

Lincoln Biv- Report from Permolat Southland March 20-23

Three volunteers from Permolat Southland flew into Lincoln Biv at the same time as 6 volunteers flew into Ashton Hut.



Teams preparing loads for the helicopter.

George Wilkinson and Hayden Cohen completed all the jobs in the four days with help from Greg Wilson who flew in with them on the Saturday and walked out that night.



George and Hayden about to begin.

They inserted a bearer on the eastern side of the floor to shore up the old rotting one which also straitened the floor up.



The chimney was extended to above the ridgeline and a vent was placed in the floor to ensure the fire would draw correctly.



A steel insert was also placed in the fireplace to protect the crumbling concrete from further decay. A cap was made for the chimney top and a flashing installed to catch leaves between the roof and chimney.



The old decrepit wood shed was removed and replaced with a new one.

The cladding of the hut was inspected and tek screws were used to replace missing nails and secure the cladding firmly.

The walls were extended down over the bottom plate to prevent further deterioration and protect from the weather. Patches were also placed over the axe cuts in the wall.



The interior was cleaned and painted as was the window surround.



The toilet had its roof cleaned of debris and overhanging branches were cleared from above the toilet and the hut.

Our thanks go to our material suppliers: Placemakers, Southland sheet metal, Marshall roofing and High country helicopters for transport. A special mention to James Dean of Eastern bush who lent me his trailer for the 300km roundtrip to transport the materials to the staging site.

Thomas Wright and Doc Invercargill are to be thanked for their permission and their helpful discussions on the work to be done and Back Country Trust who fund all this work.

Our many volunteers get special thanks as it requires quite a commitment to carry out some of this work and it couldn't happen without them.