

Thank you so much for the tables you have made us - they are such a clever design and so easy for us to shift around and to clear snow off. Many, many families have enjoyed them this season and we are so incredibly grateful!

Many thanks,

Rachel Robinson (SkiRainbow)
17/9/19



Sheddie Paul Bryant built this amazing Harvard pedal plane.

It is the one and only prize in a raffle to raise funds for a defibrillator.

Winter isn't the greatest season to sell raffle tickets at the Nelson Market, but we were grateful for a free space for two Saturdays.



The MenzShed Waimea are raffling this handmade plane to raise money to buy their own AED (Automated External Defibrillator). The crafted toy with moving propeller, pedals and dashboard will be raffled on the 17th of September and tickets are available from the Waimea Weekly office, the MenzShed on Lower Queen Street and at the Nelson market, from 8am to 1pm. Tickets will be sold at \$5 each and results will be in the Waimea Weekly. Photo: Susan Johnson.

(Story from Waimea Weekly)

MENZSHED Waimea topped the finalists to win the Supreme AgeConnect Champion Award for 2019.

MC, Blair Kiddey, noted our sheddies made and installed ramps and hand/grab rails in the homes of people receiving hospice support. Members also manufactured toys for kindergartens and worked with young people and at-risk youth.

Alan Kissell (our shed coordinator) was a finalist in the "one person makes a difference" category.



Kevin and George assembling mouse traps for Tasman District Council.
120 required.
July 2019



Every Tuesday, a group of men with intellectual disabilities attend the shed with their carers.

June 2019 they were entertained by Flossie the Balloon Lady.



Outdoor kitchen unit for Brightwater School.



Bench seats for reserves at Brightwater.



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Have you spotted these seats around Brightwater? There are actually 3. One at Tomlinson Reserve, one at Lord Rutherford Park and one on the Two Rivers walkway.
Specials thanks to the Pinegrove Trust and MENZ SHED Waimea.

From shedder John Sowman:
Grant Russ (Russ Sawmill located at Blackbyre Rd., Appleby) called at the shed with a large Elm burr (a burr is a circular growth on the trunk of the tree created by the tree to heal a disease or parasite damage). Grant had removed the burr from the firewood bin because he recognised the beauty in the piece, and gave it to the shed to use.

Eventually, I had the burr sliced into usable pieces, and turned the hospice bowl from the largest piece. The turning of the bowl necessitated the use of lead sinkers screwed to one end of the burr to balance it enough for turning.



Hi Alan, George and crew. A big thumbs up from the lady volunteers at Days for Girls for our sturdy trestle tables. They are perfect for our sewing and fit comfortably in our room. It's wonderful to be able to collaborate with other volunteer agencies. It builds strong connections within our community.

Kind regards
Debra Gibbs, Richmond Rotary.

14/6/19



Pictures of our very grateful students utilising the wonderful traffic signs.

The children are using the 2 stop and 1 give way signs all the time in the playground. They are so realistic and are really helping the children to learn to stop and wait - and to not crash into each other!!! The signs are so realistic, the children enjoy setting them up in the playground and marking out their roads and routes. They are used every single day in our playground.

The students and staff are all so grateful that these were made and donated to us.

Thank you so much.
Rachelle Davis, Lead Teacher
Maitai Satellite Unit School



Helping tourists be self-con

Matt McCrorie

The Menz Shed is helping get tourists off the road - but not in the way you might think. Messy freedom campers have long been a groan for locals, but the Menz Shed in Richmond decided to do something about it. A collective of DIY experts in Richmond, the Menz Shed is a workshop space where 'older blokes' can come and work on their own projects and mentor younger people.

Adrian Nowak and Katrin Uhlig, a couple from Germany, are two of these mentees. The pair have been travelling through the South Island for several months but needed to make sure that their van was fully self-contained and could be certified.

"We heard about them from a fellow traveller in Christchurch. We found it to be one of the best places we've visited."

Menz Shed Waimea co-ordinator Alan Kissell says that the Menz Shed has been helping campers repurpose their vans and campervans so that they meet the new self-contained camper regulations, for the past year or so, and that the service is rapidly becoming popular.



Katrin Uhlig and Adrian Nowak, along with Menzshed member Alan Kissell. Photo: Matt McCrorie.

"We've had quite a few come through now. We arrange someone to come and do the self-containment for them. This is a chance for us to advise and to make sure that travellers are doing it right."

Alan says that the campers coming in is an opportunity for the

Menz Shed to do their bit for the community.

"It's important that campers are getting a proper self-contained certification."

"It's doing the community a favour by getting these travellers properly self-contained. They could buy a sticker from anyone

for \$10 and say that we're self-contained."

Alan believes that helping tourists get set up the right way will help with some of the issues people have with freedom campers.

"We're trying to help clean it up and, hopefully, by helping get people set up right, it will do just

The Men's Shed occasionally supports tourists - Katrin and Adrian had a base to store their van and access to shed equipment.

Photos from Volunteer Nelson. Migrants visit the shed, to show them what job opportunities can be available and skills required also.

Previous ten migrants who came to the shed were given references and managed to obtain suitable employment.



Dan is a daily attendee at the shed. He's happy to participate with assembly work - sanding, cutting, fastening and maintains a happy disposition during the day.



Angela Wyllie <awyllie@xtra.co.nz>

to George, me

29 May 2018, 22:24



Reply



To Whom it may concern.

I've attached a photo which makes me one of the proudest parents in the world. This is my son Daniel who was diagnosed with ADHD and Non-Verbal Autism at the age of 2 years old. Daniel also has a younger sister who was also diagnosed with Autism and our world was turned completely upside down. We have climbed some pretty big mountains and our family life is very different to most, but we appreciate every small milestone that is achieved.

Raising two nonverbal children makes life very challenging for sure and progress can be slow. As a Mum I'm honestly grateful for the Nelson Special Olympics volunteers and coaches who made this opportunity possible for Daniel to represent Nelson in the Swimming Nationals 2017 in Wellington. This was an achievement I really never expected possible for him.

Daniel is one gentle giant who just wants the world to be a happy place, he loves helping and loves feeling wanted. This is where thanks to the Waimea Menz Shed his life has changed so much, after leaving Waimea College 2 years ago at 21 years old there was nowhere in our community for Daniel to go. He requires full supervision, he has very limited communication via gestures and sign language so Daniel's life was at home with me. Over a period of time, baby steps and a lot of learning by all parties involved the Menz Shed Waimea took him under their wing and made him a part of their community family. This has honestly been completely life changing for Daniel and words cannot explain how grateful I am for such an amazing organisation like The Shed as Daniel refers to it.

I just wish as a family we could do more financially to support them but also want to encourage and show our appreciation to anyone who can donate in any way possible to keep this amazing, caring, safe learning environment for the men of our community operating. I promise you Daniel is just a very small part of this story the list could go on with how many Old and Young Men are made to feel so welcome no matter who, where, what, why they have a base to learn and be accepted.

To all the amazing Men who support Daniel my whole family are truly grateful and I hope we can keep the funding coming in to support this amazing place. "The Shed"

From one very honoured family,

The Wyllie's.



We have a long standing relationship with Nelson IDEA Services/IHC.

Every Tuesday morning, 15-20 men arrive from 9:30am. The morning starts with coffee, tea, savories, scones etc, whatever has been donated. A very popular time with lots of humour.

When the tucker is finished, there's a short project briefing and the men head to the workshop for an hour or so project activity.

Tuesday 14 May - they were assembling small picture frames to insert a laminated picture of the group in this photograph taken the week before.



Waimea sheddies support the work of DoC and environmental groups by building rodent traps. Materials are supplied, but considerable labour is required to cut the wooden containers, fit mesh gates, install the traps and paint.

Pictured are some of 672 traps manufactured for Friends of Flora.



Here's a very cool project we undertook for a community group - Nelson Histrionics.

And very fitting that we could do something as a contribution to Nelson city Armistice Commemorations.

Nelson Mail story [here](#).

Video [here](#).

