Laurieton Men's Shed

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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 -

COVID Awareness. You probably know that COVID-19 is still spreading in the community. It is still as bad as it was a year ago, and probably worse. It is just not getting the same level of media attention. Continuation of distancing and hand hygiene measures is encouraged. If you're unwell, please stay away from the shed.

# Happenings Around Your Shed.

# Animal Enclosure Completion.

The versatility of the modular design developed for FAWNA animal enclosures was put to good use in the construction of this large cage which will be used for rehabilitation of large birds. The result looked very impressive during the test assembly on the shed driveway before delivery to the customer.



A team of shed members was involved in the project which included cutting of materials, welding frames, drilling connection points, attaching cladding, and painting.

# Kendall Preschool Fete.

A bunch of shed men organised by Barry Paynting ran the BBQ at the Kendall Preschool Spring Fete on Saturday the 29th October, keeping the fete patrons well fed.

## Sharing of Member Interests.

With over 200 members in our shed, do you know who has interests similar to your own? A proposal to share information regarding member interests was supported by a majority of members present at the October general meeting. This initiative is intended to enable contact between members with similar interests.

When you applied for membership to the Laurieton Men's Shed, your application form allowed nomination of your personal interests. A list of member names and interests will be made available to all members. **If you don't want your information included** in this list, please contact the shed Registrar - Robin Dobson.

#### Septic Tank Maintenance.

Brian drew the short straw for the unpleasant task of replacing a failed float switch in the septic tank. Truth is, he is probably the only one small enough to get through the tank manhole. Well done Brian – the rest of us would probably pay someone else to do it.



#### Shed Grounds Maintenance.

Can you drive a ride-on lawnmower?. The call is out for volunteers to help with the grounds maintenance – mostly lawn mowing, but also some other tasks keeping the shed grounds tidy. If enough members volunteer, you might only have to do it a few times each year – mostly in the warmer months. Contact Richard Curry if you can help.

# **Coming Events**

#### Breakfast or Lunch at The Shed

Meals at the shed have been somewhat erratic recently. Watch your email and the shed noticeboard for announcements. Remember to put your name on the whiteboard list if you want to partake of an announced meal.

#### **Choir Rehearsals**

9:00am Tuesday mornings. The Choir has a few gigs scheduled in November, and additional Christmas Carol performances at local aged care homes. New members needed – talent not essential. Contact Graham King if you're interested.

#### Computer Group.

Meets on Thursdays (9am-12noon). Topics are variable. Having trouble with your PC, tablet, or mobile phone, come along and discuss your issue.

## Writing Group.

Thursday mornings 10:00am - 12:00noon. Tony Robinson provides assistance to members wishing to document their memoirs.

## Raffles.

Outside Coles Laurieton and Woolworths Lakewood - 9:00am-3:00pm. See the roster for your assigned shift/s.

## Monster Garage Sale 12th & 13th November

Help out on the day - wear your shed shirt and name tag. Help also need during the days before the sale to set up tables and displays of items for sale. If you haven't delivered your promotional flyers yet, there are only a couple of days to go.

#### The Bedford Truck

For various reasons, the display of the truck at Wauchope on 12th & 13th November has been abandoned.

#### November General Meeting

Tuesday 15th November 10:30am at the Laurieton Men's Shed, 164 Diamond Head Rd.

## LMS Monthly Social Afternoon (formerly P&C).

Friday 18th November 12:00 midday until around 3:00pm. Nibbles, pizza and a drink for \$5. Additional drinks \$2 each. Please ensure your name is on the whiteboard, or email Scotty at <u>mensshedlaurieton@gmail.com</u> by Thursday 17th November, to ensure there is enough food to go around.

## Riverwalk Market Sunday 20th November 8:00am-1:00pm.

Your opportunity to promote the Laurieton Men's Shed to the community.

### Christmas Party Friday 16th December ???:00am-???:00pm.

Tentative date - watch your email for further updates.

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## Quotes from phone enquiries to the UK Pensioner Help Line.

- I've just got over the means test.
- Is that pensioner's problems?
- Is this the building where the fifth floor is?
- My father died four weeks ago and he's in the hands of the solicitor.
- I'm speaking on behalf of my mother's cheque.
- She passed away in the middle of the last pension cheque.
- I'm enquiring for a migrant I think he's a British object.
- She's been very sick in the legs.
- I'm not a full pensioner I'm a portion of a pensioner.
- I'm ringing about my daughter's retarded cheque.
- Can I speak to the man on the fifth floor the one in the means test?

# For a Laugh.



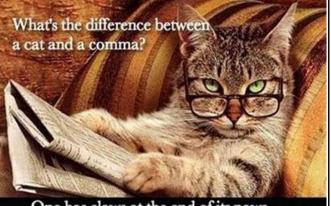
YOUR CAR IS GONE!

Police came round last night and told me my dogs were chasing people on bikes.

My dogs don't even have bikes.



I think someone has entered the house!



One has claws at the end of its paws, and one is a pause at the end of a clause.

The difference between humans and animals is that animals would NEVER allow the dumbest of the herd to lead them.

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