

Menzshed Kāpiti



I would like to nominate Kevin Avery from the Menzshed Kapiti. Many members of the Menzshed have supported the Cancer Society over the years and in particular the Kapiti Support Centre renovation. However special mention needs to be made of our Site Foreman Kevin who seemed to be onsite 7 days a week. Kevin volunteered for long hours for several months, simply saying “it has to be done”.

When Kevin first came to volunteer for at the Cancer Society I don't think he had any idea what he was letting himself in for. However, he never shied away from the challenge. We had from September to November to turn an old run down house into a Support Centre for cancer patients and whanau in the community. The work required was extensive – the budget miniscule.

We had a few surprises along the way, including:

- Extensive rot in the ramp area that needed to be reframed.
- A ranch slider onto the deck that wasn't held in place with any bracing.
- Thousands of ants who had made themselves at home in the wall of the counselling room.

We would have been lost without Kevin. He, along with a key group of Menzshed volunteers, plus other tradies and volunteers managed to get all the work done on time and under budget. It was a real community partnership - many other trades, local businesses, individuals and organisations such as the New Zealand Police gave their time and money to support us. There were many amazing volunteers but I would really like the \$300 voucher to go to Kevin and the Menzshed to acknowledge the extensive and ongoing support provided to the Cancer Society in our community.


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**Te Hua o te
Mahi Tahī**
The benefit of working together