

# Shavings

## *Laurieton Men's Shed*

Vision Statement : The Laurieton Men's Shed aims to be the venue of choice for men of all ages in the local community; to share their interests, skills and ideals in a spirit of mateship and a place to benefit their health through participation in a variety of activities with a sense of belonging.

### **Happenings Around Your Shed.**

#### **Western Shed Construction**

Nearing weatherproof and lockup stage.



#### **Ironman**

The event has been run in fine weather with many shed members acting as Traffic Marshals. Thanks to all those who volunteered their time to help raise funds for the Shed.

### **Coming Events**

**May General Meeting:** Tuesday 15th - 10.30am.

Biggest Morning Tea and Machinery User Assessment discussion. Details later in this Shavings.

**Mother's Day visit from Lakeside Aged Care Facility - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May.**

To celebrate Mothers Day residents will visit the Shed from 12:00 noon - 2:30pm. Bring along your shed creations to show off.

**Bunnings BBQ Fundraising - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May.**

This important fundraising event is at Bunnings, Lake Rd. Port Macquarie. Contact Mike Carroll to volunteer your time. Time slots are usually about 2 hours.

**Biggest Morning Tea - Tuesday 15th May.**

At the suggestion of Jon Holmes, the Shed will participate in this Cancer Council fundraising event in conjunction with the General Meeting. Cost will be \$5 per person (more if you're feeling generous). Some delicacies are already planned but feel free to bring along a plate of your own favourites. The usual sausage sanga lunch will follow the meeting.

### **P&C Meeting**

The April meeting attendance was below usual with only 8 members. A good feed was prepared by Scotty, and Bernard was the big winner at the card table. The next P&C Meeting will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. With easing of the bushfire danger level the Pizza oven might be back in action.

### **HEALTH & SAFETY - Machinery User Assessment**

To improve the safety of members using workshop machinery at the Shed an assessment scheme will soon be introduced. The objective of the scheme is ensure that members have the knowledge and skills to safely operate potentially dangerous machinery at the Shed.

A list of dangerous machines will be prepared. This list will include most of the static machinery at the shed, and also some portable and hand held tools. In order to operate each machine alone your competence with that machine must be assessed. If you have not been assessed you can only operate the machine with assistance from an assessed shed member.

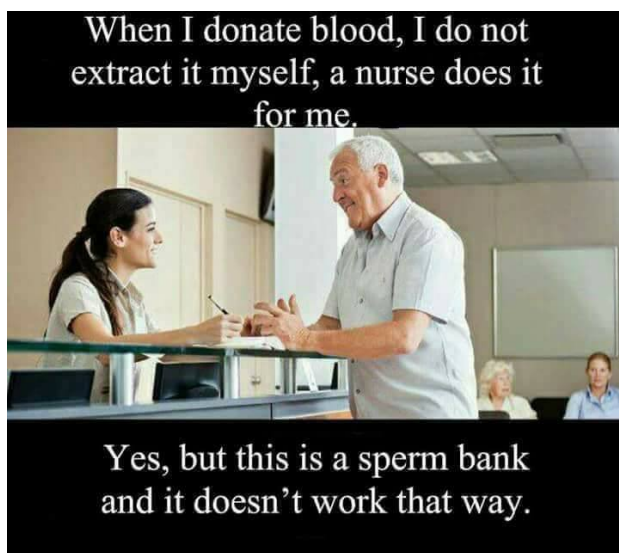
In consultation with experienced shed members, a small group of assessors has been selected by the Management Committee.

Obviously many shed members already have the required knowledge and skills, and for them the assessment process should be as quick and easy as possible.

The scheme will be discussed at the May general meeting to resolve the finer details prior to implementation.

### **DON'T FORGET**

If you still have a hi-vis vest from the Ironman event, return it to John Denyer or the shed.



### **Caravan/Boat/Trailer/Vehicle Storage.**

A few spaces are still available. Fees will increase to \$7.50 per week from 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is payable when a space is assigned to you. Contact Richard Curry.