

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.

Welcome to LMS Shavings No.88. Did you notice that the usual **Objects:** list above has been replaced by a new **Vision Statement:** ? This is a draft version and any suggestions for improvement will be discussed in the March General Meeting.

Happenings Around Your Shed.

Retaining Wall

Construction of the retaining wall at the western end of the site has been completed by Brian Wood, David Hams and Bernard Verkuylen. This is required to create a level area for construction of the shed.



Physio Advice at February General Meeting.

Mitch Robinson from Camden Haven Spinal & Physio provided some helpful advice on caring for ageing bodies. Judging by the volume of questions to Mitch, it is a concern for many of us. Further details are available in the February General Meeting minutes.

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.

P&C Meetings

The last two P&C Meetings have been well attended with about 14 members at each. On 23rd January a wholesome chicken casserole prepared by Declan and Robert cooked up a great Paella (including Turmeric) on 23rd February. Both were followed by hard fought games of UNO. The new pool/snooker table also had a good workout while the cooking was in progress on 23rd Feb.



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.

Coming Events

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

March General Meeting: Tuesday 20th - 10.30am.

March Raffles outside Coles Laurieton 8:45am - 3:00p on:

Friday - 16th

Thursday - 22nd and

Thursday - 29th

Normal set-up time is 8.45am with the draw being at 3pm. If you can help out please contact Mike Carroll.

Have you renewed your LMS Membership?

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 Port Macquarie 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.

Use of Shed tools and machinery.

Following recent damage to a near new power tool, and incorrect setup of another woodworking machine, potential for further damage and possible danger to users has been identified.

If you are not familiar with a tool or machine you want to use, please ask for guidance before you start. Just because you have used similar tools before does not mean you know how to use all such tools. Details of setup and operation often differ between models and manufacturers. If you discover any faulty workshop equipment, advise a go-to-man/supervisor (see below) immediately to avoid potential injury and arrange for repairs.

Woodworking area: Jimmy McCormack.

Metalwork: Don Jardine or Glenn Roberson.

If those fellows are not available: Brian Wood or a committee member.



Some of the cars on show during the Port Macquarie Antique and Classic Car Club visit on 23rd January.

