

# Shavings

## *Laurieton Men's Shed*

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

Welcome to LMS Shavings No.87. The editor's computer suffered a hardware failure, so this issue looks a bit different because it was published using different software.

## **Happenings Around Your Shed.**

### **Retaining Wall**

Construction of the retaining wall has been completed by Brian Wood and David Hams. This is required to create a level area for construction of the shed.

### **Port Macquarie Antique and Classic Car Club**

Several members of the club visited our shed on 23rd January. They brought along an impressive array of cars and were eager to discuss them with shed members.

### **Snooker Table**

The committee has purchased a  $\frac{3}{4}$  size snooker table. Size is about 8' x 4' and it has been located in the recreation room. It comes with 2 sets of balls, Kelly Pool tokens and several cues and 2 jiggers as well as rules and a scoring board. Col Sheather is the early champ.

### **Woodworks**

Timber stock continues to be organised efficiently into the 2 "new" 20' containers plus the new Panel Saw (for woodworkers) has arrived & it shouldn't be too long before it's commissioned.

### **Computer Classes.**

John Wright's Beginner Computer Classes have started again on Thursdays at 9.00am. The course follows a planned schedule, but there is flexibility to cover questions about hardware, software and computer related things like smartphones and NBN. At \$5.00 per session it's good value.

### **LMS Vehicles.**

You might have noticed that the shed vehicles are looking much tidier. Thanks to Golden Touch Detailing who gave them some TLC during our holiday break.

## Coming Events

**Riverwalk Markets** this month are on SUNDAY 18th February. It'd be good if you can spare an hour or so to help out the regular few.

**February General Meeting:** Tuesday 20th - 10.30am.

Mitch Robinson (from Spinal & Physio) is scheduled to give a demonstration & talk at our next meeting on exercises to increase & maintain agility.

### Raffles

Raffle Days this month outside Coles at Laurieton Friday 16th & Friday 23rd February. If you can help out please contact Mike Carroll.

**Membership Renewals are due by 01/03/18.**

Membership collections are mostly spent on insurance of members and the shed and its equipment.

Renewal is \$30 per year and members can assist by advising of any change in registration details like address/phone/medical/email.

Members can renew for 5 years for \$110 or for 10 years for \$200

Hand the money to John Denyer or put it in an envelope with your name on it into the wooden box with a slot in the top. This sits just outside the office.

**The ironman event** is on Sunday 6th May and more details will come out soon. The Laurieton Men's Shed has the contract to place a Marshal at up to 60 intersections for 8-9 hours in total and gets paid about \$108 each. Some men can work for 8 hours but 4 hours is a big contribution. Other men are required for delivery work and for packing etc.

### Treasurer.

Later in the year the treasurer will be away for about 4 weeks and he will be looking for a man to cover the essentials.

Collect cash (money and cheques) and give receipts to those wanting them including members whether or not they want a receipt Keeping the money secure and keeping records as required on paper or in a computer

Paying out claims that members make on behalf of the shed. Food, workshop consumables, supplies, stamps etc are purchased a few times each week and so the purchaser has to be reimbursed. Keeping records as required on a paper form supplied. There might be 1 or 2 cheques per month but usually none

When volume of money held becomes too large the surplus is taken to the bank and deposited at ANZ using a standard bank deposit form.

The successful applicant (or sorry conscript) will be supplied with the required paperwork (or Spreadsheet if on computer) as well as a biro, shoe box, locked petty cash tin (with a few hundred dollars) and several receipt books and a locker at the shed. Detailed written hints/instructions/etc will be provided.

John will provide plenty of on-job training and sample paperwork as well as his phone number and email address. He is hoping to involve a non-committee man who attends 2-3-4 times a week and who has been around the shed for a while. He will need to be on internet and have

email. Microsoft Excel would help but pencils still work in 2018.

The essential work does not involve things like EFT, GST, account keeping or preparing reports for meetings. Big payments and income are made by EFT (electronic funds transfer). The man doing the job will find it a lot easier if he gets under way well before JD takes a break so an early start is desirable.

### **Lockers**

The small personal lockers cost has been reduced by the Committee to \$5 per year. This is payable from 01/03/18 so the "locker year" lines up with the membership year.

### **Boat Restoration Project**

A 25ft half scale replica of an historic fishing boat is undergoing restoration. Men's Shed members have been invited to participate and contribute their skills to the project. If interested, contact John Howell 0412 656458.