteers

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A number of projects have engaged members over the last few months. A display cupboard has been made for the Foyer of the Longburn Community Centre. It was made out of donated Kahikatea, and will compliment the banners and trophies to be displayed. Tony, pictured, who oversaw the project is justly proud of the result.

AWESOME AWAPUNI

Menzshed is located in the Awapuni area, so we had a stall at the recent Awesome Awapuni Day. Being a free community day we gave away some small houses for children to decorate with chalk. Here are some of the ways people put windows on the face. Thanks to Resene



TOOLS UPGRADE

We, like most MenzSheds, are grateful for all the tools that are donated to us, but sometimes you reach a point where you realize that it might be best to start again, and get something that is more robust, and user friendly. This was the case with our bandsaw. Many broken blades later, we made application to the T.G McCarthy Trust for funds to purchase a new bandsaw. They have given us a grant, and we have installed a new saw, which will be better suited to our needs. We are grateful to the Trustees for providing these funds.



SNOWMAN

Painted with his red nose fitted, and his jaunty bowler hat, we made this snowman for an end of year dancing demonstration, along with other scenic props that we constructed. He was so good he had an outing on a float in the Bulls Christmas Parade.



ASSISTING OTHER GROUPS

Just down the road from the Menzshed is the Best Care (Whakapai Hauora) Trust.

We were pleased to be able to assist them to provide a stand for their wheel which is used to show people that there are not many winners from gambling. We hope we will be able to partner with them in the New Year on other projects.

STARTING YOUNG

A little while ago a group went to Kairanga School and helped the children there make some pencil cases and Weta hotels. It was a great morning, and hopefully confirmed for the children that making things is fun.



CHRISTMAS BREAK

Our last day at the Shed in 2015 will be December 15th. We will start again in January 19th 2016. We have an exciting range of projects to work with Community groups on, and we look forward to a great start to the year. If you have not been for a while, we would love to see you any Tuesday, and promise you a warm welcome.

THANKS

Our thanks to those groups who have asked us to help them, and keep us occupied, throughout the year. Thanks also to firms and groups who have supported us with materials and support in a number of ways.

Thanks also to bodies like the Palmerston North City Council, the Lotteries Commission, and the T.G McCarthy Trust who have supported us with grants to enable the Shed to function.