

Kiwi Sheds plays huge part in Tui Ridge Park development

Local company, Kiwi Sheds, continues to produce quality, cost-effective buildings for clients, and the latest, currently under construction, is a huge multi-purpose facility at Tui Ridge Park in Rotorua.

Tui Ridge is a christian camping facility owned by the Seventh-day Adventist Church and is located on 170 hectares of native and exotic bush.

Project manager, Ross Osmond, says the adventure park is open to groups of all denominations and is highly popular with primary schools from around the country. Between 13,000 and 17,000 people pass through it every year,

The camp caters for all ages, with a wide range of activities such as abseiling, rock climbing, high ropes, archery, mountain biking, BMX, orienteering, a flying fox and team building.

“You name it - we have probably got it,” says Ross, who adds that Tui Ridge is a relatively new facility and is undergoing a major development.

“The church sold its Ardmore property, Haskell Park, three years ago because it was too small for the demand, and development has been going on since last year. It is expected that the building programme will be completed before our annual camp in January, 2008.”

In January last year, Kiwi Sheds were contracted to build a 20 metre x 40 metre multi-purpose facility for storage and for holding meetings, and currently they are erecting the 60 metre x 40 metre multi-purpose facility.

“This building will be used as a gymnasium for most of the year, and also for indoor activities. During our annual camp it will be used as the main auditorium, replacing the six-pole marquee that was used when this event was held at Haskell Park.”

The ground floor of the new multi-purpose building will have the gymnasium covering 60 metres x 30

metres with a wooden spring floor to give it flexibility and resilience for sporting activities. The end wall of the gym will be a climbing wall.

A 10 metre x 60 metre front section will hold the necessary amenities required for such a facility, including the staircase to the mezzanine floor that will overlook the gymnasium. This area will seat 500 people who will have a clear view of the activities.

The building will also include a bus bay that will allow passengers to disembark from buses under cover when it is raining.

Ross says the church’s development

committee is very pleased with the service provided by Kiwi Sheds, who have been professional in their approach to their building requirements and extremely helpful in ensuring the project has gone to plan.

“While theirs is a major part of our development, there is more to be done,” says Ross.

“We are also developing accommodation for 84 people. Initially, seven units with 21 rooms sleeping four will be built, complete with ensuites and kitchen/dining facilities.

“We have to have it all finished for the annual camp in January next year and so far, all is going to plan.”



Ross Osmond, project manager and Wayne Goodchild, acting park manager stand in front of the huge multi-purpose building being constructed by Kiwi Sheds at Tui Ridge Park in Rotorua.

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