Shavings

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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. Past activities you might have missed:

Tree removal 13 February







The first branch comes down. Not the sort of machinery most men have in the corner of their shed. This was definitely a job for the professionals.



A little more than the average ute or box trailer could handle.

The FAWNA animal enclosure project completed.



Many shed members had some involvement in completion of this large project.

Brian makes some final adjustments to the last enclosure before delivery to the customer. He certainly looks happy that it is finished.



What have shed members been doing during the COVID lockdown?

If you think Bill Hancock has been sitting on his bum doing nothing - well you were half right. As some of you know Bill has been working on an idea to make painted wooden figures for sale at the Laurieton Riverwalk Markets. Over the past few months Bill has made quite a few and they are sitting all over the house. In order to attract buyers Bill has coined the name SITTI DOUNI figures (people, dolls, Whatsies, Thingies, Doovers etc)



It was Bill's intention to co-opt Shed Members who were looking for something to fill in some time. A number of Members have volunteered to help by painting, sanding, undercoating and anything else they are capable of carrying out.







Because of the Virus it might be some time before we are all together again.

Scotty has been... perfecting his sourdough bread and discovering the capabilities of his mobile phone camera.



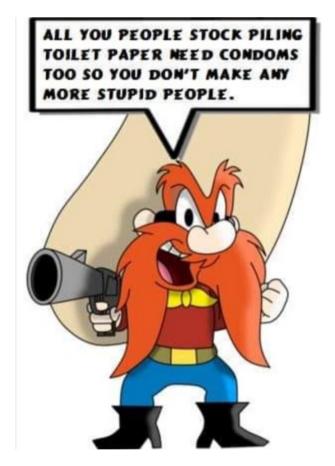
If anybody wants some sourdough starter, drop Scotty a line.



For a Laugh.

Ran out of toilet roll, so reduced to wiping my bum with lettuce leaves.
I fear that's just the tip of the iceberg...





RULES FOR COVID19 - does it help you?

For those struggling with the current coronavirus rules, Ron Torning found the following interpretative principles helpful.

- 1. You MUST NOT leave the house for any reason, but if you have a reason, you can leave the house.
- 2. Shops are closed, except those shops that are open.
- 3. You must not go to work, but you can get another job and go to work.
- 4. Schools are closed and you must home educate your children unless you can't home educate your children then schools are open, but it depends which state you're in, and the government recommends you home educate your children or send them to school, recognising that school is perfectly safe except for in the teacher's staff room where it's not safe because teachers can get the virus and

children cannot, except those children that can.

- 5. Look, there is absolutely no need to be confused about schools. They are open or closed, children must stay home or attend, and they are not coronavirus risks except when they are. It may still differ from state to state, though.
- 6. The virus has no effect on children except those children it affects.
- 7. You are safe if you maintain the safe social distance when out, but you can't go out with friends or strangers at the safe social distance.
- 8. It's important to get fresh air but don't go to parks but go for a walk. But don't sit down, except if you are old, but not for too long or if you are pregnant or if you're not old or pregnant but need to sit down. If you do sit down don't eat your picnic, unless you've had a long walk, which you are/aren't allowed to do if you're old or pregnant.
- 9. You will have many symptoms if you get the virus, but you can also get symptoms without getting the virus, get the virus without having any symptoms or be contagious without having symptoms, or be non-contagious with symptoms...it's a sort of lucky/unlucky dip.
- 10. We should stay locked down until the virus stops infecting people but it will only stop infecting people if we all get infected so it's important we get infected and some don't get infected.
- 11. Gloves won't help, but they can still help so wear them sometimes, or not.
- 12. Masks are useless at protecting you against the virus, but you may have to wear one because it can save lives, but they may not work, but they may be mandatory, but maybe not. Just don't touch them when you put them on or take them off.
- 13. To help protect yourself you should eat well and exercise, but eat whatever you have on hand as it's better not to go to the shops, unless you need a toilet roll or a fence post.
- 14. There is no shortage of groceries in the supermarkets, but there are many things missing. Sometimes you won't need loo rolls but you should buy some just in case you need some.
- 15. No business will go down due to Coronavirus except those businesses that will go down due to Coronavirus.
- 16. If you are sick, you can go out when you are better but anyone else in your household can't go out when you are better.
- 17. Don't visit old people but you have to take care of the old people and bring them food and medication.
- 18. You can get restaurant food delivered to the house. These deliveries are safe. But groceries you bring back to your house have to be decontaminated outside for 3 hours including frozen pizza.
- 19. You can't see your older mother or grandmother, but they can take a taxi and meet an older taxi driver.
- 20. This virus can kill people, but don't be scared of it. It can only kill those people who are vulnerable or those people who are not vulnerable. It's possible to contain and control it, sometimes, except that sometimes it actually leads to a global disaster.
- 21. The number of corona related deaths will be announced daily but we don't know how many people are infected as they are only testing those who are almost dead to find out if that's what they will die of. The people who die of corona who aren't counted, won't or will be counted but maybe not.
- 22. The virus remains active on different surfaces for two hours... or four hours...or six hours... I mean days, not hours. But it needs a damp environment. Or a cold environment that is warm and dry... in the air, as long as the air is not plastic.
- 23. Animals are not affected, but there was a cat that tested positive in Belgium in February when no one had been tested, plus a few tigers here and there...
- 24. Stay 2 metres away from tigers (see point 23).

With that, Ron is off to buy a fence post from Bunnings which is mostly open.