

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.

The recent outbreak of COVID-19 in Queensland is a timely reminder that it is not over yet. With a lot more travellers during the school holiday period there is a greater risk of community transmission. You all know what we should do.

JUST KEEP DOING IT.

Happenings Around Your Shed.

March General Meeting.

A decision was made to accept a request from TAD to assemble specially modified bicycles for disabled riders.

Memorial Garden.

Thanks to "Chat" James for his efforts in establishing the garden plants. Ongoing care and maintenance will be required. Please talk to Chat if you can contribute.

Alan Metcalfe

Alan passed away in December last year and several shed members attended his funeral on 24th December. Alan's son Blake, who does not live locally, contacted the shed wanting us to know how grateful Alan and his mother Sandra were for the friendship, kindness and support he had enjoyed during his time at the shed and since his death.

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.

P&C Social Afternoon.

Friday 19th March started out wet and miserable, then got worse. Only about 10 men made the trip to the shed. With pizza dough proving, and ingredients prepared, the decision was made to cook the pizzas inside in the kitchen ovens. Then things started to go wrong... the power failed, so the fire was started in the outdoor pizza oven.



We learned that a tree had fallen across Diamond

Head road, blocking access for members coming to the shed, so a couple of men set off with a chainsaw to remove the blockage. Torrential rain was blowing into the pizza oven area... so a makeshift barrier was set up to protect the cooks - and the pizzas. After the road blockage was cleared a few more men arrived and pizzas started emerging from the oven to feed the damp and hungry men. The power came back on so the braver men stayed around for a few games of UNO before heading home at around 3:00pm. By then most of Diamond Head Road back to The Boulevard intersection was under water. We all got home safely, but events over the next few days will be remembered by Camden Haven residents for many years to come.



Flood Impact.



This photo was taken just after 2:00pm on Saturday 20th March.

The LMS was inconvenienced by a four day power interruption but was otherwise unscathed. The March Riverwalk Markets were cancelled, the LMS Garage Sale and the Port Macquarie Ironman have been postponed. At least 16 shed members had flood water above floor level and many more were affected by isolation, power outages, unreliable communications and TV interruption.

If you have suffered any loss or adverse impact from the floods, contact Service NSW on 137788 7am to 7pm or visit service.nsw.gov.au/floods to find support and assistance.

For the next few weeks Laurieton Flood Outreach Centre is open at the School of Arts 58 Bold St Laurieton. Ph:6581 8444 9.00am to 5:00pm weekdays and 9:00am to 12:00noon Saturday & Sunday. Representatives from Centrelink, Service NSW, NRMA, Salvos, Red

Cross and others are available.



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 April on the 15th.

Riverwalk Markets

Sunday 17th April at the river end of Tunis St. Laurieton. Peter Atkins will appreciate any help you can give.

April General Meeting.

Tuesday 20th April at the Laurieton Men's Shed, Diamond Head Rd. Meeting commences at 10:30am. The STROKE FOUNDATION will be giving an address. It will include tips on avoiding a stroke plus what to do if you or someone else has just had one.

Choir + P&C.

The Choir is performing at the shed on Friday 23rd April 2021 for partners, members and friends from around 12:00 noon. Pizzas served around 12:30 pm, followed by Birthday Cake.

Garage Sale postponed until 22nd & 23rd May.

That gives you another month to search for saleable items.

Ironman postponed until 5th September.

Expect John Denyer to be following up volunteers again a month or two before the event.

More Money for nothin'.

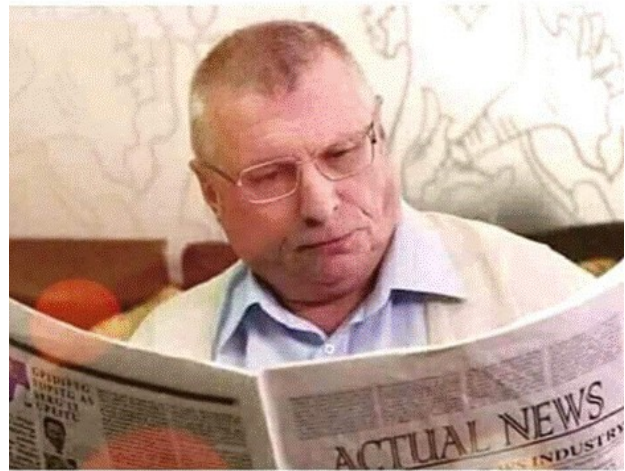
Dine & Discover vouchers worth \$100 are available to all NSW residents over 18 years of age. That should include most shed members. Apply through Service NSW via the web site service.nsw.gov.au or by phone 137788 or at Service NSW Centres.

For a Laugh.



“You the guy with the hedge trimmer for sale?”

A married man's honest confession :



'I always read my wife's horoscope to see what kind of day I am going to have...'

Lost in translation. Amusing signage from around the world:

Hotel, Japan: **YOU ARE INVITED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE CHAMBERMAID.**

Airline ticket office, Copenhagen: **WE TAKE YOUR BAGS AND SEND THEM IN ALL DIRECTIONS.**

A Laundry in Rome: **LADIES, LEAVE YOUR CLOTHES HERE AND THEN SPEND THE AFTERNOON HAVING A GOOD TIME.**

Seen in an Abu Dhabi Souk shop window: **IF THE FRONT IS CLOSED, PLEASE ENTER THROUGH MY BACKSIDE.**

UNSAFE Work Practices. Work platforms need to be stable.

