

Part of Our Community

When it's time to downsize from the family home Horowhenua and Kapiti men don't need to be without their cherished shed.

Menzshed allows them to make up for the loss of their personal space by providing a fully kitted out workshop where they can tinker to their heart's content.



A shed away from home

As well as working on their own projects, Menzshed members can become involved in community projects. In Levin this has included major projects like renovating the Santa sleigh for the annual Christmas parade or something as simple as removing a fence for a day care centre.

At Menzshed they make toys and craft items, many of them for sale so new tools and

material can be bought. And they are happy to do repairs on small items of furniture, like chairs.

"We have so many skilled guys here, someone will know what to do with broken furniture," secretary Tony Murdoch said.

New members are welcome, skilled or not. There are plenty of capable and willing teachers to demonstrate how to use the tools.

Menzshed - learn new skills, or hone old ones in a friendly and sociable workshop environment.

Menzshed Levin: 26 McKenzie Street, Levin; Monday, Thursday & Friday, 9am – 1pm; phone Tony Murdoch, phone 06 368 7737.

Menzshed Kapiti: KCDC Depot, behind 24 Rangihiroa Street, Waikanae Beach; Tuesday & Thursday 10am-12.30pm; phone Nigel Clough, phone 04 904 2932 or Peter Blackler, 04 904 3323.

ENERGY SAVING TIPS FOR THE LIVING ROOM

- Use heaters with a thermostat. Set heating thermostats to a comfortable low setting (not above 22 degrees C).
- Consider installing a heat pump. For every kilowatt of electricity used to power the machine, more than three kilowatts of heat are transferred into your room - and that means lower running costs.
- Consider double glazing for exterior windows.
- Use heavy insulating drapes. Draw them at dusk, especially in winter.
- Whenever possible, turn off all equipment at the socket when not in use.
- Keep doors closed to stop draughts and to keep heat in. Use draught stoppers at the base of doors in cold weather.

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