

**New Zealand  
Outdoor Recreation  
CONSORTIUM**



“A partnership to maintain and enhance backcountry facilities”

**Project Name: Mistakes Flat Renovation**

**Project Leader: Mike Lagan**

**Brief description of project (feel free to include extra information):**

Mistakes Flat is a SF70 6 bunk hut in the Havelock Valley. Situated by the confluence of the Forbes and Havelock rivers in the upper Rangitata catchment, it can be reached by four wheel drive vehicle.

This Hut was originally on Glenfallch Station in the Rakaia and was there for the Cullers if they were unable to cross the river. Once the culling has ceased, it was no longer needed there so, in the early 1980's, it was jacked up and loaded onto a trailer and trucked to Erewhon Station and then towed by Bulldozer to its current site. It was to replace the wind damaged NZDA hut of the same name.

In April 2002, according to a time capsule found under the benchtop, the hut was lifted and some work done on the fireplace. The sink was also covered over with a stainless benchtop. This work was done by Roy Arbon, Pete Rodgers and John Robson. (The value of time capsules- found written under the stainless benchtop?)  
In 2013, the lead head nails had also been replaced with Tek Screws and a large ridge cap fitted over the lead edged ridge cap by DOC staff.

There had been little need for maintenance since then however at some stage, the exterior had changed colour from Rescue Orange to Karaka Green on the roof and Spanish White on the exterior walls. From photos included in this report, the reader can see the interior was in untouched original condition with the ceiling and rafters still unpainted and covered in years of soot and cooking residue.

In Late 2016, a successful funding application on behalf of the South Canterbury Recreational Sportsman's Club (SCRSC) enabled the planning to become reality.

### **Trip 1. January 4-6<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Mike Lagan, Rick Rutland, Zack Bennett, Tamara Bennett and their young sons, Jack and Oscar Bennett.

Remove roof, clean and stain seal rafters. Fit painted ply on inside of gable ends. Fit pre-painted 7mm treated ply above pearlings, apply new building paper and refit iron with correct length Tek screws. Fit Pan flashing and aqua seal around chimney with Kea guarding and fit chimney stays. Paint rafters with top coat.

### **Trip 2. February 17-19<sup>th</sup> 2017**

Mike Lagan, Mike Adams, Zack and Oscar Bennett.

Wire brush roof and apply top coat. Remove bench and cupboards. Remove shelf above bench (risk of fire hazard). Assemble and install new bench, refit stainless bench top. Repair drain hole in floor under bench. Add new bearers to outside of bunks to increase width to 750mm and fit new roll out protection to upper bunks. Re-putty both windows and replace hinges and catches. Remedy water leak around window on end wall. Scrub exterior walls with 30 seconds. Scrub floor with sugar soap.

### **Trip 3. April 21-23<sup>rd</sup> 2017**

Mike Lagan, Jeff Hitchcock and Tom Shaw.

Clean interior walls with sugar soap. Apply 1 final topcoat to rafters and ceiling. Apply 2 coats to interior walls. Supply 2 new, 2 seater seating forms.

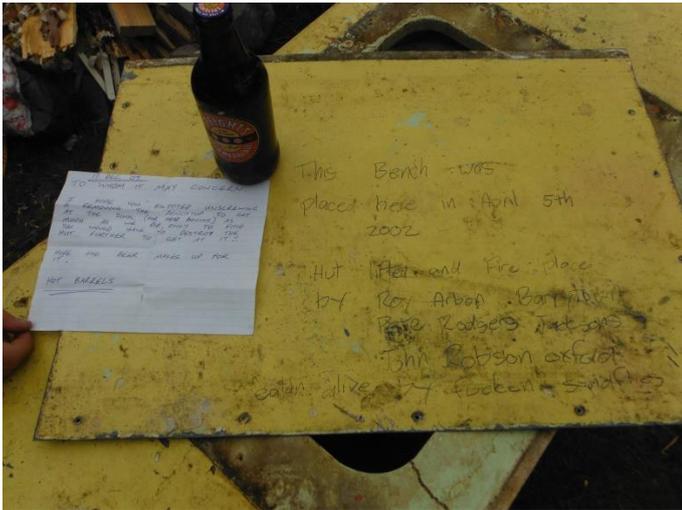
### **Work still to be completed in summer 2017/2018.**

Paint exterior walls.

### **Before/during/after photos**







Please provide the following statistics to enable reporting to the Community Conservation Partnership Fund.

- Number of volunteers: 9
- Hours of volunteer work: 251
- Number of huts maintained: 1
- Kilometres of track maintained: 0
- Other funding sourced, whether in kind, or financial:

Canterbury Longrun Ltd, donated the Pan flashing and Aquaseal.	\$300.00
Dulux Paints. Donated paint through DOC	\$400.00
Members SCRSC. Donated misc items and vehicle usage	\$750.00

Signature: by email

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