



Menzshed volunteers Brian Hatton, Paddy Dobson, Bill Hurry, Graham Aitken, Russel Allerby, Bernie Cottle and Derek Mead with DOC Ranger and Aramoana Trust General Manager Rod Hansen.

Hawke's Bay bird lovers will soon be able to view their avian friends up close and without disturbing them thanks to the hard work of Napier Menzshed volunteers.

The charity partnered with the Central Hawke's Bay trust Aramoana Environmental and Education Charitable Trust (AEECT) and the Department of Conservation (DOC) to build a bird hide for the Ouepoto Reserve, located within the Te Angiangi Marine Reserve.

Menzshed volunteers are known in the community for putting their respective talents to use, helping other charities by making picnic tables, furniture and mending toys.

Over time, it became evident a cause close to the hearts of local chapter members was the unique Hawke's Bay biodiversity.

"This is why we approached DOC," says Napier Menzshed spokesman Paddy Dobson.

"We wanted to use our skills to do more for conservation. This bird hide is hopefully the first of many projects we partner with DOC on."

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