

# Part of Our Community

## Good Keen Men



Some of the community projects completed by Kapiti MenzShed members from left Walter Burns, Nigel Clough, Dennis Irvine and Peter Blackler.

Members of MenzShed Kapiti come together every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am until 12.30pm at 24 Rangihiroa St, Waikanae Beach.

The 'good keen men' are excellent multi taskers having produced everything from luxurious multi-level doll houses to Weta motels for the Department of Conservation. The Shed boasts an exceptional collection of tools at all members disposal. "We have 50 members from all walks of



Kapiti MenzShed members are building a 'house' for the local Montessori group.

life offering an enormous range of skills," Treasurer Peter Blackler said. "Some are retired or find they are alone after their wives die, but you certainly don't have to be retired to join or even have a skill, you'll be well catered for."

MenzShed Kapiti has evolved since its inception in July 2010. From a 40m<sup>2</sup> shed made available by Kapiti Coast District Council the men have an area more than triple that size with framing already in place for further expansion. This year Kapiti will host the MenzShed National conference. Members from 50 clubs throughout New Zealand have registered. The theme is "MenzShed in the Community" with a focus on how a MenzShed can benefit the community. The three day conference will be based at El Rancho, Waikanae but takes delegates to a number of interesting Kapiti spots, wives are also taken care of visiting places of interest too.

For information on the Conference or MenzShed Kapiti visit [www.menzshedkapiti.org.nz](http://www.menzshedkapiti.org.nz), contact Peter Blackler Phone 0278200221 or visit MenzShed Kapiti at 24 Rangihiroa Street, Waikanae Beach on Tuesday and Thursday from 10am until 12.30pm.



Peter Blackler working on the Kapiti MenzShed expansion, building a verandah to enable more work to be undertaken wet or fine.

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