



Trial assembly of the flat-pack aviaries that the shed builds for the DOC Orange-fronted parakeet program. The aviary packs are lifted into the bush by helicopter.

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After a fire destroyed classrooms at the Kaiapoi North School the Menz Shed got busy and in three weeks prepared a float for the school children to celebrate in the Kaiapoi Christmas parade. Miracles take a little longer.

We even have social events, ranging from a regular sausage sizzle to members and partners all going out somewhere nice for dinner. There is the occasional visit to a local industry to re- discover old skills and trades or to learn about new technologies.



One of our specialities, a picnic table with seating all around. Top assembling the "end frames" on a pattern jig to make every frame the same and below, enjoying the finished product.

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This is all possible because we have a strong network of sponsors and we also receive donations from many people who have appreciated our work. The Menz Shed provides a valuable hub where men can get together and socialise, teach and learn new skills, create networks and provide the Kaiapoi community with a source of skilled, motivated and creative workers for many community projects.



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A Kaiapoi flattie, donated by Bob Loudon, salvaged from the Kaiapoi River, washed down, cleaned and painted, with the children of the Kaiapoi North School delivering a load of gifts in the Christmas parade.



We regularly end a work day with a sausage sizzle just to celebrate . . . Anything really, being alive is good!

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Friendship seat painted for Kaiapoi North School to remember Tania Reid a treasured teacher, 2000–2017.



#### CONTACT & OTHER INFORMATION

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Membership subscription is \$20.00 pa.

Meetings: every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to about noon (ish).

Location: Dale Street, Kaiapoi, behind the Suttons Tools (Patience & Nicholson) factory.

Menz Shed of Kaiapoi Trust is a registered charitable trust.

# MENZ SHED

## OF KAIAPOI TRUST

The members of the Kaiapoi Menz Shed are of all ages although most are retired. We have a whole range of skills including teaching, engineering, painting, carpenter, manager, builder, butcher, electrician, scientist, cabinet maker, welder, fitter and boat builder.

We are a very sociable bunch with a streak of independence, a sprinkling of mischief and enjoy sharing our skills in a workshop environment helping each other and working for the benefit of the community.

We have built "flat pack" aviaries for the Department of Conservation program to re-establish the Orange-fronted parakeet in the beech forests near Arthur's Pass, remodeled the vestry at St Bartholomew's Anglican church in Kaiapoi, built shelving for Kaiapoi High School drama and gym classes, and built teaching aids for local primary schools and early childhood centres.