

Shavings

Laurieton Men's Shed

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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.

Garage Sale

The garage sale was well attended. Thanks to the local community for their support. If you're interested to know how successful it was, our treasurer will be providing details at the May General Meeting.



Bargain items for everyone. One lucky customer got a CD collection at a great price.

If you have personal items at the shed, lock them away before the next garage sale - otherwise some enthusiastic salesman might sell them for you.



Port Macquarie Ironman

John Denyer would like to thank all members who contributed to the traffic marshalling duties in the Camden Haven area during the event. This is a major source of income for your shed.



Mother's Day Lunch

A small bus load of ladies from Laurieton Lakeside Aged Care visited the shed to celebrate Mother's Day. Scotty pulled together a team of willing helpers to make the Pizzas for lunch, and Richard conducted a tour highlighting the shed activities and facilities. A couple of ladies were so interested they almost missed the bus when it was time to leave.

A Camden Haven Courier report on the event can be viewed at

<https://www.camdencourier.com.au/story/6115691/mothers-day-made-with-special-outing-for-residents>

Coming Events

Raffles outside Coles Laurieton

By the time you read this, the raffles for May have been run and won. Look out for announcements of future raffles.

Monthly General Meeting: 1:00pm Tuesday 21st May.

Lunch will be available BEFORE the meeting from 11:45am \$2 per serve. After the meeting, hang around for a social P&C afternoon which may include pool, cards, chatting with fellow members over a few drinks.

Riverwalk Markets - Sunday 19th May.

Starts 8:00am and finishes around 12:00 midday.

A good opportunity to promote the Men's Shed to the community, sell some shed products, and chat with shed members who are usually too busy doing stuff at the shed.

Other News

Charles Williams visits NT Men's Sheds.

Alice Springs

Just had 5 days in Alice Springs & tried to make contact with the local men's shed group. We used Mr Google to find the group via head office in Newcastle, only to be given an old address -they had relocated to the showground, 2 years ago. We went to the area where there were a lot of sheds but I managed to find someone else working & they gave me the president's phone no. I rang but had to leave a message but had no reply so I tried once more today Friday, & I got to talk to Richard the president.

He said they meet only on Wednesday night & Sunday nights, so we will miss out on a visit, as we leave tomorrow. Richard did say he still works full time (24hrs) driving a tow truck up to 800kms from his Alice Springs base & on call full time. He said he had been out most of the night to retrieve a chilla from a road train for a great deal of last night & hoped to catch up on a bit of sleep. He went on to say they continue to fund raise to improve their situation for the future.

Palmerston

We will have had a couple of weeks in & around Darwin from mid April through to early June. I took a short visit to the Palmerston men's shed, which is located about 20ks south of Darwin City. Palmerston is a large city suburb & all pretty modern too. Their men's shed is located within the council's local yard & at present is rent free.



As with many sheds they would like to have bigger premises over & above the 2 basic work bays that currently make up the workshops. Some of their gear consists of a saw mill band saw type (portable) spindle moulder thicknesser saw bench blowers welders etc & a well equipped mechanical area. They also own a large amount of extra equipment & I think that if they had an extra 6 bays they would still need more for their 20 odd members. They said during my visit they firmly believe that they would have many more members if they had the space to lay out the machines - create a "good safe operating space". Their yard area is the same size as their workshop & has a lot of gear in storage too.

They are open 7 days a week with just a handful of guys on site at any one time otherwise they would be constantly falling over each other. Anyway that's it for now, keep it right side up & bye for now.

Regards Charles Williams.

For a Laugh.

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Shavings Contributions.

If you see anything which might be of interest to shed members, please send to the editor at mjbarrow52@gmail.com.

Many thanks to those who already contribute entertaining and interesting items.