

# Shavings

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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.

## **Laurieton Men's Shed is OPEN – but not the way it was.**

Opening hours are: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm.

Wednesday & Friday 9.00 am - 12 noon.

Your compliance with the rules is essential to keep us all safe from COVID-19.

- Read the signs and follow directions.
- Frequently clean/disinfect your hands and tools.
- Check-in with QR and Sign in and out on each visit.
- Stay at least 1.5m away from others.

## **Happenings Around Your Shed.**

### **February Information General Meeting.**

Following feedback from members the monthly meeting name has reverted to General Meeting. Meeting format has not changed.

New initiatives in response to the Members Survey are the formation of new committees: Welfare Committee. After many years providing welfare contact for members in need, Lisle Crossing has decided to retire from the role. A group comprising Austin Grice, Tony Robinson and Michael Shaffer will provide welfare contact going forward.

Social Committee. John Denyer and Dennis Locke have volunteered to coordinate activities to expand the social aspect of your shed. If you would like to participate, or have any suggestions for social activities, contact the members listed above.

### **Laurieton Men's Shed sign.**

As the our name on the front wall of the shed becomes more obscured by flourishing grass trees, a new sign with better visibility from Diamond Head Road is being erected inside the front fence. The sign will clearly identify the Laurieton Men's Shed, and also list our sponsors.

### **Postie Bikes.**

A couple of ex-postie bikes are undergoing restoration and have already been sold.

### **Land Acquisition.**

Response from ADBRI has been delayed by a change of management within ADBRI. The committee will continue to pursue resolution.

### Sulky Restoration.

The sulky restoration is complete and it has been returned to its grateful owner. Thanks to Paul Coffe, Dennis Locke, Bruce Boise and Robert Scott for their work on the project.



The owner of the sulky found another relic in the back of his shed - a 1948 Ariel twin motorcycle. This is currently being assessed to determine if restoration is feasible.

### P&C Social Afternoon.

About 24 men attended and enjoyed focaccia, pizzas, drinks, and friendly conversation with fellow members.



A new feature of P&C meetings is a cake to celebrate the birthdays of shed members with birthdays in the month. February birthdays were Ronald Allen, Graeme Askew, Michael Barrow, Kevin Bull, Peter Clarke, Paul Cox, Lisle Crossing, John



Gooch, Tony Hills, Barry Hume, Charlie Irving, Robert Polley, Ian Robertson, Garry Spencer, Keith Turner, Phil Wainwright, Allan Wallace and Craig Wilkin.

### **Choir**

Rehearsals resumed on Tuesday mornings, but performances still restricted due to COVID.

### **QR Registration.**

All visitors to the shed **MUST** check-in with the QR code. A tablet is available for those without mobile phones. If you're not sure how to use it, ask for help. This process will remain in place until it is no longer required by COVID regulations.

Note: Sign in and out on the attendance sheet is still required for shed admin purposes.

### **Heron's Creek School Bench Seats.**

New outdoor bench seating has been constructed and delivered to the school. The subsequent report in the Camden Haven Courier provided good community exposure for our shed.



### **Coming Events**

#### **March General Meeting**

Tuesday 16th March at the Laurieton Men's Shed, Diamond Head Rd. Meeting commences at 10:30am. Remember to sign in & out, and drop a goldie in the tin to help cover insurance costs.

#### **Computer Group.**

Meets on Thursdays (9am-noon). Currently focused on Windows 10. Other topics welcome.

#### **Raffles.**

Outside Coles Laurieton - Thursday 18th March.

#### **P&C.**

Friday 19th March 2021. Pizzas served around 12:30 pm, followed by Birthday Cake.

#### **Riverwalk Markets**

Sunday 21st March at the river end of Tunis St. Laurieton.

#### **Garage Sale 27-28 March.**

Pick up some flyers to drop in your neighbourhood mailboxes. Come along and help sell things. Many other odd jobs on the market days. Bring some spare cash and take home a bargain.

#### **Money for nothin'.**

The Regional Seniors Travel Card is available for Senior residents in regional NSW with pensions or health concession cards. This \$250 gift from the government can be used to pay for public transport services, taxis, air fares and vehicle fuel in regional NSW. Service NSW is accepting RSTC applications inside LUSC, in Seymour St on Thursdays. 10:00am to 4:30pm.

#### **Ironman Port Macquarie 2 May 2021. PUT IT IN YOUR CALENDAR NOW.**

On again (COVID permitting). Same route as previous years. This is a major Laurieton Men's Shed fundraiser that usually gets 55 or more members participating. The more men involved the more money we can earn. Almost all the work is serving as a Traffic Marshall on intersections along the route from the North end of Bonny Hills to the end of Dunbogan. More information will come to you soon. You will be fully briefed and fed and watered.

## For a Laugh.

**Lost in translation.** Amusing signage from around the world:

A sign posted in Germany's Black Forest: IT IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN ON OUR BLACK FOREST CAMPING SITE, THAT PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT SEX, FOR INSTANCE, MEN AND WOMEN, LIVE TOGETHER IN ONE TENT, UNLESS THEY ARE MARRIED WITH EACH OTHER FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Advertisement for donkey rides, Thailand: WOULD YOU LIKE TO RIDE ON YOUR OWN ASS?

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