

Re-use Wonder Competition Entries for 2016

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Over the past 12 months or so I have been working on a run-down old caravan. My vision was to do it up in a over-the-top gypsy style using recycled and reused materials. Affectionately know as the “Glamour-van” this project has taken most of my spare time. Whilst studying full time (giving me only the weekends to work on the van) it has slowly, but surely come together. Some may say I'm addicted to “op-shopping”, but I find it more than just “retail therapy”. I am passionate about reducing the amount of waste that the population produces. Up-cycling and re-purposing is one way of doing this.

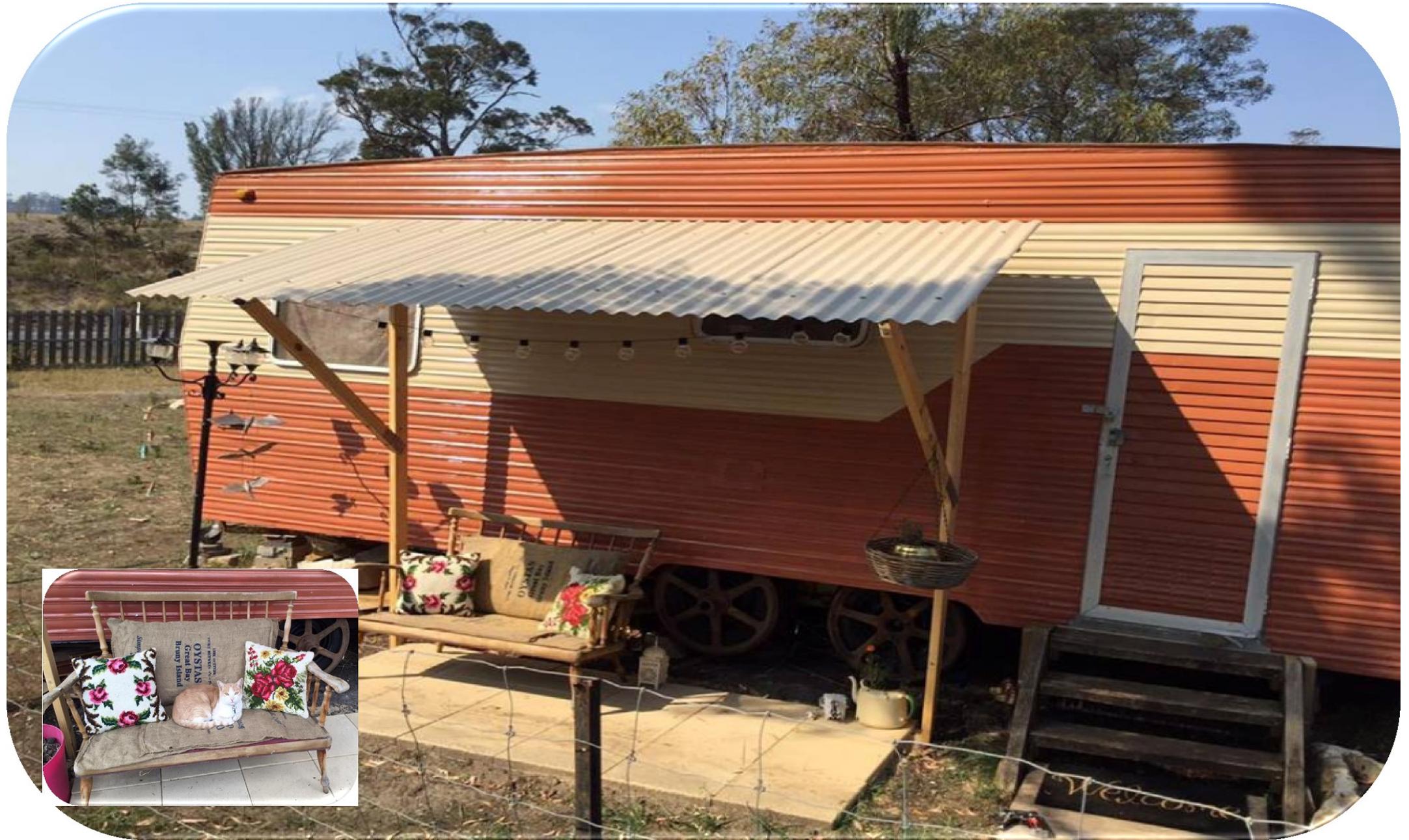
The list of benefits of op-shopping rolls on and on, but one of the things I love most about reused materials is the wonder and history behind each and every item. This being a big part of the kind of atmosphere I wanted the Glamour-van to give; a sense of nostalgia, memories and the wonder of days gone by.

Everything in the Glamour-van (apart from a few screws and pieces of wood) is recycled/second-hand. From the furniture and ornaments down to the paint, floorboards and wall paper.

Thank you, Recovery Centre, for contributing to my “happy place”!!



Joint Winner 2016



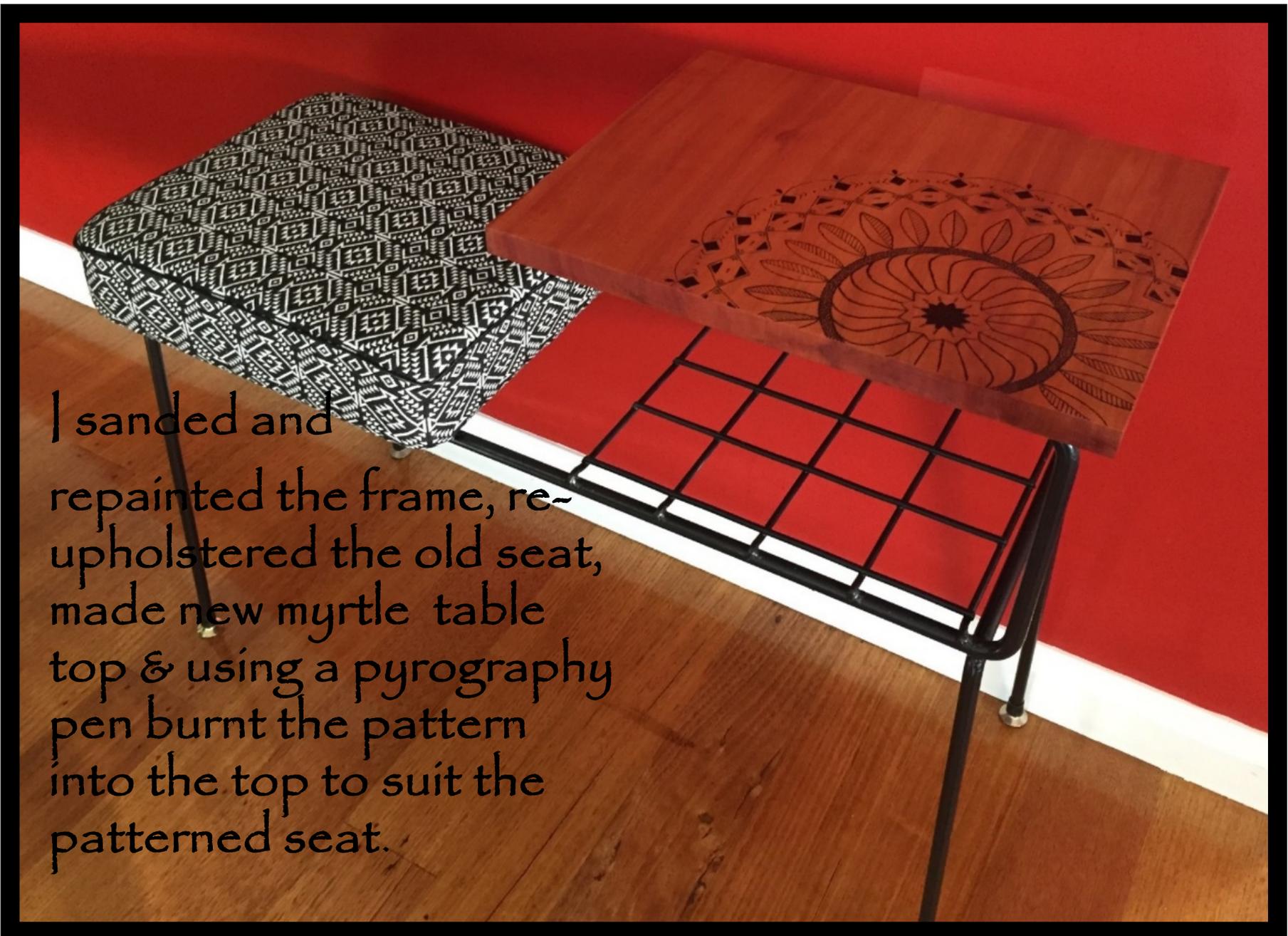






I turned an old TV unit into a play kitchen for my daughter. Many components (including taps and handles) also recovered. New paint (only because I didn't realize at the time I could buy recovered paint ☹️). She loves it!





I sanded and repainted the frame, reupholstered the old seat, made new myrtle table top & using a pyrography pen burnt the pattern into the top to suit the patterned seat.





Title: We can be Heroes
(with love to David Bowie)

The Petty Street mob,
have created outfits for the
King, Queen and Princess
of Petty street from a
collection of recycled
curtains, bed spreads, ties,
buttons, gloves and a
natural dyed recycled frock.

“I, I will be King and you,
you will be Queen.... we can
be heroes, just for one day.”

Ps. One neighbour went inside and
brought out a speaker and played
'We Can Be Heroes.' This has
been a great experience for us and
our street.



It started as old gym equipment used for chin ups. The eyes are old tail lights, the hands are garden forks and the list goes on. The eyes are battery operated at night.



Thomas came up with the idea to make something with old coins, and thought a table would be good. We visited the Glenorchy Recovery Centre and purchased the small table. He painted the table blue with white trim to match the decor in his bedroom. He initially didn't quite have enough coins so we asked around our friends to get the rest. He started with the raw table, then a first coat of blue paint, practising with how to arrange the coins and then the finished product. Thomas worked on the table over a couple of weeks, two coats of blue paint, then the white trim and then the coins.



Joint Winner 2016

On the March long weekend we hold our annual 3 day regatta event for Scouts and Girl Guides aged 10 and over. We have approximately 1000 people - youth members, Rovers and Olave members who are young adults, leaders, parents, family, friends and other helpers. The focus is on participation in water and beach activities. Each year the Regatta Committee reviews the program to look for further improvements and options. For the last couple of years we introduced low key environmental awareness activities. In 2015 the Committee agreed to promote the 'Environment Have A Go' in 2016. We were set the challenge of using recycling materials to offer interesting activities.



Blender Bikes

We visited the Recovery Centre looking for two bikes suitable for a wide age range of youth. We also needed materials to make the bike stands - we found old metal frame. We had also sourced two old blenders.

We set about making two blender bike designs. One with the blender attached on the back. Based on the Scout/Guide feedback we designed the second bike with a blender attached on the front so they could see what was happening. Over many weeks we undid bits, we welded stands, we found old bits of timber, we pulled part blenders and attached them to our timber and then to the bikes, we found some old paint to give the bikes a spruced up look. Finally we packed them into the ute and took them to Scout Guide Regatta, at Snug.

Nothing prepared us for the popularity of this blender bike slushie making! From 1.30-4.30pm we had a constant line of willing and excited bike riders wanting to make themselves a slushie.



Giant Size 'Kerplunk' - Scouts & Girl Guide Regatta 2016 cont.
With so many potential participants we knew there needed to be a few options. Since we had collected a metal frame from The Recovery Centre and we had some left poles left over from our blender bikes we thought there must be something fun we could do.

An old piece of fencing wire worked nicely with the size of the poles. We made a cylinder from the old fencing. (For safety we did use some cloth tape to protect people's fingers and hands.)

We cut the poles to size, sanded off the ends so they weren't so sharp (we did also add some tape to these too).

We were given a tin of leftover paint for metal and painted the poles.

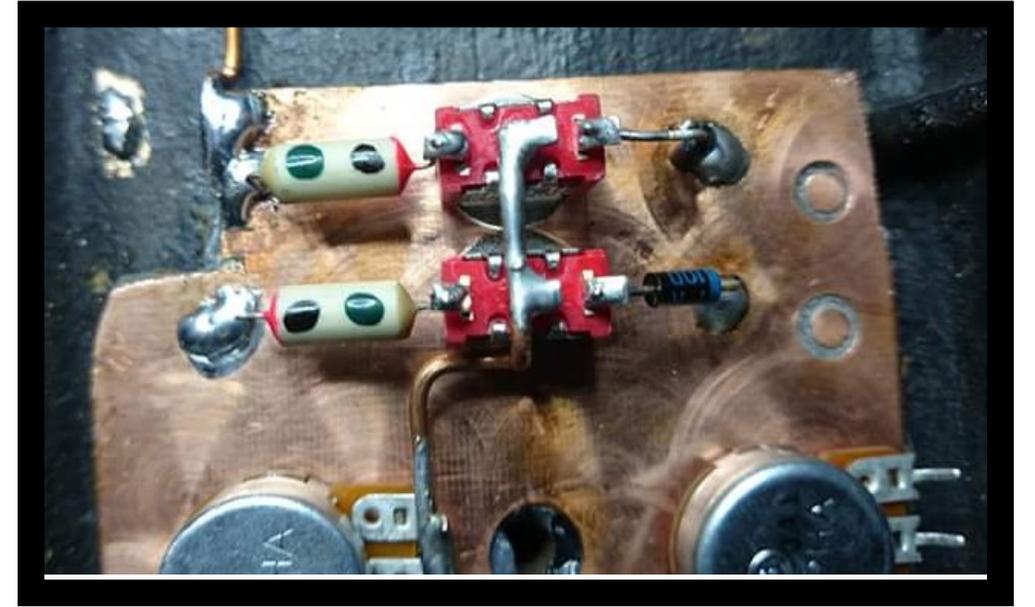
With the help of the Glenorchy Tennis Club we were given access to a supply of old tennis balls.

We were also given an old rubbish bin.

Voila - a Giant Kerplunk.

We were amazed at how popular this activity was, which was evidenced by people coming back to challenge each other as well as the paint being worn off the metal poles.





Its an old industrial foot switch that was gutted and then fitted with a hand built circuit using vintage components & is Manhattan style. Its now a battery powered guitar distortion pedal that will also function as a practice amp when plugged directly into a speaker.

9v battery powered
guitar amp,
salvaged red cedar,
radio gram grill
cloth, 1950's
AWA speaker like
new & hand built.
Custom built for
guitar, bass or
audio with blue
tooth. Eight to
twenty four hours
per battery
depending on
volume etc.

UNIQUE RABBIT





Electronic bongo, made from trailer hub cover, magnet from hard-drive, a bolt, transformer wire from a TV, a clock spring, old sewer pipe top, filler tube...and a new piece of rubber.



I've been collecting souvenir spoons and uncut keys, a few other shiny odds and sods for a long time now... Two studded leather belts for a buck each, light fitting cap & sieve -switched it on, its brightness blinded me!



The garden seat slates fell apart on the way home! Looking like new seating now.



\$20 bath, and you've got yourself a planter box that's never going to move off the deck!









My re-use table top to transform a tree stump into a lovely picnic nook in our back yard.

Second Place Winner 2016



Re Use Wonder Competition

Purchased this retro aquarium/ terrarium from the Recovery centre



the perspex bowl was broken where it sat on two of the legs and one leg was broken at the top. The Bowl and lid were badly scratched and the wood was dull and aged with loose joints.

The Frame was disassembled, reglued and fitted with small support bars cut from some scrap timber. It was then sanded and coated with Tung oil. The perspex was then cleaned and polished.

Some gravel, plants and water and it is now home to two happy Goldfish





He used
 Skateboard
 Plastic Plates
 Foam Sheets
 Felt
 (Purchased from
 tip shop)
 Spray Paint
 left over
 from his
 dad.
 Made his
 own cardboard
 hoverboard
 sign at
 school



Seth's
 Re-use
 creation
 "Hover
 Board"
 From the
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 Back To
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Dual Fuel Lamp



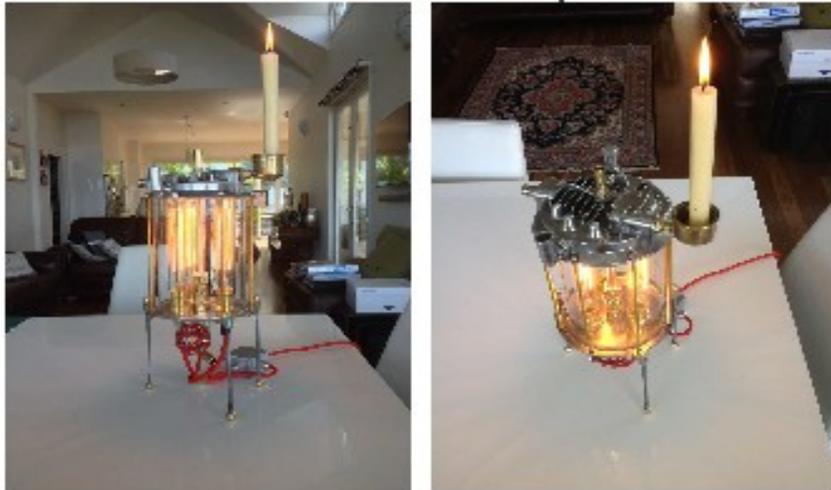
It started life as an LPG conversion unit for a car

Dual Fuel Lamp



Pulled apart and found an interesting shaped heat sink casting inside. Polished the aluminium casting and brass fittings. Added a glass light shade from an old fitting, brass threaded rod & legs with brass balls from old curtain rods.

Dual Fuel Lamp



Old fittings, copper pipe, globes and candle added to maintain the dual fuel theme

Dual Fuel Lamp



Steampunk Lamp



I liked the craftsmanship of the instruments in this old HEC monitoring equipment.

Steampunk Lamp



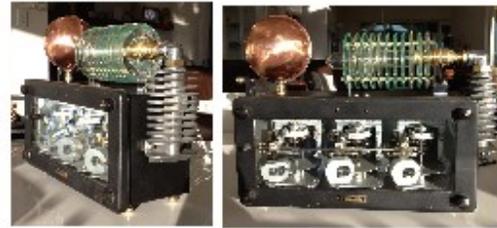
The cooling fins on this old compressor looked interesting, as did the light diffusers on these 12V down lights.

Steampunk Lamp



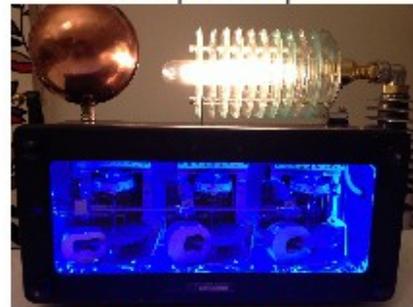
Polished part of the compressor, bolted it to the instrument box and added pipe fittings and a globe holder

Steampunk Lamp



Added light a stack of light diffusers and a polished copper sphere salvaged from an old toilet cistern float.

Steampunk Lamp



Finished off with colour changing LED lighting

Steampunk Lamp



Someone said it looks like a time machine!

Third Place Winner 2016

Re-Cycle Desk Lamp



Rear forks salvaged from an old bike that had a cracked frame

Re-Cycle Desk Lamp



12V Light fittings salvaged from an 80's style light

Re-Cycle Desk Lamp



Fitting the lights to the bike hub & painted rear forks.

Re-Cycle Desk Lamp



The base is a weight salvaged from old gym equipment. To complete the lamp I added handles to the cranks made of the centre spindles from the peddles. The angle of the lamps can be adjusted by turning the cranks.

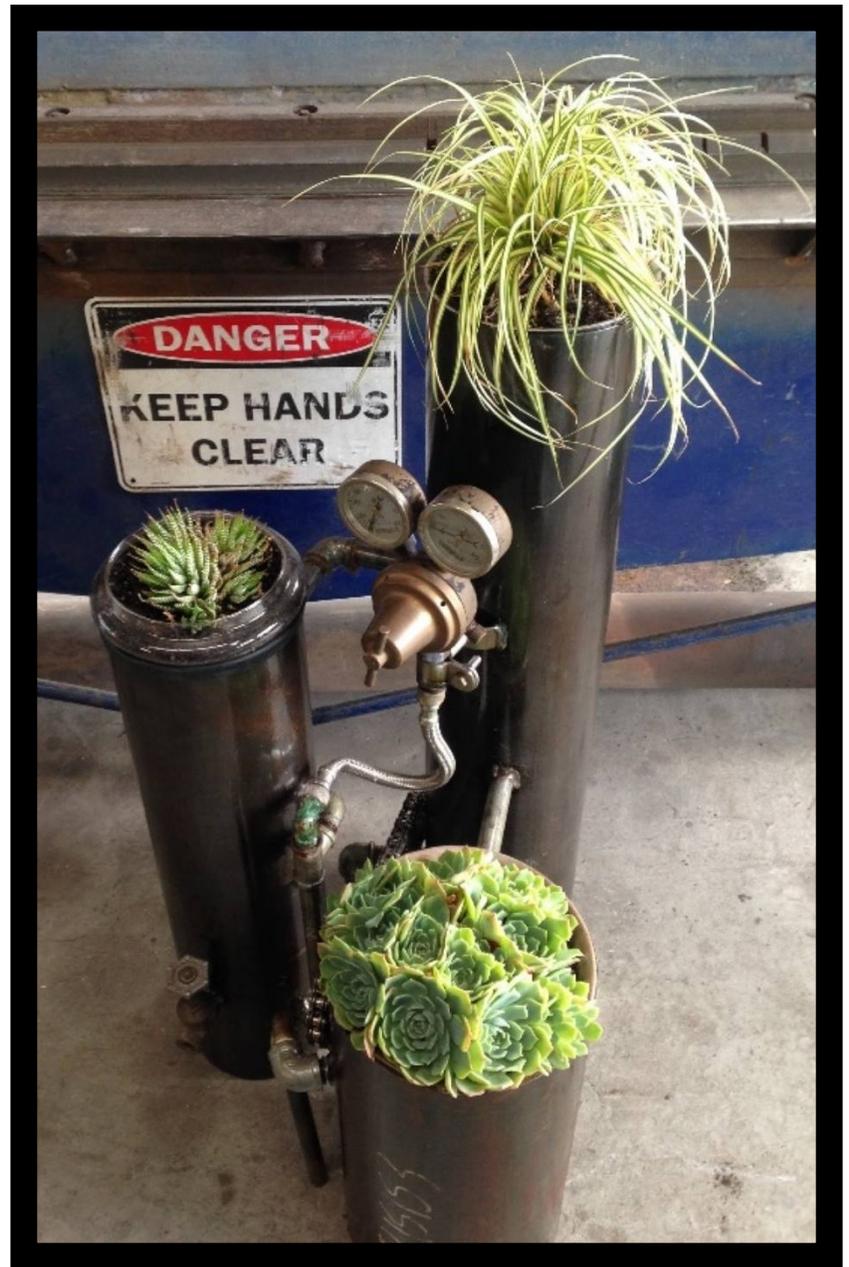






Old draws, and some chicken wire ~ fabulous succulent frames for your wall .







These are my self-wicking raised vegetable garden beds that I made from old bathtubs, roofing iron and scrap timber, the water level accessible for the roots of the plants can be varied for their needs by adjusting the level of the external u bend old washing machine hose.

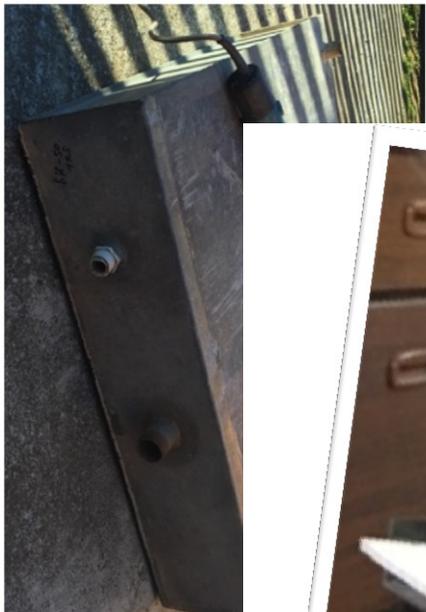


I cut the top and base off a copper cylinder (friends now use the base as a fruit bowl!) and cut along the join so it became a single sheet. I drew the leaves on freehand, and cut them out using a drill and a jigsaw. I left the pipe outlets because I like them...the exposed copper is greening up nicely, and the inside surface (facing the deck) is a beautiful matt black. I used the leaf copper cut-outs to cover some of the deck screws along the base of the deck (you can just see them in the bottom left-hand corner of the first photo...waste-not, want-not!..



It has been years since I have restored anything, but this one was too good pass up. With lots of layers of paint and stickers on there, I was initially going to sand and repaint, but it deserved better. So, after lots of paint stripper and hand sanding, the majority of the blue came off. Even the insides of the drawers were blue. That paint has stayed, as a compromise as my son wanted it all left blue. At the end, it had some clear varnish/sealant and some new handles. It has come up a treat for my sons bedroom.

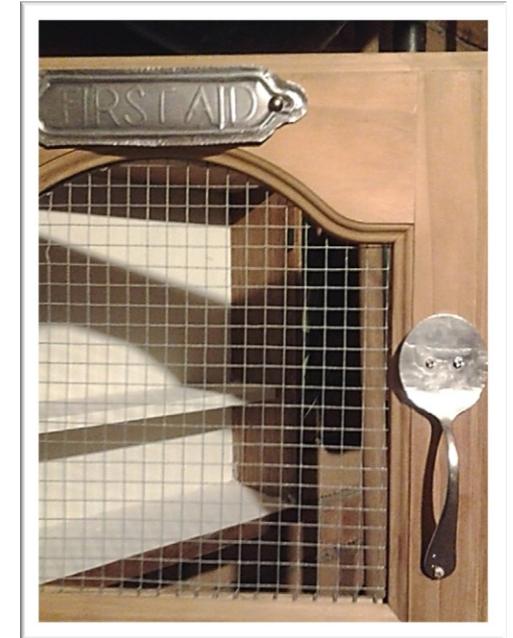




I brought this CD rack minus the shelves, cut and painted some plywood, quick coat of paint, now add CD's.



Just finished whacking together a first aid cupboard for work area. Bits and pieces from tip includes cupboard draw, old cupboard door, hinges, spoon and wire. The plaque was made from the beer can I drank while making it. The paint inside is also from the tip shop.



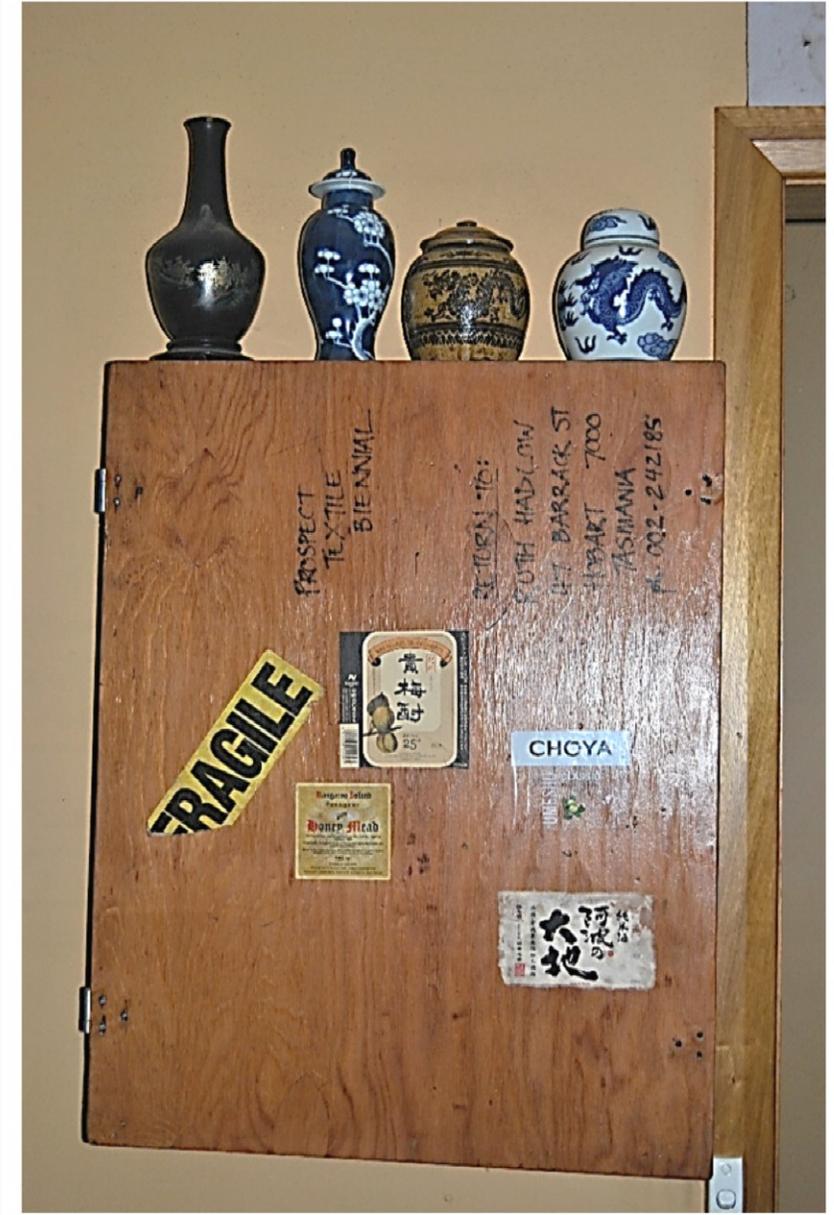


\$ 15.00 worth of timber.





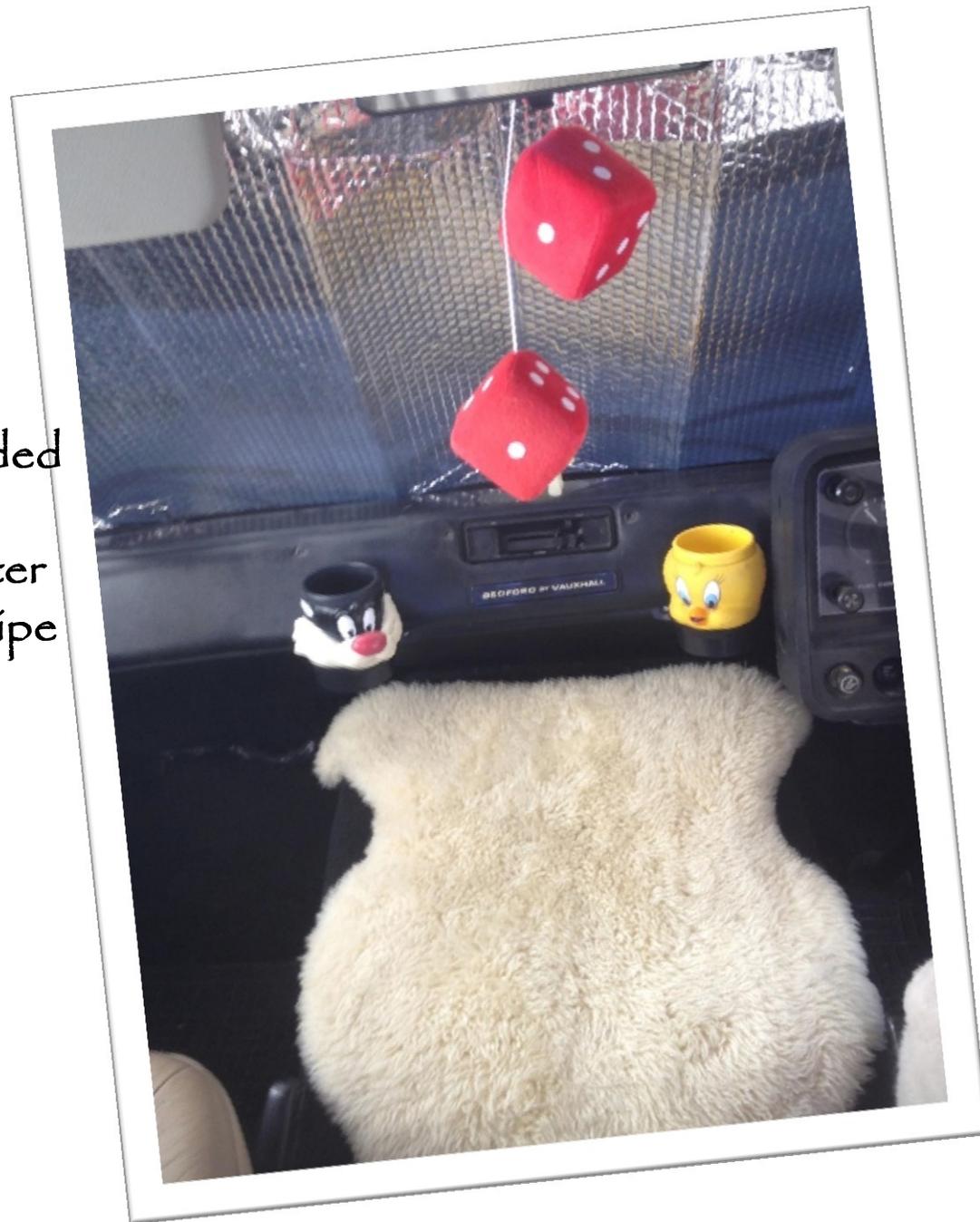
Awesome addition to our little kitchen. Frees up cupboard space and looks the business. Just needed the Tip Shop and a bit of elbow grease and job done





ELECTRA
CABLES

My 8 year old son and I needed some cup holders for our camper, so we found Sylvester & Tweety and some down pipe brackets from the Recovery Shop ...now we have fun cup holders... AWESOME





This is my Book Stool - made from a cardboard cylinder given to me by a friend, that used to contain lots of protein powder and such-like. The books are collected over months and months and months. I only use badly damaged books - water-stained, missing pages etc. I look for striking cover pages and frontispieces to use in the collages, then I carefully cut out the spines, steam the fabric off, and glue them onto the cylinder. It makes a nice-looking stool, they are strong enough to stand on - complete with interior storage space! No good for book lovers who hate seeing books cut up though...I haven't found the ideal solution for all the leftover coverless books yet ...I usually fold them up and turn them into mobiles or vases (see final photo) but I am sure there's furniture pieces to be made...somehow.







I am finding useful ways to use beautiful old records.... I have started with cake/scone tatters and want to do bowls & clocks.



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Muriel (a sheep who believes herself to be a dog) sends her thanks to the Recovery team for her new fence and gate. It keeps her safe at night, and she can talk to me at my door.

It started off life as a "for parts only" lime green iMac, \$22 if memory is correct. A bit of work removing extra parts, some glue, some blankets and Max the Cat and the iMax 2.0 was born. It's his safe place away from our toddler.

Some of the extra parts removed were reused in other projects, others I'm still trying to decide on.





I added some height to my suitcase cat bed I made for my Princess Maycee.





With Winter approaching quickly, Joc and Swan needed a new kennel for those chilly days where they were unable to come inside.

The Recovery Centre had a perfect table to convert into a cosy dog house. For only \$22 it provided an excellent framework.



Using recycled coversheets obtained from a major hardware store, the table frame was paneled. This allowed for new insulation within the floor, wall and ceiling spaces. The insulation was the most costly part of the project.



The Recovery Centre

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Featuring Joc and Swan

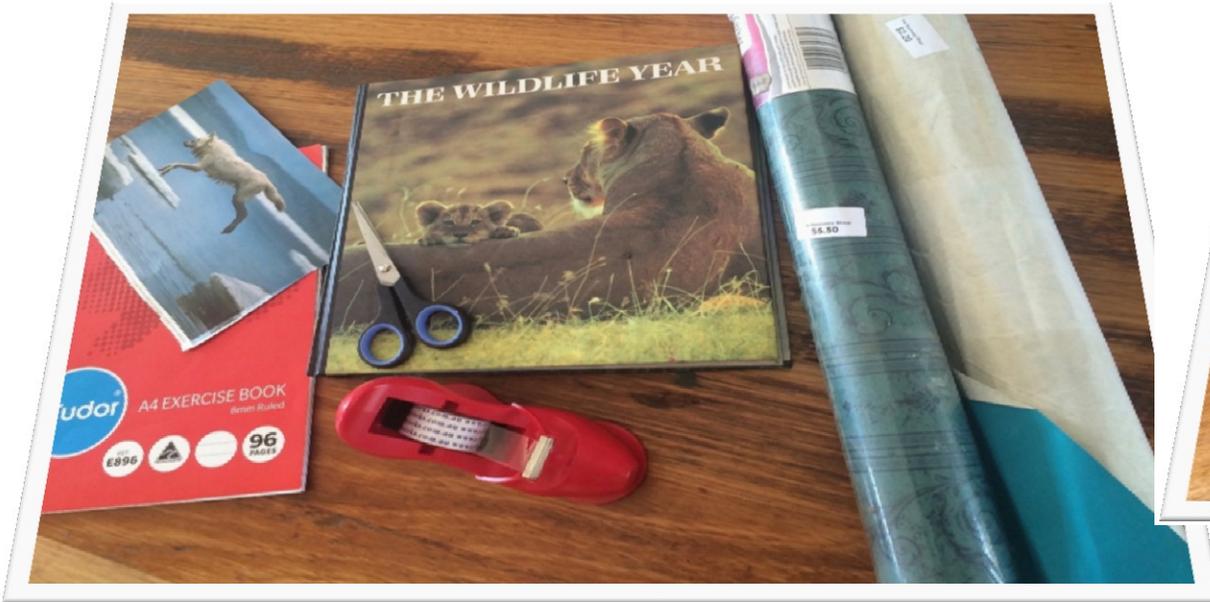


A shelf at the rear of the Table Kennel was incorporated, which we use for shoe storage. As a final touch, recycled weatherboards were used as cladding to tie it in to our old cottage. A door will be installed to keep the puppies even cosier.

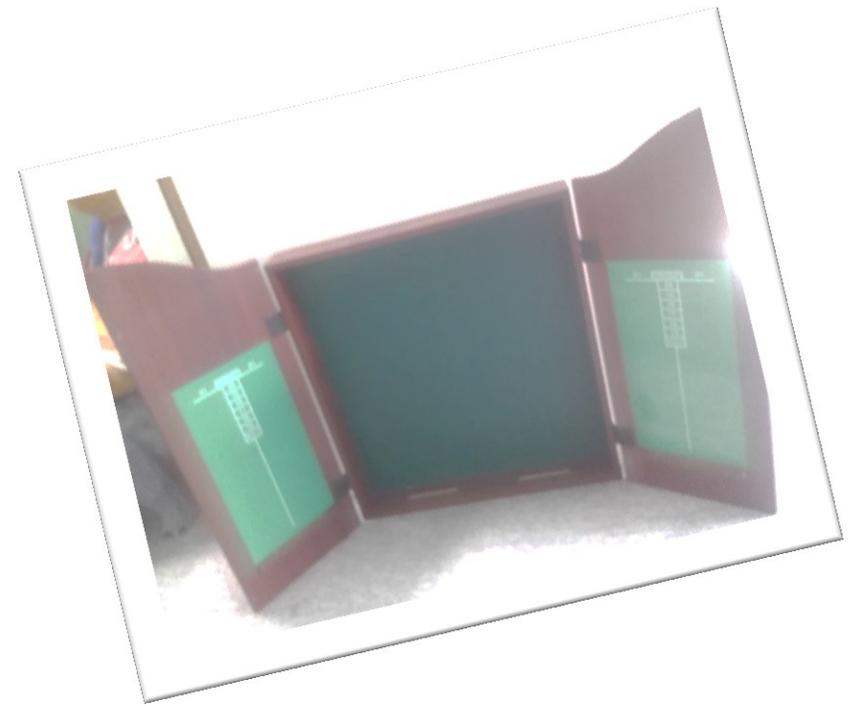
All images were photographed using an old Nikon lens purchased from The Recovery Centre, as old Nikon lenses work on most new Nikon camera bodies.

Top right: Joc dreaming about his new house.
Top centre: repurposing plywood coversheets to close in the table framework.
Top left: Apparently that's how Snoopy does it
Bottom left: Completed Table House (rear)
Bottom Right: Joc and Swan posing with their new Table House (front). No doggy door, so you good people can see inside it.

Our 'one of a kind school books'. We bought a roll of paper, a roll of wallpaper and a hardback book. We covered school exercise books with the paper and wallpaper, then decorated with images clipped from the book. We also put up a lot of other pictures from the book on picture boards around the house, and had fun reading parts out to each other and learning new wildlife facts.



For some time I have been looking for a way to store and display my jewellery. I wanted something that would prevent my necklaces from being tangled and also wanted to be able to view my earrings and easily locate matching pairs. I could find nothing and then thought that maybe I needed to look "outside the square", as the saying goes. I wanted a slimline cupboard that I could mount on my bedroom wall, that was compact, but had lots of room. A bit like a Tardis!!!! Then I remembered a dart board cupboard I saw at the Tip Shop. I went there and luckily it was still there. I purchased the cupboard then painted it with some old left over paint I had, attached plastic decorative mouldings on the front and painted them with paint from the tip shop. On the inside I used some hooks I had laying around the house for years. I created areas for rings, bracelets and necklaces, and used some red netting purchased from the tip shop to create hanging areas for earrings. I now need to find the perfect spot in the bedroom for my jewellery storage and display cupboard. But that will be easy as it is so compact and looks so nice.





And a **big thank you** from the Recovery
Tas team to all competition entrants for 2016.

Thanks for caring.

Thanks for sharing.

Thanks for your efforts.

AND THANKS FOR YOUR
RE-USE ENTHUSIASM!