

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.

This month Perth and Sydney outbreaks have reminded us that COVID19 is not over yet. Keep up the social distancing and hand hygiene to help keep us all safe.

Happenings Around Your Shed.

Flood Response.

Approximately 550 flood damaged items have been repaired and returned to grateful owners. The replacement value of these items is estimated at about a quarter of a million dollars. A great effort by all involved.

April General Meeting.

Amy and Lyn from the Stroke Foundation presented information on stroke symptoms, response, and recovery process. Further details available at <http://strokefoundation.org.au/>.

Memorial Garden.

Concerns have been raised regarding likely deterioration of individual plaques due to weather and salt exposure in the garden area. An alternative steel silhouette artwork depicting shed activities was proposed and accepted by members present. Names of deceased members will be recorded on a memorial board inside the shed. If you have artistic talent or ideas and would like to get involved in the design, contact the management committee.

Laurieton Lady Restoration.

The project has commenced and is expected to be complete in 6 weeks. Contact Garry Jennings if you have some spare time to contribute.

Michael Pearson

Michael Pearson passed away in the early hours of Saturday morning 1st May. Michael was one of nature's gentlemen and absolutely loved attending our shed and will be sorely missed. Sincere condolences to his wife Janice and family.

Honey.

36kg was recently harvested and is for sale in 1kg tubs - see Richard Curry.

LMS Clothing

"Laurieton Men's Shed" branded polo shirts and new baseball style caps are now available for members. Shirts are \$25 and caps \$15.

Discounted Haircuts.

TLC Barber/ Hairdresser (next door to the Chicken Shop in the Coles complex) is offering haircuts for \$15 if you wear your Men's Shed Shirt or your Men's Shed Badge when you visit.

Choir

The Choir has been performing again at Aged Care Homes. New members always welcome. Contact Graham King for an audition.

P&C Social Afternoon - Friday 23rd April.

Attendance at the social activities after the choir performance and pizza lunch was disappointing. Perhaps members were deterred by the presence of choir partners? Here's hoping for a better turn out at the next event on Friday 28th May.

Mothers Day Lunch - Thursday 13th May.

Pizza lunch for the ladies from Whiddon Laurieton and Laurieton Lakeside aged care homes. Fourteen mothers and four carers attended and many complements were received by shed members.

Land Acquisition.

The management committee is preparing a request to ADBRI for a response to our previous correspondence.

Coming Events

Computer Group.

Meets on Thursdays (9am-12noon). Currently focused on Windows 10. Other topics welcome.

Raffles.

Outside Coles Laurieton - One more raffle will be held in May on the 20th.

Riverwalk Markets

Sunday 16th May at the river end of Tunis St. Laurieton. Peter Atkins will appreciate any help you can give.

Garage Sale - Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd May.

At the Laurieton Men's Shed, Diamond Head Rd. See John Denyer if you are able to distribute flyers. Men will be needed for many tasks during the week prior to the sale, and on the days of the sale. Let Brian Wood know if you are available.

Otherwise just come along and find a bargain. There will be heaps of useful stuff - but be early for the popular items.

May General Meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Tuesday 25th May at the Laurieton Men's Shed, Diamond Head Rd. This meeting has been delayed by one week to allow extra time for Garage Sale preparation.

LMS Monthly Social Afternoon (formerly P&C). Friday 28th May.

All welcome, new and old members encouraged to come along and meet fellow Shed members.

When: The Friday after the Shed Monthly Meeting, starts at midday.

What: Food and drinks provided. Usually pizzas and nibbles, or other tasty food.

To help with catering please put your name on the notice board near the office or by email to mensshedlaurieton@gmail.com.

Activities: Join in a game of darts, pool or cards, or you can join in a conversation, or just sit back and listen to the tall tales, or simply relax to the music.

Cost: For \$5 you get well fed and one beer or soft drink. Additional drinks are \$2 each. Absolute bargain!

Occasional help with preparation and cooking and clean up after appreciated.

Been Fishin'?

Living where we do, it is likely that many of our members are recreational fishermen. Sharing your experiences might make the activity more productive and enjoyable for other shed members. No one expects you to disclose your secret fishing spots or methods, but even small tips could be appreciated by others.

One anonymous member has chosen to get things started by sharing his experiences so far this year.

Due to the floods earlier this year, bream fishing in the Camden Haven has been exceptionally good with 3 bream over 40cm with a PB of 45cm. I kept my first, a 42cm fish, and released the 41 and 45cm. They were just too majestic of a fish to keep.

Timing the tides was critical, with the best time for me being the incoming tide, in 8' to 10' of water just as the water began to clear, and before the really clean water arrived. Herring was the preferred bait, with surface poppers on the first of the runout a close 2nd, accounting for hours of fun and several good fish, and several others lost to break offs and crushed hooks.

The flathead weren't shy either, but I found catching bream on poppers too irresistible and so I never spent too much time chasing them.

Since Easter things haven't changed much with the catch rate, but the locations and methods have changed. Many of my preferred spots were either washed away or drastically altered by the flood waters.

This last flood also has seemingly flushed out all of the prawns, and the bream aren't showing much interest in the surface poppers, but herring is still a top bait, accounting for a couple of 39cm bream and many more over 30cm.

The flathead are biting well on pearl/clear fish and prawn shaped soft plastics, but cut herring has accounted for several nice fish also, with a catch and release of a 60cm fish being the biggest.

That's been my year up until May, grand-parenting duties and Shed commitments will keep me off the water for the next few weeks.

In the meantime I will be dusting off my floats and oiling my Avon Royals in preparation for blackfishing. Speaking of which, I've seen some good blackfish cruising around some unlikely spots, fingers crossed, it might be a good season.

If you are willing to share your fishing information, just drop a line (pun intended) to the Shavings Editor. Remain anonymous if you wish. Boasting will not be accepted without photographic evidence - including tape measure or scales (the weighing kind).

For a Laugh.



When I turn 80
I won't need
glasses...
I'll just drink
from the bottle!

Lost in translation. Amusing signage from around the world:

Tokyo hotel's rules and regulations: GUESTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SMOKE, OR DO OTHER DISGUSTING BEHAVIOURS, IN BED.

UNSAFE Work Practices.

