



**Objects :** *The objects of the Shed are to advance the health and well-being of our members by providing a safe and happy environment where men can, in the company of other men;*

- a) By their efforts, contribute to their families, their friends, the Shed and their community*
- b) Learn about their own and other men's health and well-being*
- c) Learn new skills, practice and pass on old skills*
- d) Pursue hobbies, pastimes and interests*
- e) Mentor younger men*

### CHANGES Around Your Shed.

Planning is under way for the rearrangement of some work, recreation, and utility areas around the shed. Brian Wood will be presenting proposals at the next general meeting to seek membership opinions. Contact Brian, or be at the meeting, to discuss your ideas.

The first stage will be sorting and moving materials into the new shipping containers.

Michael Pearson is planning a Memorial Garden to honour deceased shed members. If you have ideas for the design, or would like to help with construction, please talk to Michael.

Sadly another member will be added to the Memorial. Lawton Owen, one of our older members passed away late on the 29th October at Bundaleer Nursing Home in Wauchope. He was a great singer with our choir in the early days and a really humble and great bloke, and a very accomplished teacher.

### COMING EVENTS:

**RIVERWALK Markets** are on Sunday 19th November. Helpers needed. Contact Brian Wood for details.

**November monthly meeting.** Tuesday 21st November at 10:30am. Stick around afterwards for a light lunch and chat.

Social afternoon/evening from around 4:00pm **Friday 24th November.**

Laurieton Men's Shed **Christmas Party** will be on **Friday 15th December.** Mark it in you calendar.



And what have the Shed blokes been up to lately?

**Saturday 28th October** was a productive day for your shed.

A big crowd stormed the gate at the Monster Garage Sale at the Dunbogan Shed at 8.00am and sales happened thick & fast.

At the Kendall Community Preschool Fundraiser, "Laurieton Men Shed Banners" stood out on the marquee where our men were doing the BBQ & Drinks.

Both events are community building & both went well due to those that volunteered to help.

The Treasurer will be providing financial details at the November meeting.

**AMSA Grant.** Dr David Gillespie MP visited the shed on Tuesday 31st October to present a grant from the Australian Men's Shed Association. The funds will be used for the purchase and installation of a panel saw for the woodwork shop and shipping containers for storage.



**Social Cook Up—Friday 3rd November** This event was postponed from October. If you were not there you missed a good evening. This was the first time for your Shavings Editor, and I will definitely be back. A small crowd of men had gathered around the pizza oven and the sizzling pizzas started to emerge soon after 4:00pm. They were quickly devoured along with a few cold drinks. A couple of late arrivals finished the last few slices pizza, but they didn't go hungry for long as a perfectly baked Focaccia was next out of the oven. A paella was next on the menu. Ingredients were prepared by Tony, added to the pan and stirred by Rob, with recipe directions and timing co-ordinated by Declan—with helpful advice from other bystanders as required. The result was thoroughly enjoyed by 12 men (even if someone forgot the Turmeric) with most going back for seconds. After the washing up, mostly by John, with help from a team of wiper-uppers, the usual game of UNO started. Nine men contested several hands with no favour given to your Editor who had not played UNO for a few decades. I will be better prepared next time after I get some tips from my grandson. **The next cook-up is planned for Friday 24th November.** Come along and enjoy a good feed and the company of fellow shedders. \$5 buys food and one drink, extra drinks are \$2 each.

### **Rags Wanted.**

Can members bring in some rags so that we have sufficient without having to purchase rags. Old sheets and shirts etc. that are too worn to be resold by the Op Shops. Cotton is preferred and no woollen articles please.

### **Treasurer Seeking Assistance.**

The treasurer is looking for a man to volunteer to assist him with some of the treasurer activities. Training will be provided. Person needs to be a reasonably regular attender (1-3 times per week except when on holidays) and have and use a computer for email etc. Banking cash could be on the list as well as collecting the re-joining money for year up to 2019. Talk to John Denyer.

### Charles Williams—On The Road Again

This time our drive took us southwest and a little south of Blayney and on the way thru Kandos where as usual we spent a little time at the Kandos shed. Their shed is a rented building on land very close to the old railway station and just across the street from the pub (no relativity here).

Currently having approximately 30 members and an active crew doing lots of stuff relative to their numbers and size. They, like us, are having the annual garage sale at a similar time to our own. This is fairly important to them as they don't have the advantage of local markets. My thoughts are that that shed is possibly a bonus to Kandos as the cement works closed some time ago and some of the fellas would find an area to employ their skills and time.

One thing I noticed was that they all wore hi-vis shirts to the shed having their names (or maybe an alias) on the pocket. The BBQ area looked well set up and well used.



Nag—Nag—Nag.....

An attorney arrived home late, after a very tough day trying to get a stay of execution for his client. His last minute plea for clemency to the governor had failed and he was feeling worn out and depressed.

As soon as he walked through the door at home, his wife started on him about , 'What time of night to be getting home is this? Where have you been? Dinner is cold and I'm not reheating it'. And on and on and on.

Too shattered to play his usual role in this familiar ritual, he poured himself a shot of whiskey and headed off for a long hot soak in the bathtub, pursued by the predictable sarcastic remarks as he dragged himself up the stairs.

While he was in the bath, the phone rang. The wife answered and was told that her husband's client, James Wright, had been granted a stay of execution after all. Wright would not be hanged tonight. Finally realising what a terrible day he must have had, she decided to go upstairs and give him the good news.

As she opened the bathroom door, she was greeted by the sight of her husband, bent over naked, drying his legs and feet.

'They're not hanging Wright tonight,' she said.

He whirled around and screamed,

'FOR THE LOVE OF GOD WOMAN, DON'T YOU EVER STOP?!'

A good business plan.

Abdul went to the UK for the first time. He opened a furniture shop & a lingerie shop. In 6 months he did good business. He sends an email to his wife in Wurizistan saying: Please pack up & come to UK. I sold 100 mattresses and 5000 pairs of knickers. I made £50,000. She replies: It is better that you close your shops and come back fast. With 1 mattress & with no knickers I made £100,000.