



# Measure Twice Cut Once

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The builder's guide to all things timber and hardware.

## Getting To Know You: John Walhapa

John joined the Wilson Timbers' team as a yardie just three months ago after a stint at Hurford Wholesale and a total of 25 years of experience in the timber industry. He's doing everything from taking care of customers, picking and packing orders, machining and planing timber, to driving a forklift.

He's become a favourite of everyone who works with him. So we sat

down with him in-between jobs for 5 minutes and asked him a few questions and here are his answers.

1. Best kept secret... until now? *I'm happy. It's not that much of a secret once you meet me.*
2. Someone you look up to and why? *My dad, he's a great loving man. He also taught me a lot about forestry. We ran a portable sawmill together for a while and he left me with my sense of humour.*
3. How do spend your free time? *Hunting, fishing and camping. Just took a trip back to Mackay and went hunting in the sugarcane – with some Bull Arab hunting dogs and came back with 11 pigs in just three days.*
4. If you could have a super power what would it be and why? *I'd like to be able to heal people. I've lost some members of my family to cancer.*
5. Biggest regret? *Giving up rugby. But I'm looking to join a club this year if I have time.*
6. What gets you fired up? *Watching Rugby Games.*
7. What amazing thing did you do that no one was around to see?



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*When I was younger, I shot a 21 point stag. It's still hanging in the Tekuiti Tavern.*

8. If you could turn any activity into an Olympic sport, what would you have a good chance at winning medal for? *Timber stacking but I might need to figure out how to be in the Special Olympics.*
9. Favourite movie quote? *"Get to dee choppa" Arnie in Predator.*
10. What weird food combinations do you really enjoy? *Jam and Eggs. It's an old Kiwi one. Or at least it was in our house.*
11. If you had to change your name, what would you change it to? *Sinbad.*
12. If your life was a book, what would its title be? *Pighunter. All I did growing up was wag school and go pig hunting.*



# Thanks To Everyone Who Came To Our EOFY BBQ.

Due to a lack of space last month we didn't manage to get a piece in about the end of financial year BBQ. So we've ended up holding it over to September issue so we could share some pics.

Firstly a big thank you to everyone who attended. Shout out to Stuart for manning the barbie like a champ all afternoon. Honourable mention to Nigel for operating the carwash.

As you can see everyone had a great time while they were there. Beers were drunk, snags were eaten and we got to say goodbye to the 2016-17 financial year in grand style.

Last but by no means least – an EXTRA big thank you to all the suppliers who came on the day.

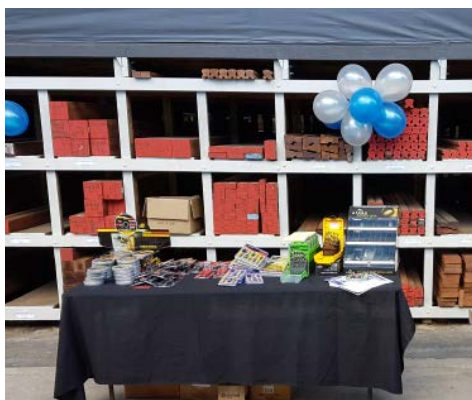
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- Sheffield Blades
- DeckMate DIY
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- Kennards Hire

If you didn't make it – we hope to see you next time we throw a client appreciation event!



*Nigel launched a carwash business on the day*



*Sheffield Blades' stand set up and ready for action...*



*Stuart manned the BBQ all afternoon and nobody went hungry*



*Steve Cossitini and Craig From Solaris - Craig wasn't as excited as Steve about free publicity and a photo op*



*Plenty of guests and sponsors at the exhibitors hall*



*Tammy and Will from Acumen Building enjoyed the festivities*



*The Zoubuild boys - before they were famous (Hope you caught them on Ready Set Reno)*



# Stairs So Simple Even A DIYer Could Build Them!

We often hear from our carpenters and clients that stair stringers are a pain in the neck to build – they often take a good carpenter a full day to lay out, router the stringers – before they are even ready to assemble. A bad one longer and it's work you can't leave to an apprentice cos they'll just stuff it up.

When you are building a deck and you don't want to be tied up for a day doing stairs or you'd rather have your best carpenter doing more important work – then perhaps you should have a look at StepMate.

With StepMate the stringers and treads are pre-fabricated, routed and pre-drilled ready to go. We have a standard rise of 170mm and we can

do between 1-16 treads with our standard design. Thankfully they also offer custom staircases. All we need is the height from the ground to the top of the deck and the width of the staircase.

So simple even a typical weekend warrior would be able to install StepMate stairs – there are no nails, no bolts and no brackets. Now you can get your apprentice to knock up a set of StepMate stairs in a couple hours. Save yourself a full day of prep work.

StepMate is available in Merbau, Spotted Gum, Ironbark and Pine and can be pre-oiled to match your deck, so it goes perfectly with your DeckMate DIY decking.



## Bad Building

For some people near enough really is good enough.



If you've got a photo of any dodgy work (or anyone doing something stupid on the job) then send it through to your rep or share it with us on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/WilsonTimbers/>

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**WINNER TO BE DRAWN 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2017.**

## Sometimes Life Is One Big Party.

Nigel and Erin attended Michael and Carlene's Ready Set Reno Reveal Party last month.

They met architect Shaun Lockyer and David Franklin of Franklin Landscapes And Design who is famous for his design work on The Block and Reno Rumble.

After checking with the producer



*Nigel, The Zoubuild team and Erin*

we got permission to reveal a few photos of how both the DeckMate DIY deck turned out along with the door which we supplied the timber for.

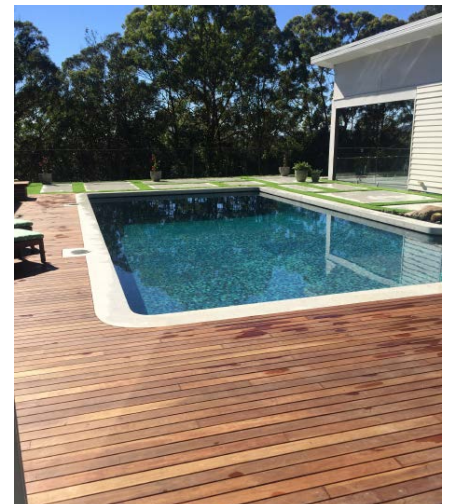
Tune in on October 8th on 9Life (or watch it on their catchup service) to see Ready Set Reno invade our showroom and install their DeckMate DIY deck.



*Nigel looking like a TV professional*



*Looking sweet: A door made from our timber*



*The finished DeckMate DIY deck*

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